



WESLEY WELLINGTON METHODIST PARISH

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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 7 Pipiri (June) 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

7 June—Combined and Holy Communion Service—Rev. Suiva'aia
14 June—10AM Church Service—Shelly Rao
21 June—10AM Church Service—Kula Bower
28 June—10AM Church Service—Rev. Joeli Ducivaki

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

Called into the Unknown, Welcomed into Grace

A short reflection based on Genesis 12:1-9 and Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

These readings are full of movement. Abram hears God say, “Go,” and he sets out without a map. Matthew hears Jesus say, “Follow me,” and he leaves his tax booth behind. A grieving father comes searching for help. A suffering woman reaches out in hope. In each story, someone takes a step into the unknown.

That is often how faith feels for us too. We may want certainty, security, and a clear plan, yet God’s call often comes as an invitation to trust one step at a time. Abram shows us that faith doesn’t mean having all the answers. Faith is being willing to move when God stirs the heart. Along the way, Abram builds altars, reminding us to pause and notice God’s presence not only at the destination, but in the middle of the journey.

In the Gospel, Jesus also shows us what God’s grace looks like. He calls Matthew, a man others looked down on and then sits at table with those seen as outsiders. He heals the woman who had been excluded and restores the young girl to life. Jesus repeatedly crosses the boundaries people create. He brings belonging where there was shame, dignity where there was suffering, and hope where there was grief.

These stories remind us that God still calls ordinary people in ordinary lives. We don’t need perfect motives or perfect faith. We are simply invited to trust, to follow, and to make room for others at the table of grace.

Faith begins with one step. We don’t need the whole road mapped out before we respond to God’s call.

Grace widens the circle. Jesus keeps welcoming those others exclude, and he asks us to do the same.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside. Pentecost 2 | 7 June 2026

LECTIONARY for 7 & 14 June 2026

June 7—Pentecost 2

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 12:1-9	Ps 33:1-12	Rom 4:13-25	Mt 9:9-13,18-26

June 14—Pentecost 3

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 18:1-15 (21:1-7)	Ps 86:1-10, 16-17	Rom 5:1-8	Mt 9:35- 10:8 (9-23)

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 11th June, 7pm.
Parish Council: Sunday 7th June

Leaders/Congregational

10AM	3rd Tue of every month
TONGAN	tbc
SAMOAN	20th June, Sat @ 10am—Old Hall
FIJIAN	1st Sat 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

7 June—Combined service with Fijian Kapiti Congregation at 1pm

27 June— Bose Vulatolu and Jesirieli Day (District Meeting).

Samoan

Aso Sa 7 Iuni – Faamanatuga – Marina faitauina
Tusi Paia, tatou usuina pese HC

Tongan

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!

What's Happening in our space?

Parish Notices:

7th June (Sun) – Parish Key Register update

We need to update the Parish key register. The office window will be open after the Combined Service. If you currently hold a Parish key, please come to the office, as all keyholders are required to re-register their keys.

Free Flu vaccination

Available this Sunday at **12:30 pm** in the **New Hall foyer**. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Men's Fellowship

Following the Strategic Workshop held last week, participants were divided into Youth, Men's, and Women's groups. During the Men's group discussion, it was agreed to establish a **Parish Men's Fellowship Group**. This group will hold choir practice after refreshments following the **Combined Service on Sundays at 12:00 pm**. The Men's Fellowship Choir will minister in song at the next Combined Service in July.

Garden Project

The Parish Men's Fellowship Group is also planning to establish a small garden near the entrance of the New Hall foyer, facing the Old Hall Chapel. Subject to approval from the **Finance & Resources Committee** and the **Parish Council**, the group will source timber and begin constructing wooden planter boxes for this project

19 June (Fri) - Lunch for the Homeless

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

27 June (Sat), LNI Synod Workshop

This has been Cancelled till further notice.

