



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

25 Whiringa-a-nuku (October) 2026

WELCOME!

Greetings



Nau Mai, Haere Mai



Mālō e lelei



Bula Vinaka



Talofa Lava



Mhoro



Nǐ hǎo



Namaste

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

10:00am - English Speaking Service

11:30am - Tongan Service

1:30pm - Samoan Service

4:00pm - Fijian Service

PARISH NEWCOMERS

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.

UPCOMING PARISH COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

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>

More Than We Expect

A short reflection based on Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Matthew 22:34-46

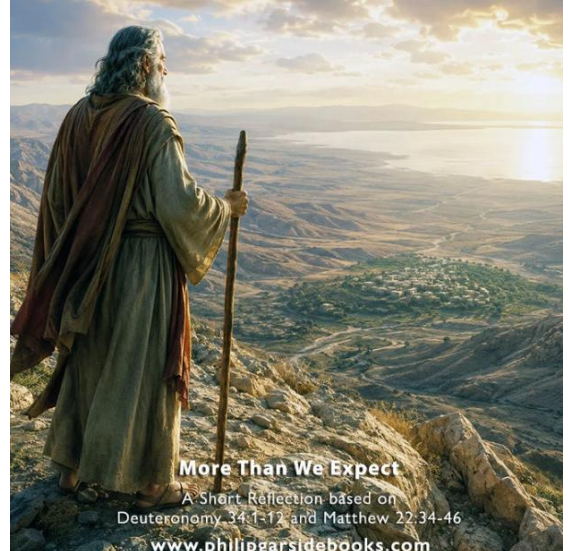
Moses stands on Mount Nebo looking towards the Promised Land. After 40 years of leading God's people, he can see the future, but he won't enter it. His story reminds us that faithfulness doesn't always mean seeing the final result of our work.

This can be difficult to accept. We naturally want to finish what we've begun, protect what we've built and know that our efforts have succeeded. Yet God's purposes are larger than any one person. Moses had brought the people to the threshold. Joshua would lead them forward. Moses' task mattered deeply, even though the story continued without him.

Jesus also brings us back to what matters most: love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. These aren't separate duties. Love of God should shape how we treat others, while healthy love of self helps us receive God's grace and serve without losing ourselves.

Jesus then challenges people to expect more from the Messiah. Christ doesn't simply preserve the past or confirm our assumptions. He leads us towards God's surprising future. Churches and communities often stand on similar thresholds. Familiar ways change, responsibilities pass to others and the future may feel uncertain. These readings invite us to let go without despair. We can honour what has been, bless those who come after us and trust that God is still at work. God's future may look different from what we expected, but it remains filled with grace, justice, love and hope. Faithfulness includes letting go. We can trust others to continue work that God began through us. Love is our true measure. Our choices should deepen love for God, neighbour and ourselves.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside - 25 October 2026 | Pentecost 22



LECTIONARY READINGS

<i>Oct 25—Pentecost 22</i>				
1st Reading	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
	Deut 34: 1-12	Ps 90: 1-6, 13-17	1 Thes 2:1-8	Mt 22:34-46
<i>Nov 1 – All Saints</i>				
	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
	Rev 7: 9-17	Ps 34: 1-10, 22	1 Jn 3: 1-3	Mt 5:1-12
<i>Nov 1 – Pentecost 23</i>				
	Josh 3: 7-17	Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37	1 Thes 2: 9-13	Mt 23: 1-12

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PARISH NOTICES:

PARISH BREAK UP – CULTURAL EVENING ON 7 NOV From 6pm in the New Hall. Each congregation is to prepare an item.

We encourage everyone to please bring a plate to share and for Congregations to come prepared with a 15minute cultural performance.

The aim is to showcase and include all Congregations members not just the Youth. It's an opportunity for the Old and Young to perform/sing together as we celebrate the journey we have had as a Parish.

The Social Committee will release their program the week of the Cultural Night.

Any questions feel free to reach out to your Congregation Representatives.

UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO ABUSE

Through its Conference, Te Hahi Weteriana has called upon our churches across the motu to develop a clearer understanding of abuse and the appropriate actions to take when concerns arise. Posters explaining the definition of abuse and the recommended steps for responding will be displayed on noticeboards throughout the Parish in several languages. We encourage everyone to take time to read this important information.

COMPOST BINS have been placed in the **New Hall foyer** and **Old Hall kitchen** Please read flyers of what we can put in the compost bins. Bins emptied early Monday mornings.



CARE OF OUR CHURCH FACILITIES

A friendly reminder to everyone who uses the Old Hall and the Chapel: please dispose of all rubbish, including paper and lolly wrappers, in the appropriate bins. After using these spaces, please leave them clean and tidy, ready for the next person or group. Thank you for helping us care for our shared church facilities.

PARISH OUTREACH

DCM Foodbank Collection

Date: Saturday 21 November, 9am—1pm

Location: New World Newtown

Contact: Sarah in the Parish Office if you can help, sarah@wesleychurch.org.nz

CONGREGATION EVENTS!

10AM

Drama Christi end of year presentation
All are welcome to join DC for a fun 'scripts in hand' performance of 'The One Word Christmas Carol'. We are presenting it on Sunday 6 Dec at 5pm in the Drama Christi studio. There will be 4 rehearsals on Monday evenings in November. Please get in touch if you want more information.

Daphne.keith@xtra.co.nz

Fijian

26 Oct - 1 Nov Youth Week end with Youth Sunday
21 Nov Koroturaga Day (Annual Misinale)

Samoan

22 Nov Final combined service and meetings for the Lay Preachers, Womens Fellowship and District, held in Masterton end of November.

Tongan

25 Oct Annual Misinale

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

7 Nov (Sat) Parish Break Up (read info under Parish notices)

4 Dec (Fri) Parish Outreach Christmas lunch.
More info will be circulated close to the time.

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ROSTERS: 25 Oct & 1 Nov

10AM Congregation (English Speaking)

This Sunday

Worship Leader	Shelly Rao
Organist	Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome	Leatuavao
Bible Readings	Sven Heger
Door Steward & Warden	Sarah Laurenson & Hugh Laurenson
Morning tea	Manuao Family

Next Sunday, 10AM

Worship Leader	Kisione Finau
Introit	Tongan Choir
Anthem	Samoan
Bible Readers	Fijian & Samoan
Car Park Wardens	Samoan
Door Steward	10AM
Holy Communion Prep	10AM
Singing at Holy Comm	Fijian
Refreshments	Tongan

12PM Tongan Congregation

This Sunday – Misinale Sunday

Worship Leader	Tukumo'ui
Dawn Service	
Pulelulu	Polotu Fakafeta'i/Fakamalo

Next Sunday, 10AM

Worship Leader	Parish Combined Sv
Dawn Service	tbc

12PM Samoan Congregation

This Sunday

Worship Leader	No Service at Wesley Parish
Youth Rally	St Marks Wesley

Next Sunday, 10AM

Worship Leader	Parish Combined Service
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4PM Fijian Congregation

This Sunday

Worship Leader	Isaia Vakamoce
Lead Worship	Matasiga Efiraca
Dawn Service	Luke Tuisinu

Next Sunday, 2pm

Worship Leader	Youth
Lead Worship	Youth
Dawn Service	Youth

COMBINED SERVICE

ROSTER: Nov. & Dec

COMBINED SERVICE: 1 NOVEMBER

Lead Worship	Kisione Finau
Introit	Tongan Choir
Anthem	Samoan
Bible Readers	Fijian & Samoan
Car Park Wardens	Samoan
Door Steward	10AM
Holy Communion Prep	10AM
Singing at Holy Comm	Fijian
Refreshments	Tongan
Flowers	Tongan

COMBINED SERVICE: 6 DECEMBER

Lead Worship	Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Introit	Fijian Choir
Anthem	Tongan
Bible Readers	Samoan & Tongan
Car Park Wardens	Fijian
Door Steward	Tongan
Holy Communion Prep	Tongan
Singing at Holy Comm	Samoan
Refreshments	Fijian
Flowers	10AM

MEETINGS NOTICES

PARISH MEETINGS

➤ **Parish AGM**

1 Nov (after Combined Service)

➤ **Parish Executive Meeting**

A Parish Executive Meeting will be held on Tues, 27 Nov, at 6.00 p.m., at the church, 75 Taranaki Street. Members are warmly invited to attend.

➤ **F&R—last Thursday of every month.**

Leaders/Congregational Meetings

❖ 10AM	3rd Tue of every month
❖ TONGAN	tbc
❖ SAMOAN	14 Nov, in the church, 10AM
❖ FIJIAN	1st Sat of every month

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