



## WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

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

<https://wesleychurch.org.nz/>

Parish Office: 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington, New Zealand  
Office Phone : (04) 3847695

# Parish Bulletin

## Rātapu 01 Hui-tanguru (February) 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

**March 1st, 2026**  
Combined Service, 10AM  
Worship Leader: Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

### Ministry Team

**Rev Joeli Ducivaki**  
**(Parish Superintendent)**  
027 466 1036/  
Joeli@wesleychurch.org.nz

**Rev Suiva'aia Te'o**  
**(Parish Minister)**  
027 684 1573/  
sui@wesleychurch.org.nz

## What God Really Wants

A short reflection based on Micah 6: 1-8 and Mathew 5: 1-12

Sometimes we wonder what God wants from us. More church attendance? Bigger prayers? Louder praise? But the prophet Micah cuts through all the noise with three simple, powerful words: justice, kindness, humility.

In Micah 6, God calls the people to account, not with threats, but with heartbreak. The people have lost their way, trading deep relationship for empty rituals. But God doesn't want rivers of oil or dramatic sacrifices. God wants a transformed life – one where fairness shapes our actions, love guides our relationships, and humility walks beside us daily.

Centuries later, Jesus echoes this in the Beatitudes. The blessings he names aren't for the powerful or perfect – but for the poor in spirit, the grieving, the gentle, the peacemakers. These words remind us that God sees us in our vulnerability and meets us there with grace.

Micah and Jesus both show us that the spiritual life isn't about being impressive. It's about being real. Listening deeply. Living fairly. Loving well. In our divided, distracted world, these teachings offer a clear path home to God – and to one another.

True faith shows up in daily choices – how we treat others, not how we perform religion. God's blessings often meet us in our most honest, humble places – not in perfection, but in openness.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 01 February 2026

## LECTIONARY for 01 & 08 February 2026

### February 1—Epiphany 4

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Micah 6: 1-8	Ps 15	1 Cor 1: 18-31	Mt 5: 1-12

### February 8—Epiphany 5

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 58: 1-9a (9b-12)	Ps 112: 1-9 (10)	1 Cor 2: 1-12 (3-16)	Mt 5: 13-20

## Parish Office

### Parish Office staff:

**Sarah Laurenson**  
sarah@wesleychurch.org.nz  
Ph: 04 242 0173

**Kula Bower**  
kula@wesleychurch.org.nz  
Ph: 04 242 0174

**Custodian**  
**Sitiveni Pouvalu**  
027 724 9986

**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

Finance & Resourcing, Thurs, 5th Feb, 7pm  
Parish Executive, tbc  
Parish Council, Sun, 1st March  
Booking Committee, tbc

### Leaders/Congregational

<b>10AM</b>	17th Feb. @ 7pm on Zoom.
<b>TONGAN</b>	tbc
<b>SAMOAN</b>	tbc
<b>FIJIAN</b>	1st Saturday of every month

## February 2026

### **First Sunday, 1st February—2 Church Services**

#### **First Combined Holy Communion Service**

10am—Covenant Service—

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

[There are no refreshments after this service](#)

#### **Second Combined Service.**

6pm—Commissioning Service

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Neti Petaia

[Everyone is kindly asked to bring refreshments.](#)

**All are welcome to attend**

## What's Happening in our space?

### **Parish Notices:**

#### **Carpark Wardens – Commissioning Service**

All congregation representatives serving as Carpark Wardens for the Commissioning Service this **Sunday at 6:00pm** are asked to meet in the Parish Foyer immediately **after the 10:00am combined service**

### Missing Equipment

One lapel microphone is currently missing. If you know its whereabouts, please inform the parish office.



### Doors and Windows

Congregations are responsible for locking up to ensure that **all doors and windows are securely locked and lights switched off** before leaving the premises. Thank you for keeping our Church safe and secure.



## **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Please ensure that Children are Supervised at all times while on Church Premises.

**-All Congregational stewards, please ensure that the Church is clean after your services.**

**-No eating is allowed inside the church or the office foyer.**

**-Please dispose of your chewing gum in the rubbish bin.**

**Have a blessed weekend**

## THEME FOR FEBRUARY:

## Epiphany

10AM

## Sunday Roster

*Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)*

Worship Leader	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Bible Readings	Tongan/Fijian
Notice & Welcome	Tongan
Door Stewards	Tongan
Morning tea	No Refreshments

*Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)*

Worship Leader	Shelly Rao
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Bible Reading	Melina Takau-Samson
Notice & Welcome	Sarah Laurenson
Door Stewards	Masoe Family
Morning tea	Daphne Pilaar/Hugh. L

12pm

## Tongan Congregation

*Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)*

Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC

*Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)*

Worship Leader	TBC
Lead Worship	TBC

2pm

## Samoan Congregation

*Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)*

Worship Leader	TBC
Safety Briefing	TBC
Bible Reading	

*Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)*

Worship Leader	TBC
Safety Briefing	TBC
Bible Reading	

4pm

## Fijian Congregation

1pm

*Sunday 01 February (Epiphany 4)*

Worship Leader	Burebasaga
Lead Worship	Dauvunau

*Sunday 08 February (Epiphany 5)*

Worship Leader	Mudrenicagi
Lead Worship	Niko Bower