



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

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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

Upcoming Parish Combined Sunday 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>

Joyful Faithfulness and the Economics of Grace

A short reflection based on Philippians 1:21-30 and Matthew 20:1-16

Paul writes from prison, yet his words are full of joy. His future is uncertain, but his heart is steady. “Living is Christ,” he says, and even death doesn’t frighten him, because he trusts he is held in God’s love. What matters most to Paul isn’t his own comfort, but the continuing faithfulness of the Christian community. There is still “fruitful labour” to do.

Jesus’ parable of the workers in the vineyard shows us what that labour looks like. The landowner pays every worker the same wage, whether they worked all day or only one hour. At first this feels unfair. But Jesus is showing us a deeper kind of justice: one shaped not by envy or competition, but by need, mercy, and generosity.

The workers hired last still needed to eat. Their families still needed bread. The landowner’s generosity restores their dignity. This is the economics of grace.

Together, these readings invite us to live with joyful courage and generous hearts. We don’t need to be ruled by fear, scarcity, or resentment. God’s kingdom isn’t built on who deserves the most, but on the truth that everyone matters.

There are still people waiting to be noticed, welcomed, housed, fed, healed, and included. There is still fruitful labour before us. The Gospel calls us to join God’s work of transformation, trusting that in God’s economy there really is enough for all.

Joy grows when we trust God more than our circumstances.

Grace teaches us to celebrate generosity, not resent it.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, Pentecost 17 | 20 September 2026

LECTIONARY for 20 & 27 September 2026

September 20—Pentecost 17

1st Reading

Ex 16:2-15

Psalm

Ps 105:1-6, 37-45

2nd Reading

Phil 1:21-30

Gospel

Mt 20:1-16

September 27—Pentecost 18

1st Reading

Ex 17:1-7

Psalm

Ps 78:1-4, 12-16

2nd Reading

Phil 2:1-13

Gospel

Mt 21: 23-32

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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

F&R Meeting: 24th Sept, 7pm.

Parish AGM—1 Nov (after Combined Service)

Leaders/Congregational

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

CONGREGATION EVENTS!

10AM

10am AGM, 27 September

All 10am are encouraged to come and support our 10am congregation AGM which will be held on Sunday 27 September after morning tea.

FIJIAN

The Fijian Winter Service has concluded. The regular Sunday service will now resume and will be held at 4:00 PM.

4-10 Oct	Fiji Language Week & Fiji Day
25 Oct	Youth Week
21 Nov	Koroturaga Day (Annual Misinale)

SAMOAN

11 Oct	White Sunday
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Upcoming Events:

- District Lay Preachers final Meeting and bible study at Wesley & Pulpit Exchange.
- District Youth Rally at St Marks Wesley on Labour Weekend.
- Final combined service and meetings for the Lay Preachers, Womens Fellowship and District, held in Masterton end of November.

TONGAN

27 Sept	Womens September Service (Faka-Sepitema).
25 Oct	Annual Misinale

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST CONFERENCE

The New Zealand Methodist Conference will take place in Auckland from 1 to 7 October. During this time, all our Ministers and some Lay Leaders will be attending the Conference. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they participate in this important gathering.

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.

SAMOAN WHITE SUNDAY

Our Samoan congregation will be celebrating White Sunday on 11 October.

A reminder to the Tongan and Fijian congregations that the church and halls will be reserved for the Samoan congregation on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for your worship services and refreshments.

PARISH FOYER SECURITY ALARM

The Parish Office alarm is set each night at approximately 10:00 PM. If you trigger the alarm, use your PIN to disarm it and then immediately contact the monitoring company using the security code provided to your leaders.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN AND WELCOMING.

To help maintain the reverence and cleanliness of our Whare Karakia (place of worship, vale ni lotu, fale lotu, falesa), we kindly ask that food and snacks are not consumed inside the sacred place of worship. Keeping our place of worship clean and free from food helps preserve its sacred nature and provides a respectful environment for prayer, worship, and fellowship.

When using the halls, please take a few moments before you leave to remove any leftover food, rubbish, and personal belongings. **By working together, we can keep our church a clean, respectful, and welcoming place for everyone.**

THEME FOR July:

Pentecost

10AM SUNDAY ROSTER*Sunday 20 September—Pentecost 17*

Worship Leader Kisione Finau
Organist Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome Leatuavao
Bible Readings Edna Te'o
Door Steward & Warden Alan Dine & Sarah Larensen
Morning tea Ruth Robertson-Taylor & Ian Taylor

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

Sunday 27 September—Pentecost 18

Worship Leader Philip Garside
Organist Colin Scarf
Notices & Welcome Sarah Laurenson
Bible Readings Daphne Pilaar
Door Steward & Warden Heather Garside & Carol Dale
Morning tea Kisione & Alisi Finau

**Samoan Congregation are on the flower roster next month.*

12PM TONGAN CONGREGATION*Sunday 20 September—Pentecost 17*

Worship Leader Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
Dawn Service Tauamiti Heger

Sunday 27 September—Pentecost 18

Worship Leader Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o
Dawn Service Leuia Pupulu

2PM SAMOAN CONGREGATION*Sunday 20 September—Pentecost 17*

Worship Leader Sara Taupau
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading Latoia Tevita

Sunday 27 September—Pentecost 18

Worship Leader
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

4PM FIJIAN CONGREGATION*Sunday 20 September—Pentecost 17*

Worship Leader Tovata
Lead Worship Tovata
Dawn Service Jimaima Naikatini

Sunday 27 September—Pentecost 18

Worship Leader tbc
Lead Worship tbc
Dawn Service tbc