



# WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

Incorporating congregations of 10am, Tongan, Samoan and Fijian.

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

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## *Parish Bulletin*

### Rātapu 03 Haratua (May) 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**

**03 May— Combined and Holy Communion Service—Rev. Joeli  
(No Morning tea due to Fakame)**

**03 May—Tongan Fakame Sunday**

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

#### *Ministry Team*

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## Living Stones, Hopeful Hearts

*A short reflection on John 14:1-14 and 1 Peter 2:2-10*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.” These words from John’s Gospel are not spoken into calm lives, but into anxious ones. Jesus’ friends were facing uncertainty, pressure, and fear. Yet he offers not denial, but presence. He promises a place prepared, a relationship that holds, and a way to walk even when the road ahead feels unclear.

When Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life,” he doesn’t hand us a map. He offers himself. In a world crowded with loud voices and competing loyalties, Christ invites us to anchor our hearts in him. His way is compassion. His truth is embodied love. His life is poured out for others. To look at Jesus is to see what God is like – merciful, courageous, just.

Then 1 Peter gives us another image: we are “living stones.” Alone, a stone seems small and insignificant. But gathered together, shaped by grace, we become a dwelling place for God. We are not solitary believers; we are a community built on Christ, our cornerstone. Each of us has a place. Each of us carries purpose. The good news is this: we are not adrift. There is room for us. There is a role for us. Christ steadies troubled hearts and builds us into something strong and beautiful together.

Anchor your fears in Christ’s presence; resilience grows from relationship.

Commit to community; faith is strongest when we are built together.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, Easter 5 | 3 May 2026

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

### LECTIONARY for 03 May & 10 May 2026

#### *May 3—Easter 5*

**1st Reading**

Acts 7:55-60

**Psalm**

Ps 31:1-5,  
15-15

**2nd Reading**

1 Peter 2:2-10

**Gospel**

Jn 14:1-14

#### *May 10—Easter 6*

**1st Reading**

Acts 17:22-31

**Psalm**

Ps 66:8-20

**2nd Reading**

1 Peter 3:13-22

**Gospel**

Jn 14:15-21

### *Parish Office*

#### Parish Office staff:

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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

<b>10AM</b>	3rd Tuesday of every month
<b>TONGAN</b>	tbc
<b>SAMOAN</b>	tbc
<b>FIJIAN</b>	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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### Fijian

**02 May**—Bose vulavau

**27 June**— Bose Vulatolu and Jesirieli Day

### Tongan

**Fakame** - First week of May

### Samoan

- Fono Tatalo (Prayer Meeting) Aso Lulu 6 Me I le itula 6.30pm I le New Hall, Taupau & Sara e taitaiina.
- Pese (choir practice) O le a fai ai foi ma tatou aoga pese aua le Aso Sa o Tina pe a maea le fono tatalo.

### 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

#### LNI Synod Workshop

Lower North Island Synod "Empowering Councils" Roadshow - **27th June, 9am** -The workshop is open to members of the Parish Council, members of F & R Committee and congregation leaders Committee. It is requested if these members can attend this workshop as this workshop covers crucial issues across the Parish. This is a free workshop, please let your leaders know if you're wanting to attend.

#### 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.

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

#### Lunch for the Homeless

Homeless lunch: **Fri 19 June, 12pm**– all congregations welcome to contribute/serve; please coordinate with the office.

#### 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 May:** **Easter 5**

**10AM Sunday Roster**

*Sunday 03 May Easter 5*

*HC & Combined Service*

**Worship Leader** Rev. Joeli Ducivaki  
**Organist** Colin Scarf  
**Notices & Welcome** Samoan  
**Introit** Fijian  
**Bible Readings** Fijian/Samoan  
**Anthem** Samoan  
**Holy Comm. Prep** 10AM  
**Door Steward** 10AM  
**CP Warden** 10AM  
**HC Singing** Fijian  
**Morning tea** No Refreshments  
 (Fakame Sunday)

*Sunday 10 May Easter 6*

*Mothers Day Service*

**Worship Leader** Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o  
**Organist** Vivien Chiu  
**Notices & Welcome** Hugh Laurenson  
**Bible Reading** Joy Grove  
**Door Steward & Warden** Masoe Family  
**Morning tea** Philippa Conway,  
 Bill Ryan, Deborah  
 Wiltshire

*\* Samoans are on the flower roster next month.*

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

**12pm Tongan Congregation**

*Sunday 03 May, Easter 5*

**Worship Leader** Fakame  
**Dawn Service**

*Sunday 10 May, Easter 6*

**Worship Leader** 'Alisi Finau (Sapate fa'e)  
**Dawn Service** 'Apitanga Palu

**2pm Samoan Congregation**

*Sunday 03 May, Easter 5*

**Worship Leader** Combined Service  
**Safety Briefing & Bible Reading**

*Sunday 10 May, Easter 6*

**Worship Leader** Tina Matagaluega  
**Safety Briefing & Bible Reading** Eugenie Leuma

**4pm Fijian Congregation**

*Sunday 03, Easter 5*

**Worship Leader** Combined Service  
**Lead Worship**

*Sunday 10 May, Easter 6*

**Worship Leader** Mothers  
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