



Staying Connected 12 January 2025

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

In 1874, British soldiers (members of the 75th Regiment of the 1st Gordon Highlanders) were camped in the Giant's Castle area in the Drakensberg and the regimental cook carved the number 75 into a large boulder to mark the fact that they had been there. Kym and I visited the area this last weekend and you can still clearly see the carving on the rock. It was quite surreal standing in front of that rock and remembering that I had stood in the same spot 40 years before as a schoolboy. What struck me was that there is no evidence that I was ever there - the only remainder of that visit is in my memory; and yet an unnamed cook has left a mark that has survived 150 years.



I'm not urging anyone to go out and start creating graffiti in public places :) but I found myself wondering what kind of a mark I may make that might survive 150 years. As we start a new year, how might you and I live with such intention and purpose that the work God calls us to do and the relationships we nurture end up bearing fruit that outlives us?

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Ethelbert : Christmas Day Collection



The entire amount collected during the Christmas Services, combined with electronic payments for Ethelbert, amounted to R 20 680.00. This entire amount has been paid to Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre. Thank you for your generous gifts.



Flowers in Church

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Service. If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.



Pastoral Care Flower Ministry

Each Monday morning a member of the Pastoral Care Flower Team arranges the flowers from Sunday into pastoral bowls. These flowers are delivered to our members as part of our pastoral care ministry. If you have small ceramic, plastic or glass bowls **and** vases that can be used for these floral arrangements, please place them in the donations box, marked 'Pastoral Flower Team'. Thank you.

HAPPY 20th
anniversary

Congratulations to Michael and Kym Bishop on 20 Wonderful Years of Marriage!

Wishing you both many more years of happiness together!



Upcoming birthdays for the week

- Helen Lewarne** Wednesday 15 January
- Jonathan Pass** Thursday 16 January
- Prince Mancotywa** Saturday 18 January
- D. Swainston-Harrison** Wed 15 January

If your name should be listed here, or if there are any errors, please contact the church office.

Pastoral Care



Please let the church office staff know if you are ill or going into hospital. Your name will only be put on the prayer list with your consent. We would appreciate your co-operation in this regard so that we can visit or offer help. Letting us know helps us to show care!



Tienie Dearham
 Helene Herbst
 Hane van der Merwe

Haroshen Govender
 Lynda Goosen
 Sané Ndlovu
 Lynese Morris
 Letitia Norris
 Horizon Farm
 James Dunford
 Raymond A. Blom
 Brandon Walker
 Shirleen Prydderch
 John Cave
 Zayden Govender
 Shelley Reed

Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
 Pain Relief
 She is home, having rehab therapy and will have further surgery down the line
 Cancer Treatment
 Cancer Treatment
 Further treatment - Endometriosis
 Cancer : Pain Control / Treatment
 Strength and Peace
 Financial Stability
 Cancer
 End Stage Dementia
 Effects of Long Covid - Fatigue
 In Umhlanga Hospital with diverticulitis
 Cancer
 Kidney function Improvement
 Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



Ongoing Prayer

Sue Carter, Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.

We're looking for volunteers to **help serve tea** as well as **lead a tea group of their own**

If you're available and willing to lend a hand, please contact the office.

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Your hospitality will help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our community.



FINANCE

Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church
Acc No: 58880668126
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Westville
Br Code: 223526



2024 YTD	Actual	Budget	
Total Income DEC 24 YTD	R2 391 824	R2 422 440	R30 616 Under Budget
Total Expenses DEC 24 YTD	R2 420 320	R2 420 736	R416 Under Budget
Net Deficit YTD	R28 496		