



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

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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 26 Paenga-whāwhā (April) 2026

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

3 May—Holy Communion and Combined Service—Rev. Joeli
(This combined service excludes Tongans and there will be no refreshments due to Fakame)

10 May—Mothers Day Service—Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

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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.

Through the Gate

A short reflection on John 10:1-10 and Psalm 23

Imagine standing at a gate, unsure what lies beyond. That's the image Jesus gives us: "I am the gate." Not a locked door. Not a wall. A gate. Open, inviting, and leading somewhere.

In John's Gospel, Jesus is both the gate and the shepherd. He knows his sheep by name and calls them to follow him – not into confinement, but into abundance. Psalm 23 echoes this journey: green pastures, still waters, valleys of shadow, and a table prepared even in adversity. These readings are a reminder that faith is not just about safety. It's about movement, trust, and purpose.

We live in a world filled with noise – voices that sell fear, urgency, and endless striving. But Jesus says we have the wisdom to discern. We know his voice because it sounds like peace. Like grace. Like love that names us, not labels us.

The gate, then, is an invitation. Not to stay in the sheepfold forever, but to walk into the world grounded in the Shepherd's presence. It's not an easy journey, but it's real. And it leads to a life where we rest without guilt, act with courage, and offer abundance to others.

The gate is open. Will we walk through?

We can trust the voice of Jesus – it leads to peace, not panic.

Faith is a journey through the gate, not just safety behind it.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, Easter 4 | 26 April 2026

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

LECTIONARY for 26 April & 3rd May 2026

April 26—Easter 4

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 23	1 Peter 2: 19-25	Jn 10: 1-10

May 3—Easter 5

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 7: 55—60	Ps 31: 1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2: 2-10	Jn 14: 1-14

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

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

Parish Council: Sunday 7th June

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	3rd Tuesday of every month
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.

leatuavaov@gmail.com or daphne.keith@xtra.co.nz

Fijian

27 June— Bose Vulatolu and Jesirieli Day

Tongan

Fakame - First week of May

Samoan

Manatua foi ia outou talosaga le iai o le susuga ia Taupau
Va'ai i maota gasegase.

1. O le Aso Sa muamua o Me o le Lotu Tamaiti a Tonga, o le a leai se tatou lotu Samoa, ae tatou lolotu faatasi I le taeao ma le lotu o le 10am.

Rev Suiva'aia Te'o's first year review

Rev Suiva'aia Te'o's first year review will be held on **Saturday 16 May at 10am**, led by the Synod Superintendent and team. The morning will begin with devotions, followed by morning tea. Parish members are invited to share reflections on Rev Sui's ministry. **Lunch at 12pm** and then everyone is dismissed, while superintendent meets with the Samoan Congregation, and afterwards with Rev Sui and her family.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Parish – Strategic and New Model Workshop

The workshop will be held on 30 May, commencing at 9.00am, and will run for three hours. The primary focus will be Getting to Know Our Congregations. At last year's workshop, we identified that we did not have a clear understanding of how each congregation operates within the Parish and within its respective Synod. Accordingly, each congregation will deliver a presentation outlining its areas of responsibility and its scope of activity within the Synod and the Cultural Synod. A shared understanding of our respective ways of working will enable us to collaborate more effectively

DCM Wellington - Food Bank Appeal

- Foodbank Appeal at Newtown New World on Saturday 23rd May from 9am – 5pm.

Each congregation will manage a 2-hour slot.

- 9am – 11am - 10am Congregation

- 11am – 1.00pm – Samoan Congregation

- 1.00pm – 3.00pm – Tongan Congregation

- 3.00pm – 5.00pm – Fijian Congregation

Any volunteers, please get in contact with Myra or Kula in the office.

Car parks at Wesley

Maycroft Construction are doing seismic strengthening work on the Sanctum apartments from 11 April and will install a crane in the front car park to load material onto site. They will be here Monday – Saturday for the next few months.

Homeless Lunch

A lunch has been scheduled on Friday 19th of June at 12pm to cater for the Homeless. This is a Parish effort and the 4 congregations are invited to contribute, prepare and distribute. Please liaise with office staff as to what you can contribute so we provide the best for our visitors.

DCM Open Day

DCM Wellington has invited the parish community to its Open Day on **Thursday 14 May, 5–7pm**, featuring guided tours of services and an art exhibition by DCM whānau, held at **2 Lukes Lane, Te Aro**. 5:00pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm, 6:30pm

No need to RSVP, please feel free to turn up on the day.

Please check the posters on the notice boards.

THEME FOR April:

Easter 4

10AM Sunday Roster

Sunday 26 April Easter 4

Worship Leader Shelly Rao
Organist Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome Hugh Laurenson
Bible Readings Masoe Family
Door Steward & Warden Daphne Pilaar
 Leatuavao
Morning tea Manuao Family

**We thank the 10AM Congregation for looking after our flowers this month.*

Sunday 07 May Easter 5

Worship Leader Rev. Joeli Ducivaki
Organist Colin Scarf
Introit Fijian
Bible Reading Fijian/Samoan
Door Steward & Warden 10AM
Morning tea No Refreshments
 (Fakame Sunday)

** Fijians are on the flower roster next month.*

12pm Tongan Congregation

Sunday 26 April, Easter 4

Worship Leader Tupoutapu
Dawn Service 'Isalei Pouvalu

Sunday 03 May, Easter 5

Worship Leader Combined Service
Dawn Service

2pm Samoan Congregation

Sunday 26 April, Easter 4

Worship Leader Taupau & Failauga
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading Ese Holmes

Sunday 03 May, Easter 5

Worship Leader Combined Service
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

4pm Fijian Congregation

Sunday 26 April, Easter 4

Worship Leader Waisale Muatabu
Lead Worship Saioni

Sunday 03 May, Easter 5

Worship Leader Combined Service
Lead Worship