



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 05 Paenga-whāwhā (April) 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 April—Good Friday Service—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki—9.30am**
- **05 April— Combined Easter Sunday Service and Holy Communion—Kisione Finau— 10am**

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The Tears That Open Our Eyes

A short reflection on John 20:1-18

When Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb early that Easter morning, she wasn't expecting a miracle. She was grieving. Like many of us who visit the resting places of loved ones, she was seeking closeness. Her heart was broken, and she needed to be near.

What's powerful about Mary's story is not just what she saw – but that she stayed. While others came, looked, and left, Mary remained. In her weeping, she became open to something astonishing. The angels appeared. And then, a man she thought was the gardener spoke her name: "Mary." In that moment, she recognized Jesus – alive, transformed, and calling her forward into new life.

This moment reminds us that resurrection doesn't always arrive with trumpets. Sometimes it comes quietly, amid tears, through a voice we know and love. And often, it asks us not to cling to what was, but to trust in what is becoming.

Grief can make space for vision. Mary's willingness to stay in her sorrow led her to see what others missed.

Resurrection invites us forward. Jesus' call is not to hold on to the past, but to carry hope into the world.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, Easter Sunday | 5 April 2026

LECTIONARY for 3, 5 & 12 April 2026

April 3—Good Friday

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Is 52: 13 53: 12	Ps 22	Heb 10: 16-25 or Heb 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9	Jn 18: 1- 19: 42

April 5—Easter Sunday

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 10: 34-43 or Jer 31: 1-6	Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24	Col 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43	Jn 20: 1-18 or Mt 28: 1-10

April 12—Easter 2

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	Ps 16	1 Peter 1: 3-9	Jn 20: 19-31

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

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

Parish Council: 7th June

Parish Executive: Thursday 9th April, 7pm.

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.

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Fijian

4 April— Bose Vulavou

13 April— Womens F&B—led by **Sailoama**


24-27 April—Wasewase Youth Camp in **Nelson**

Tongan

3-5 April—Easter Camp

16-19 April—Vahefonua meeting

Fakame - First week of May

 **Free Organist concert by Josh Anderson on Saturday 25th April at the St Mary of the Angels on Boulcott Street, 2pm.**

Daylight Saving Time Ends – 5 April 2026

On Sunday, 5 April 2026, the clocks will go back one hour at 3:00 a.m. This means 3:00 a.m. becomes 2:00 a.m.

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

LNI Synod Workshop

Lower North Island Synod "Empowering Councils" Roadshow - 30th May, 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

DCM 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 – **Samon Congregation**

1.00pm – 3.00pm – **Tongan Congregation**

3.00pm – 5.00pm – **Fijian Congregation**

Security Reminder

Please be mindful of people entering our space from the street during worship or while refreshments are being served. If someone is in the building and something doesn't feel quite right, or they appear to be accessing areas they shouldn't, please let a leader, office staff member, or minister know as soon as possible. The office may be closed, and we can assist the person or, if necessary, ask them to leave. We have recently had items go missing, including during office hours. We care deeply for our people and want to ensure our space remains welcoming *and* safe for everyone.

Car parks at Wesley

A reminder that parks in the **front and back car park are leased from 6am – 7pm Monday - Friday** and are **not** available to congregation members for casual parking. If you have an appointment with one of the ministers, please get a visitor permit from the office.

Maycroft Construction are doing seismic strengthening work on the Sanctum apartments from 8 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.

Holy Communion—Combined Services

For the distribution of Holy Communion, each congregation may provide one Steward. No congregation should have more than one Steward unless requested by the Minister during the service. **Please note that Holy Communion will not be celebrated at the Good Friday service. Communion will be offered on Easter Sunday.**

THEME FOR April:

Easter

10AM

Sunday Roster

Sunday 05 April Easter Combined Service

Worship Leader Kisione Finau
Organist Colin Sarf
Introit Fijian Congregation
Bible Readings 10AM/Fijian
Anthem Tongan Congregation
HC Prep & Door Steward & Wardens Tongan Congregation
 Samoan Congregation
Morning tea 10AM

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

Sunday 12 April Easter 2

Worship Leader Rev Suiva'aia Te'o
Organist Vivien Chiu
Notices & Welcome Heather Garside
Bible Reading Tauamiti Johann
Door Steward & Warden Heather Garside
 Leatuavao
Morning tea Masoe Family

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

12pm

Tongan Congregation

Sunday 05 April Easter Sunday

Worship Leader Combined Service
Lead Worship

Sunday 12 April Easter 2

Worship Leader Solomone Ngauamo
Dawn Service Eseta Valu

2pm

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 05 April Easter Sunday

Worship Leader Combined Service
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Sunday 12 April Easter 2

Worship Leader Myra Tautau
Safety Briefing & Bible Reading Kavanah Tuma'ai

4pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 05 April Easter Sunday

Worship Leader Combined Service
Lead Worship

Sunday 12 April Easter 2

Worship Leader Rusiate Lima
Lead Worship Saioni