



WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian.

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 15 Poutu-te-rangi (March) 2026

Welcome!

Nau Mai

Haere Mai

Noa'ia 'e Mauri

Bula Vinaka

Mabu Hay

Namaste

Talofa Lava

Malo e Lelei

Chao Buoi Sang

Swaagat

안녕하세요
(an-nyeong-ha-se-yo)

Parish Newcomers

Nau mai haere mai

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.

Welcome to Wellington Methodist Parish

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

Wesley Church 75 Taranaki St, Wellington City

10.00am	English Service
12.00pm	Tongan Service
2.00pm	Samoan Service
4.00pm	Fijian Service

** Every first Sunday is our Parish Combined Church Service at 10AM.*

Upcoming Sundays

- **29 March – Palm Sunday**— **Rev. Joeli Ducivaki**
- **03 April—Good Friday Service**—**Rev. Joeli Ducivaki**
- **05 April—Easter Sunday Service and Holy Communion**—**Kisione Finau**

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Seeing Differently, Anointed for Change

A short reflection based on 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 and John 9: 1-41

Some of the most powerful moments in scripture happen when someone unexpected gets chosen, and when someone overlooked finally sees clearly. This week's readings invite us to look beneath the surface and open our eyes to God's deeper vision.

In 1 Samuel, the prophet is sent to find a new king. One by one, Jesse's impressive sons pass before him, but God says no to them all. "The Lord does not see as mortals see... the Lord looks on the heart." Only when young David – left out in the field – is called in, does God say, "He's the one." The message is clear: God sees value where others don't. God calls and anoints those the world often overlooks.

In John's Gospel, a man born blind is healed by Jesus – not because he earns it or even asks – but simply as an act of grace. The miracle shakes the community. Some can't believe it. Others try to shut him down. But the healed man stands firm: "I was blind, now I see." His boldness and clarity challenge the assumptions of those in power.

Both stories ask: Who really sees clearly? And what happens when God calls us to see differently? God often chooses the overlooked. Our worth isn't in appearances or status but in how open our hearts are to God's call.

Healing and truth may disrupt comfort. Seeing clearly means challenging old patterns – and living bravely in new ways.

Ngā mihi, Philip – 15 March 2026 | Lent 4

LECTIONARY for 15 & 22 March 2026

March 15—Lent 4

1st Reading

1 Sam 16: 1-13

Psalm

Ps 23

2nd Reading

Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel

Jn 4: 1-41

March 22—Lent 5

1st Reading

Ezek 37: 1-14

Psalm

Ps 130

2nd Reading

Rom 8: 6-11

Gospel

Jn 11: 1-45

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday

10am to 3pm

Prayers and Concerns



If you are bereaved, sick or in pain, isolating, or recovering from illness, may you feel our care and compassion at this time.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Meetings

Parish Executive— **tbc**

Parish Council— 7th June

Booking Committee— **tbc**

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	tbc
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	tbc
FIJIAN	1st Saturday of every month

10AM

Coordinator Needed

We're seeking someone to coordinate the 10am rosters.

Contact **Leatuavao** or **Daphne** if you can help.

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Picnic – 15 March

Join us at **Shorland Park, Island Bay** from **12 noon** for a casual picnic. Bring lunch and anything fun to play with.

Samoan

18 March— Prayer meeting on Wednesday/Friday at 6pm (dates tbs)

20 March—District Samoan Women's fellowship zoom meeting @7pm

Fijian

23 March—Women's F&B—led by Mudrenicagi

24-27 April—Wasewase Youth Camp in **Nelson**

Tongan

18 March— Lay Preachers Meeting

22 March—Parish Council

29 March—No Sunday service. Combined service with 10AM

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Parish Lenten Study



4th session – **Thursday** 19th March 7.30pm on zoom.

DCM Wellington

Here's a list of kai to help DCM in making kai parcels to support rough sleeping whanau in our community and awhi those who have recently been housed.

Tinned Fruit	Crackers
Tinned Fish	Instant Coffee
Tinned Soup	Tea
Biscuits	Breakfast spreads
2min noodles	Laundry detergent

Look out for the Foodbank collection basket at your congregation service.

Car parks at Wesley

A reminder that parks in the **front and back car park are leased from 6am – 7pm Monday - Friday** and are **not** available to congregation members for casual parking.

If you have an appointment with one of the ministers, please get a visitor permit from the office.

Accounts Clerk Position (Salary Role)

The Parish Council, in consultation with the Parish Office, has approved the transition of the Admin Officer role into an **Accounts Clerk** position to strengthen financial management within the Parish. Applicants who previously applied for the Admin Officer role will still be considered if they have relevant accounting knowledge and experience.

Applications close on 15 March.

Parish Treasurer (Volunteer Role)

With guidance from the Synod Superintendent, the Parish Council has confirmed that a formal job description will support the accountability and responsibilities of this volunteer position.

Applications remain open until 15 March.

Job descriptions are available upon request.

