



PARISH BULLETIN
WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH
*Incorporating congregations of
10am, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian.*

11 Whiringa-a-nuku (October) 2026

WELCOME!

Greetings



Nau Mai, Haere Mai



Mālō e lelei



Bula Vinaka



Talofa Lava



Mhoro



Nǐ hǎo



Namaste

MISSION STATEMENT

Living God's love - acting for the common
good

We are a multi-racial Christian community:
Methodist in affiliation - Ecumenical in
intention

Diverse in theology - Inclusive in outreach.

Sunday Church Services

10:00am - English Service

12:00pm - Tongan Service

2:00pm - Samoan Service

4:00pm - Fijian Service

PARISH NEWCOMERS

We're glad you're considering making Wellington Methodist Parish your spiritual home. If you want to put down your roots here, please let our leaders know so that we can take your contact details and you will get our weekly emails. This will enable us to get to know you better.

UPCOMING PARISH COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

18 October: 10AM Service Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

1 November: 10AM Service Kisione Finau

6 December: 10AM Service Rev. Joeli Ducivaki



24 December: Christmas Eve (time tbc) Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

25 December: Christmas Day (time tbc) Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

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You can also see these reflections online here: <https://philipgarsidebooks.com/blogs/short-reflections>

The Banquet is Ready – Will We Come?

A short reflection based on Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great banquet. The invitation goes out widely, gathering people from the streets, "both good and bad." It's a powerful picture of God's generous grace. God's table isn't reserved for the successful, respectable or spiritually perfect. There's room for outsiders, doubters and ordinary people carrying complicated lives.

The parable also reminds us that accepting God's invitation is more than simply turning up. The wedding garment points towards the transformation that grace brings. We don't change to earn God's love. We change because we have already been welcomed and loved. Over time, Christ clothes us with compassion, humility, justice and mercy.

Paul describes what this transformed life can look like. He calls the Philippians to reconciliation, gentleness, prayer, joy and peace. These qualities aren't signs of an easy life. They are signs of a life rooted in God.

Our world often encourages fear, division and outrage. Paul invites us to pay attention instead to whatever is true, just, honourable and worthy of praise. This doesn't mean ignoring suffering. It means refusing to let suffering have the final word.

The banquet is ready, and the invitation is still open. Each day we answer it by widening the table, seeking reconciliation, carrying our worries into prayer and noticing the quiet signs of grace around us.

Extend the table. God's welcome calls us to create communities where overlooked people experience genuine belonging.

Let grace reshape you. God accepts us as we are, but lovingly leads us towards compassion, humility, peace and hope.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside - Pentecost 20 | 11 October 2026



LECTIONARY READINGS

Oct 11—Pentecost 20			
1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Ex 32:1-14	Ps 106: 1-6, 19-23	Phil 4:1-9	Mt 22:1-14

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Oct 18 – Pentecost 21			
1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Ex 33: 12-23	Ps 99	1 Thes 1:1-10	Mt 22:15-22

PARISH NOTICES:

PARISH COMBINED SERVICE IN OCT-POSTPONED!

The Parish Combined and Holy Communion Service, normally held on the first Sunday of October (4 October), has been moved to 18 October. This change is due to the New Zealand Methodist Conference. Thank you for your understanding.

Organic Waste Management Bins (O.W.M)

We are pleased to let you know that new **compost bins** have been placed in the **New Hall foyer** and **Old Hall kitchen** as part of our new organic waste management initiative. Please read flyers of what we can put in the compost bins. Bins will be emptied early Monday mornings.



[A friendly Reminder to Help Keep Our Church Clean and Welcoming.](#)

PARISH OUTREACH

DCM Foodbank Collection

Date: Saturday 21 November, 9am—1pm

Location: New World Newtown

Contact: Sarah in the Parish Office if you can help.

PUBLIC NOTICES

2026 General Election: Enroll, check or update before 25 October. The General Election will be held on Saturday 7th November, 2026.

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CONGREGATION EVENTS!

10AM

Fijian

25 Oct Youth Week
21 Nov Koroturaga Day (Annual Misinale)

Samoan

18 Oct District Lay Preachers final Meeting and bible study at Wesley & Pulpit Exchange.

25 Oct District Youth Rally at St Marks Wesley on Labour Weekend.

22 Nov Final combined service and meetings for the Lay Preachers, Womens Fellowship and District, held in Masterton end of November.

Tongan

25 Oct Annual Misinale

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

7 Nov Social Committee

Parish Break-Up for 2026

Parish Cultural Night, 6:30pm, New hall. Each congregation is to prepare an item.

4 Dec (Fri) **Parish Outreach Christmas lunch.** More info will be circulated close to the time.

ROSTERS: Oct 11 & 18

10AM Sunday Roster

This Sunday

Worship Leader	Hugh Laurenson
Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Alan Dine
Bible Readings	Daphne Pilaar
Door Steward & Warden	Masoe Family
Morning tea	Garside Family

Next Sunday – Combined Service

Lead Worship:	Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
Introit:	Samoan Choir
Anthem	Fijian
Bible Readers:	10AM & Fijian
Car Park Wardens	10AM
Door Steward	Fijian
Holy Communion Prep	Fijian
Singing at Holy Comm	Tongans
Refreshments	No Refreshments
Flowers	Samoan

12PM Tongan Congregation

This Sunday

Worship Leader	tbc
Dawn Service	tbc

Next Sunday

Worship Leader	tbc
Dawn Service	tbc

2PM Samoan Congregation

This Sunday

Worship Leader	White Sunday
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Next Sunday

Worship Leader - Pulpit Exchange – Muaáu Saó

10:30AM Fijian Congregation

This Sunday (held at Johnsonville Community Hall)

Worship Leader	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Lead Worship	
Dawn Service	Fuluna Tuimoce

Next Sunday

Worship Leader	tbc
Lead Worship	tbc
Dawn Service	tbc

COMBINED SERVICE ROSTER: Nov. & Dec.

COMBINED SERVICE: 1 NOVEMBER

Lead Worship:	Kisione Finau
Introit:	Tongan Choir
Anthem	Samoan
Bible Readers:	Fijian & Samoan
Car Park Wardens	Samoan
Door Steward	10AM
Holy Communion Prep	10AM
Singing at Holy Comm	Fijian
Refreshments	Tongan
Flowers	Tongan

COMBINED SERVICE: 6 DECEMBER

Lead Worship:	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Introit:	Fijian Choir
Anthem	Tongan
Bible Readers:	Samoan & Tongan
Car Park Wardens	Fijian
Door Steward	Tongan
Holy Communion Prep	Tongan
Singing at Holy Comm	Samoan
Refreshments	Fijian
Flowers	10AM

MEETINGS NOTICES

PARISH MEETINGS

- Parish AGM
1 Nov (after Combined Service)
- F&R—last Thursday of every month.

Leaders/Congregational Meetings

- ❖ 10AM 3rd Tue of every month
- ❖ TONGAN tbc
- ❖ SAMOAN tbc
- ❖ FIJIAN 1st Sat of every month

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