



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 19 Hōngongi (July) 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
12.30pm	Fijian Service (Old Hall)
2.00pm	Samoan Service

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

Upcoming Sundays

19 July—10AM Church Service—Philip Garside

26 July—10AM Church Service—Hugh Laurenson

02 August—HC & Combined Service—Rev. Neti Petaia

09 August—10AM Church Service—Shelly Rao

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

Sowing, Choosing, Becoming

A short reflection based on Genesis 28:10-19a and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jacob meets God while he's running away. He's not settled, not confident, not in control. He's between one life and another, sleeping rough with a rock for a pillow. Yet it is there, in the wilderness, that heaven opens. Jacob wakes and says, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I didn't know it."

This is good news for all of us. God isn't only found in holy buildings, peaceful moments, or carefully planned lives. God comes to us on the road, in the mess, when we feel unsure, guilty, lonely, or afraid.

Jesus' parable of the wheat and weeds gives us another picture of faith. The field is mixed. Good and harm grow side by side. The servants want to pull the weeds out at once, but the farmer says, "Wait." The roots are entwined. Pulling too soon will cause more damage.

This is a hard lesson for people who want quick answers. Our world, our churches, our families, and even our hearts are complicated. We don't always know what's wheat and what's weed. So, Jesus invites us into patience, humility, and trust.

God is present in the in-between. God is at work in the tangled places. And God's patient love is stronger than our fear. In the end, the promise is not that life will be tidy, but that love will have the final word.

Notice God here: God often meets us in uncertain, ordinary, and uncomfortable places.

Resist quick judgement: Some things need patience, humility, and careful discernment before action.

Ngā mihi, Philip - Pentecost 8 | 19 July 2026

LECTIONARY for 19 & 26 July 2026

July 19—Pentecost 8

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 28:10-19a	Ps 139:1-12,23-24	Rom 8:12-25	Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26—Pentecost 9

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 29:15-28	Ps 105:1-11,45b or Ps 128	Rom 8:26-39	Mt 13:31-33, 44-52

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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

F&R Meeting: Thursday 30th July, 7pm.

Parish Council: Sunday 6th September.

Leaders/Congregational

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

10AM

Volunteer Needed: 10am Roster Co-ordinator

The 10am Congregation is seeking a volunteer to co-ordinate the 10am roster. This role takes about one hour each month and would suit someone organised and comfortable using Excel.

If you can help, please speak with Daphne or any of the 10am Leaders, or email

10amleadersmeeting@wesleychurch.org.nz.

- **Wednesday 22 July—Knit & Knatter @ 11am** in the meeting room.

Fijian

- **16-19 July—** Wasewase Bose vakayabaki—Rotorua

Samoan

1. **Sunday 19 July** is Samoan language service lead by the Samoan Choir leaders @ **2pm**.
2. **Saturday 25 July—**Lay Preachers studie and meeting at St Marks Wesley, Lower Hutt at **9am**.

Book Exchange Room!

The room beside the main entrance of the new hall has been set up as a book exchange space—just ask any office staff member or Minister if you'd like to have a look. There's a great selection of books and resource materials available for free! No Food allowed!

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Vice President—Peter Norman

Visit of the Vice President of the Church – **Sun 26 July**: Preaching at **10:00 AM**, followed by refreshments and a Strategic New Model presentation. All welcome, please bring a plate.

Upcoming Synod and Fellowship Meetings

Please keep the following church gatherings and synod meetings in your prayers over the coming weeks:

- **Wasewase Annual General Meeting** – 16–19 July, Rotorua.
- **Lower North Island Meeting** – 17–19 July, Levin.
- **Vahefonua Tonga** – 23–26 July, Auckland.
- **Sinoti Samoa** – 13–16 August, Auckland.

We uphold all delegates, leaders and participants in prayer as they gather for worship, fellowship and important discussions concerning the life and mission of the Church.



Pōhutukawa Update

The two Pōhutukawa outside Wesley suffered extensive damage in February and several branches broke off.

Armes Tree solutions removed storm damaged branches and deadwood on Saturday so the trees will be in good health.

DCM FOOD BANK

Please help restock busy foodbank shelves with the following items

- Ready meals/soups
- Instant noodles
- Tinned fish
- Coffee, tea, milk powder
- Biscuits and crackers
- Washing powder



THEME FOR July:

Pentecost

10AM SUNDAY ROSTER

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader	Philip Garside
Organist	Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome	Heather Garside
Bible Readings	Sven Heger
Door Steward &	Sarah Laurenson
Warden	Hugh Laurenson
Morning tea	Masoe Family

**10AM are on the flower roster next month.*

Sunday 26 July Pentecost 9

Worship Leader	Hugh Laurenson
Preacher	Vice President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Daphne Pilaar
Bible Readings	Sarah Laurenson
Door Steward &	Philippa Conway
Warden	Bill Ryan
Morning tea	Leatuavao Family

** We thank the Tongan Congregation for looking after our flowers this month.*

12pm Tongan Congregation

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader	Langitoto Me’afo’ou
Dawn Service	’Eseta Valu

Sunday 26 July Pentecost 9

Worship Leader	Malanga Taha
Dawn Service	

2pm Samoan Congregation

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader	Rev. Suiva’aia
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading	Leilei Tautau

Sunday 26 July Pentecost 9

Worship Leader	Mr Fuiavailili Mataitai
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading	Tylar Va’ai

12:30pm Fijian Congregation

Sunday 19 July Pentecost 8

Worship Leader	Tuirara Levu
Lead Worship	Joritani
Dawn Service	Samuela Kanakatakata

Sunday 26 July Pentecost 9

Worship Leader	Titilia Ritova
Lead Worship	Youth
Dawn Service	Fuluna T