



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

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Parish Bulletin

Rātapu 09 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

09 August—10AM Church Service—Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o

16 August—10AM Church Service—Niko Bower

23 August—10AM Church Service—Shelly Rao

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

Learning to trust amid fear and envy

A short reflection based on Genesis 37:1-4 and Mathew 14:22-33

These readings are full of very human feelings: jealousy, fear, exhaustion, courage, and hope. Joseph's brothers are trapped by envy. They believe Joseph's blessing means there is less love, less honour, and less future for them. Envy makes their world smaller until they can no longer see Joseph as a brother, only as a threat.

In Matthew's Gospel, the disciples are also overwhelmed. They are tired, battered by wind, and far from safety. Then Jesus comes to them across the water and says, "Take heart. It's me. Don't be afraid." Peter steps out of the boat with astonishing courage, but when he notices the storm, he begins to sink. Yet Jesus doesn't shame him. Immediately, Jesus reaches out his hand.

That's the good news. God doesn't wait for perfect people. God works through broken families, frightened disciples, impulsive followers, and weary communities. The pit isn't the end of Joseph's story. The storm isn't the end of Peter's story. And fear, failure, or betrayal need not be the end of ours.

Today, many of us know what it feels like to row against the wind. We may carry family wounds, anxiety, burnout, or self-doubt. Yet Christ still comes towards us, not from a distance, but in the middle of the storm. Faith isn't never being afraid. Faith is reaching for Christ's hand, even while we tremble.

Envy tells us love is scarce; grace teaches us there is enough.

Faith isn't the absence of fear, but the choice to reach for Christ's hand.

Ngā mihi, Philip Garside, 9 August 2026 | Pentecost 11

LECTIONARY for 09 & 16 August 2026

August 9—Pentecost 11

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 37:1-4, 12-28	Ps 105:1-6,16-22, 45b	Rom 10:5-15	Mt 14:22-33

August 16—Pentecost 12

1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Gen 45:1-15,	Ps 133	Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32	Mt 15:(10-20) 21-28

Parish Office

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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: Thursday 20th August—7pm Online
F&R Meeting: Thursday 27th August, 7pm.
Parish Council: Thursday 10th September –7pm Online

Leaders/Congregational

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

10AM

Volunteer Needed: 10am Roster Co-ordinator

The 10am Congregation is seeking a volunteer to co-ordinate the 10am roster. To help, please speak with Daphne or a 10am Leader, or email 10amleadersmeeting@wesleychurch.org.nz.

Samoan

- Rev. Sui and reps from Wesley Wellington Samoan will be away for Sinoti AGM from **Wednesday 13 to Sunday 16th of this month**. Others will be joining the 10am congregation for worship on Sunday.
- Sunday 23rd the Sunday School** begins again at 12pm for Lotu Tamaiti practices.

Fijian

- Saturday 08 August**—Vuli ni Dauvunau @3pm in the New Hall.

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:



Calling all Parish Youth

Youths' first practice is this **Sunday, 9 August at 4:00 PM**. Please come along and be part of preparing for **Youth Sunday worship** on **Sunday 6th September**.



World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

We extend our heartfelt best wishes to all the women of our Parish as they prepare for the upcoming **15th World Assembly**, to be held from **25–29 August 2026 in Auckland**. May this special gathering be a time of blessing, encouragement, unity, and renewed faith. We pray that God will guide and strengthen each of you, and that your participation will be filled with joy, wisdom, and fellowship.

Training Workshop

TRAINING WORKSHOP

Empowering Parish Councils

For all Parish Councillors (current and prospective), church leaders, and anyone interested in learning how a Parish Council successfully operates.

📍 Saturday 25 July
9am - 3.30pm
Levin Uniting Church,
87 Oxford Street, Levin

📍 Saturday 22 August
9am - 3.30pm
Tawa Union Church,
6 Elena Place, Tawa, Wellington

- ✓ PARISH COUNCILS - roles and responsibilities
- ✓ REGISTERED CHARITIES - legal requirements
- ✓ STRATEGIC PLANNING - what and why
- ✓ FINANCIAL WELLBEING - building confidence and capability
- ✓ PROPERTY CHANGE- understanding processes & practical steps

👤 PRESENTERS: Rev. Sandra Williams (Synod Exec, Parish Presbyter); Sesilili Kato (Property Secretary); Glen Williams (Finance Advisor)

Register your interest via email
minister@levinuniting.org.nz

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facebook.com/LevinUniting

May you all have a Blessed Weekend!

THEME FOR August:

Pentecost

10AM SUNDAY ROSTER

Sunday 09 August Pentecost 11

Sunday 16 August Pentecost 12

Worship Leader

Organist

Notices & Welcome

Bible Readings

Door Steward & Warden

Morning tea

Rev. Suiva’aia

Vivien Chiu

Sarah Laurenson

Norbert Nziramasanga

Lepa Manuao

Sana Manuao

Tevita Family

Worship Leader

Organist

Notices & Welcome

Bible Readings

Door Steward & Warden

Morning tea

Niko Bower

Colin Scarf

Alan Dine

Melina Takau-Samson

Masoe Family

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Daphne Pilaar/Hugh Laurenson

* 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 09 August Pentecost 11

Sunday 16 August Pentecost 12

Worship Leader

Dawn Service

Solomone Ngauamo

’Eseta Valu

Worship Leader

Dawn Service

Mele Mahoni

Telusila Havea

1pm

Samoan Congregation

Sunday 09 August Pentecost 11

Sunday 16 August Pentecost 12

Worship Leader

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Edna Te’o

Worship Leader

Safety Briefing & Bible Reading

Worship with 10AM

12:30pm

Fijian Congregation

Sunday 09 August Pentecost 11

Sunday 16 August Pentecost 12

Worship Leader

Lead Worship

Dawn Service

Burebasaga

Talatala Joeli Ducivaki

Anaseini Osbourne

Worship Leader

Lead Worship

Dawn Service

Efiraca

Niko Bower

Saimoni Daunibau