



# Staying Connected 1 June 2025

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00  
Fri : 08:30 to 13:00

### Address:

38 Jan Hofmeyr Road, Westville  
PO Box 47, Westville, 3630

### Phone:

031 266 5222

### WhatsApp:

081 885 4928

### Email:

office@westvillemethodist.co.za

### Website:

westvillemethodist.co.za

### Sunday Service Times:

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

Research conducted some years ago found that the average person will meet 2.8 new people per day, meaning that at the end of a normal lifespan we will have crossed paths with some 80 000 people! If you're an introvert, looking at that figure might require you to sit down and take a few deep breaths :)

I heard an interview with author Tommy Spaulding recently where he said that he likes to imagine that all 80 000 of those people will be gathered together in a stadium at the end of our lives and we will have a chance to say goodbye. He asks himself what the stadium will sound like - will there be cheering, or silence - reflecting the impact we had on the people we met?



It's quite a dramatic picture, but maybe too much to take in! More helpful is to think about the daily opportunities we have - the 2.8 people we will meet and influence in some way every day. Rev Adam Hamilton says that they regularly remind each other in his church in Kansas to pay attention in each encounter with another person - often an unguarded facial expression or a throwaway remark can point to an opportunity for kindness or service. That sounds a lot like the adventure we spoke about in our Ascension Day service this week - a partnership with God that begins each day with the question "what are we doing today, Lord?"



## WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME YOUTH PASTOR TO OVERSEE OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

We expect the role to grow over time, but initial responsibilities will include leading our youth church sessions on Sunday mornings, co-ordinating our confirmation programme, and working with our children's ministry volunteers.

We are looking for a candidate who

- demonstrates a clear commitment to Christ,
- feels called to working with youth,
- has completed their schooling and would be open to doing some theological studies.

Applicants are invited to send a CV (including two contactable references) to [office@westvillemethodist.co.za](mailto:office@westvillemethodist.co.za) by 30 June 2025.

## Contact Details

### Minister

Michael Bishop 079 499 9139  
Email: michael@westvillemethodist.co.za

### Church Executive

Ashley Sellwood (Mission) 083 650 7612  
Brandon Walker (Worship) 084 912 8188  
Louise Walker (Pastoral Care) 084 580 3471  
Natalie Moolman (Youth & Children) 073 438 8153  
Sybil Scott-Adams (Prayer) 083 787 2680  
Paul Bryan (Property) 061 309 6635  
Felicity Williams 082 847 8059  
Anelisa Jidana 079 375 5886  
Benny Van Der Merwe 082 318 8785

## Bible Readings

### 1 June to 7 June 2025

**Sunday** John 17:20-26  
**Monday** Psalm 29  
**Tuesday** 2 Chronicles 5:2-14  
**Wednesday** Luke 9:18-27  
**Thursday** Psalm 104:24-34  
**Friday** Isaiah 44:1-4  
**Saturday** Luke 1:5-17



**Sincere condolences to David and Brenda Oldacre and family, on the passing of Paul Schofield on Friday 23 May 2025.**

Michaela Kwashirayi  
 Felicity Cory  
 Doff Ponsie  
 Mo Taylor  
 Annemarie Cave  
 Paul Bryan  
 Russell Untiedt  
 Derek Gallichan  
 Bruce Perrow  
 Walls / Cockerill Family  
 Michael Mullan  
 Nick Naidoo  
 Tienie Dearham  
 Hane van der Merwe  
 Haroshen Govender  
 Lynda Goosen  
 Sané Ndlovu  
 Letitia Norris  
 Horizon Farm  
 Brandon Walker  
 Shirleen Prydderch  
 John Cave  
 Zayden Govender  
 Shelley Reed

Grade 11 Exams  
 Wrist Injury  
 Hip Replacement  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Knee Replacement  
 Health Issues  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Atrial Fibrillation  
 Health Issues  
 Tragic loss of Swade Walls (Grandson / nephew)  
 Health Challenges  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing  
 At home in rehab therapy and further surgeries  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Further treatment - Endometriosis  
 Strength and Peace  
 Financial Stability  
 Effects of Long Covid - Pain and Fatigue  
 Bipolar Treatment  
 Cancer  
 Kidney function Improvement  
 Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members unwell or going to hospital, please let the office know.

## Ongoing Prayer

Kwashirayi Family, Helene Herbst, The Sullivan Family, Sue Carter, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.



## Birthdays this coming week

**Brett Sullivan** Monday 02 Jun  
**Rebecca Edwards** Friday 06 Jun  
**Robert Jamieson** Friday 06 Jun

## Special Prayer Request

Susan Holmes - Address on: First/last mile transport at South African Transport Conference at 11:00 on 09 July



**Do you know someone who could use a little extra care, kindness or encouragement?**

If there's anyone who would be blessed by receiving flowers from our pastoral care team, please let the church office know. We'd love to share some love and brighten their day.

# FINANCE

## Church Bank Details

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



2025 YTD	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
<b>Total Income APR 25 YTD</b>	R776 916	R813 180	<b>R36 264 Under Budget</b>
<b>Total Expenses APR 25 YTD</b>	R734 011	R779 860	<b>R45 849 Under Budget</b>
<b>Net Surplus YTD</b>	<b>R42 905</b>		