



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 22 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

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Growing Up in God—Choosing Life with Eyes Wide Open

A short reflection based on Genesis 2: 15-17 and Mathew 4: 1-11

What if the story of Adam and Eve isn't about a terrible fall, but about growing up? In Genesis, when Eve and Adam eat from the tree of knowledge, their eyes are opened. They see their vulnerability. They begin to understand choice. This isn't a story of shame and punishment, but a moment of awakening.

God doesn't storm in with anger. God asks gentle questions: "Where are you?" "Who told you that you were naked?" These are the words of a loving parent, not a tyrant. God cares for them, even as they step into a more complex world.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus also faces choices. In the wilderness, he's tempted by comfort, power, and pride. But Jesus responds with wisdom, not fear. He doesn't avoid struggle – he embraces it with clarity and faith.

These stories remind us that being human means growing, choosing, and sometimes stumbling. It means learning to walk with God even when the path isn't simple. It means laying down shame and picking up courage.

We don't need to fear our questions or our desires. Our bodies are not a source of shame. Our experiences, even the hard ones, shape us into people of depth and compassion. God is not disappointed by our humanity. God walks with us through it.

Growth comes through experience, not perfection.

God meets us in our questions, not just our answers.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside – Lent 1

LECTIONARY for 22 February & 1 March 2026

February 22—Lent 1

1st Reading

Gen 2: 15-17
3: 1-7

Psalm

Ps 32

2nd Reading

Rom 5: 12-19

Gospel

Mt 4: 1-11

March 1—Lent 2

1st Reading

Gen 12: 1-4

Psalm

Ps 121

2nd Reading

Rom 4: 1-5, 3-17

Gospel

Jn 3: 1-17 or
Mt 17: 1-9

Parish Office

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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— **Sunday 1st March**

Booking Committee— **Tuesday 24th Feb**

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

4 March— Prayer meetings on **Wednesday/Friday at 6pm**.
(Dates tbc)

6 March—World Day of Prayer to be led by the **Samoan Women's fellowship** for the district will be in Church at **7pm**.

Fijian

23 Feb— Womens F&B— **7.30pm** in the **Chapel**— led by **Parataisi**.

28 March—Bose Vulatolu

24-27 April—Youth Camp in **Nelson**

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Parish Lenten Study



A 6 week study series will start on

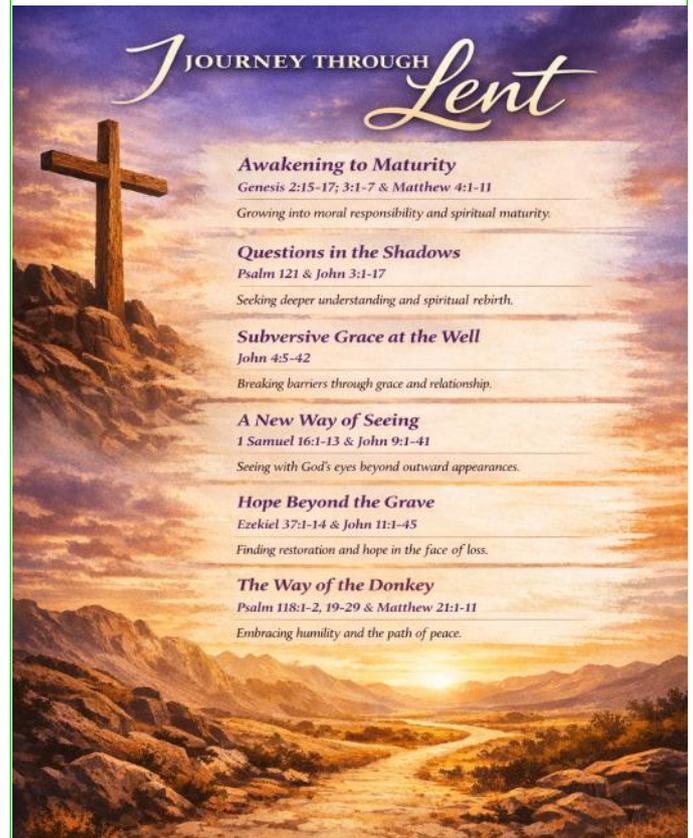
Tuesday 24th Feb. at 7.30pm on zoom link

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Meeting ID: **896 5225 0783**

Passcode: **560871**



Parish Vacancy: Office Administrator

Our Parish is seeking a dedicated and well-organised **Office Administrator** to support the smooth running of our day-to-day operations.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

We welcome your enquiry!

Have a Blessed Weekend :)

