



26 APRIL 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

26 April to 2 May

Sunday John 10:1-10

Monday 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday Psalm 100

Wednesday Hebrews 13:20-21

Thursday Matthew 20:17-28

Friday Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Saturday John 8:48-59

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK SPEAKING UP

What do you do when you see something in society that is unjust or immoral? I know that too often my response is to shake my head in frustration or disgust, or make a cynical remark, but not to speak up or take any action. It feels like I wouldn't be able to make a difference any way.

And yet, during the dark days of apartheid, The Methodist Church of Southern Africa was vocal and active, even when it seemed that this evil system would never be overcome. Since 1994, our church has found it harder to "speak truth to power" because many of those who were our allies in the fight against apartheid were now in government. But abuses of power continue and injustice remains; we need to find our voice again.

Recently I had conversations with colleagues about the scourge of online gambling in our society, and the increasingly well-documented dangers of social media exposure to the very young. What can we do? Well, as a first step, we hope to bring resolutions to our synod in May to escalate the issues to national level in our church and propose specific action in each case. It's a start.

In the last few days, I received a document from the SACC calling all local churches to sign an anti-corruption covenant - to speak out against corruption and stand with whistle-blowers. Maybe a small gesture, but it's a start.



What makes your blood boil? What can we say and do together to make a difference?



LAST CALL



Last call for leftover fabric donations for the Thembalethu Sewing Mission — if you have any unwanted fabric or sewing items, please leave it in the donation box. We'll be sending it off to the mission soon. Thank you

NEWCOMERS TEA

connect Communion Sunday welcome chat
10h15
3 May



**Flowers this Sunday
in loving memory of
Peter Hockaday**

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Prialex

- 1kg Rice
- 1kg Mealie Meal
- Long Life Milk
- Teabags
- Sugar
- Canned Fish (Pilchards)
- Baked Beans



Prialex is fairly unique amongst the charities WMC supports. Most focus on the welfare of children whereas Prialex focuses on the feeding of around 18 KwaDabeka gogo's and the families they support. Waste food is collected from Blair Atholl Spar and distributed to the gogo's five days a week.

Prialex is a NPO run by David and Priscilla Jordan who are responsible for collection and distribution of the food.

We appreciate your support.



April Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC

Celebrating Eastertide with joy and gratitude

Mission Focus

Prialex - feeding the Gogos and the families they support



Thanksgiving

Margot Smith - Margot is getting stronger, and gives thanks for the prayers and encouragement she received after her accident.



Current Prayer Requests

Norma Mitchley - Feeling better and getting stronger

Janet Thomason - Compression fracture

Arnie Kerr - Recovering well after surgery to replace a stent

Chrissie Smith - Courage for challenges with her Macular degeneration

Tienie Dearham - Under new medication

Kurt Munstermann - Further health challenges



People Under Treatment

Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer -stable with no pain. Needs bed rest after sustaining fractures in a fall.

Mike Higgs - Cancer treatment going well. Doctors are happy with scan results.

Aubrey Beard - Scan results mainly positive. Three radiation sessions scheduled for May.

Russell Untiedt - Cancer treatment continues

Bruce Perrow - Health challenges -feeling stronger

Michael Mullin - Health challenges

Nick Naidoo - Cancer treatment

Sané Ndlovu - Recovering after surgery as part of endometriosis treatment.

Brandon Walker - Treatment for Long Covid

John Cave - Cancer responding well to treatment.



Ongoing Prayer



Tienie Dearham, Letitia Norris, Horizon Farm, Zayden Govender, Shelley Reid, Mo Taylor, Helene Herbst, Sue Carter, Janita Downing, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Nicky Proctor, The Sullivan family, The Siswana family

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WILLIAM CLARKE HOMEWORK SUPPORT PROGRAM

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

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Saturday, 18 April marked the very first homework support program. After navigating approvals from the Department of Social Development and the home, it finally became a reality. As it was the first session, there was no structured program in place—I'll admit, it was a true step of faith.



What a blessing it turned out to be. Spending time with the children and being able to support them was incredibly rewarding. It may seem like a small drop in the ocean when viewed against the bigger picture, but I'm continually reminded of how great our God is and how He works through even the smallest beginnings.



If anyone feels led to volunteer, your support would be greatly appreciated. You're welcome to contact Brigitta at 082 236 3136.

God bless, and thank you for your support.

CHURCH BANK DETAILS

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