



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 30 Here-turi-kōkā (August) 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

12.30pm

Fijian Service (Old Hall)

2.00pm

Samoan Service

** Every first Sunday is our Parish Combined Church Service at 10AM.*

Upcoming Sundays

30 August—Café Service— Kisione Finau

06 September—HC & Combined Service—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

13 September —10AM Church Service—Freddy De Alwis

20 September —10AM Church Service—Kolosaini Taulata

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

The God Who Calls Us Forward

A short reflection based on Exodus 3:1-15 and Matthew 16:21-28

Moses meets God in a bush that burns but isn't consumed. It's a powerful image of God's presence: alive, enduring, and impossible to extinguish. The Israelites have suffered for generations, but God hasn't forgotten them. God says, "I have seen... I have heard... I know." This isn't a distant God, but a God who notices pain and moves toward it.

Moses wants certainty. He wants a name, a clear answer, a guarantee. Instead, God gives him a promise: "I AM WHO I AM." God can't be controlled or neatly explained, but God can be trusted. God will be with Moses as he steps back into Egypt and confronts injustice.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus also walks a difficult road. Peter wants a Messiah without suffering, but Jesus knows that love, justice, and transformation come with costs. Faith isn't an escape from the world's troubles. It's a call to enter them with courage, compassion, and hope.

These readings remind us that God still calls ordinary people into extraordinary work. We are invited to notice the burning bushes around us: moments of wonder, need, and holy interruption. We are called to listen for the cries God hears and to follow Jesus on the hard road of love. The fire still burns. God's love still burns. Hope still burns.

God notices suffering – and calls us to notice it too.

Following Jesus costs something – but it leads us toward deeper life.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside – 30 August 2026 | Pentecost 14

LECTIONARY for 30 August & 06 September 2026

August 30—Pentecost 14

1st Reading

Ex 3:1-15

Psalm

Ps 105:1-6
23-26, 45b

2nd Reading

Rom 12:9-21

Gospel

Mt 16:21-28

September 06—Pentecost 15

1st Reading

Ex 12:1-14

Psalm

Ps 149

2nd Reading

Rom 13:8-14

Gospel

Mt 18:15-20

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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

Parish Executive: tbc

Parish Council: Thursday 10th September –7pm Online

F&R Meeting: Thursday 24th September, 7pm.

Leaders/Congregational

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

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.

10am Leaders team

10am Leaders are needed to build the team. Please consider if you could support our congregation by being on 10am Leaders. We meet monthly online. Please contact Daphne or Leatuavao for more information.

Fijian

- Eda na veisau Vunau tiko kei na Tabacakacaka Ko **Peceli** ena Sigatabu qo **(30.08.26)**
- Siga Tabu ni Tama **(06.09.26) 2.30pm**

Tongan

- **Womens choir practice every Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sunday** after church service. This is in preparation for **Roll call** at the end of **September**.

Book Exchange Room!

The room beside the main entrance of the new hall has been set up as a book exchange space—just ask any office staff member or Minister if you'd like to have a look. There's a great selection of books and resource materials available for free! No Food allowed!

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

Parish Foyer Security Alarm



- The security guards set the Parish Office alarm about **10pm each night**.
- If you go up the stairs to the office foyer and trigger the alarm, once the alarm is off **YOU MUST** call the monitoring company and give them a special code.
- This did not happen last weekend and one of our office team was woken after midnight to verify who had triggered the alarm.
- Please talk to the **Parish Office team** if you need to be reminded of the process and the security special code.



Calling all Parish Youth

Youths' first practice is this **Sunday 30th August after the Samoan service**. Please come along and be part of preparing for **Youth Sunday worship** on **Sunday 6th September**.

DCM Winter Appeal

DCM's Winter Appeal is raising vital funds for Crisis Accommodation, helping provide short-term shelter and wrap-around support for people who are rough sleeping or at risk of homelessness in Wellington. Every donation helps open a door for someone during the cold winter months and reminds our whānau that they are not alone. To learn more or support the appeal, visit [DCM Winter Appeal](#).

Methodist Conference Attendance

Parish ministers and lay reps are preparing to attend the Methodist Conference, to be held from **2–7 October** at **Wesley College in Paerata**. The Ministerial Team will be accompanied by **Daphne Pilaar, Sara Va'ai, and Si-tiveni Pouvalu**. Please keep all those attending in your prayers as they represent our parish and take part in the wider life and mission of the Church.



Church Cleanliness Reminder

We have noticed an increase in rubbish being left around the church, especially in the upstairs sitting area. If you are bringing snacks for your little ones, please be mindful of their rubbish and ensure all wrappers, packets, and food scraps are placed in the bins provided. Thank you for helping us keep our church clean, welcoming, and respectful for everyone.

THEME FOR August:

Pentecost

10AM SUNDAY ROSTER

Sunday 30 August Pentecost 14

Café Service

Worship Leader

Kisione Finau

Organist

Colin Scarf

Notices & Welcome

Leatuavao

Bible Readings

Tauamiti Johann

Door Steward & Warden

Norbert & Philomena

Morning tea

Wendy & Rendall

Conwell

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

HC and Combined Service Roster

Worship Leader

Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

Introit

Parish Youth

Bible Readings

Parish Youth

Anthem

Parish Youth

HC Prep. & D/Steward

Samoan

HC Singing

Parish Youth

Carpark Warden

Tongan

Morning tea

Samoan

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

*Fijian Congregation are on the flower roster next month.

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 30 August Pentecost 14

Worship Leader

Fine Taua’aa

Dawn Service

Takipō Tupou

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

Worship Leader

Parish Combined & HC

Dawn Service

1pm

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 30 August Pentecost 14

Worship Leader

Muamaimalee Te’o

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Ola Va’ai

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

Worship Leader

Parish Combined & HC

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

12:30pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 30 August Pentecost 14

Worship Leader

Corrections

Lead Worship

Simione Tarogi

Dawn Service

Samuela Kanakatakata

Sunday 06 September Pentecost 15

SIGA TABU NI TAMA (2.30pm)

Worship Leader

Soqosoqo ni Turaga

Lead Worship

Dawn Service