



24 MAY 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

24 May to 30 May

Sunday John 20:19-23

Monday Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Wednesday John 7:37-39

Thursday 2 Timothy 1:8-12a

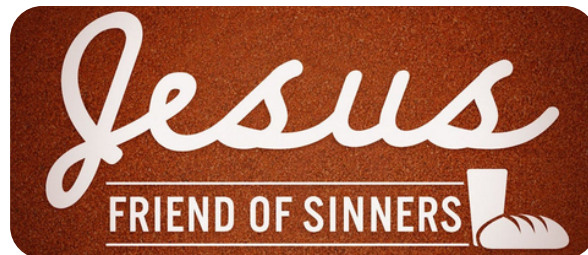
Friday Psalm 8

Saturday John 14:15-17

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK THE FRIEND OF SINNERS

"If I can't run to the church with my sin. Where do I run?" This was the question posed by a visiting academic at our synod this week. The context was a discussion with ministers about addiction among clergy. It didn't take long to realise that although we are all sympathetic generally when it comes to the various forms of addiction that plague our world, some addictions have such stigma attached to them that we keep them hidden from everyone for fear of being judged and rejected.

Hence the implication behind the professor's question: surely the church should be a place where we can come and receive unconditional love and find support and healing for our illness? And yet in that discussion as clergy, while some were very comfortable acknowledging, for example, an addictive caffeine habit, no-one would freely own a less socially acceptable addiction - whether substance abuse or issues with gambling or pornography. The research clearly says that these issues are rife through all of society, but have we found a safe place to share them?



Jesus provides that safety - the gospels describe how people who had been condemned by society felt at home with the Lord - they were drawn to him. As a community formed by the values and attitudes of Christ, we too should be a safe space where all may find unquestioning support and encouragement, regardless of the struggles they face. I hope that that has been your experience at WMC (maybe especially in your small group?) and that this community feels like a safe place where we can be authentic and share our struggles without fear of rejection.

Jumble Sale



Saturday 4 July 2026

08h00 to 12h00

Upper Hall



1 August



O LORD, OUR LORD, YOUR
MAJESTIC NAME FILLS THE EARTH.

- PSALM 8:9 -



PENTECOST
Holy Spirit

Happy Birthday

Di Hayes Monday 25 May

Norma Ittmann Monday 25 May

George Carter Tuesday 26 May

Nicholas Ross Friday 29 May

Nangamso Zajiji-Gedye Sunday 31 May

Lubabalo Mbambo Sunday 31 May

Sean Sellwood Sunday 31 May

MISSION OF THE MONTH



NEEDSLIST

Sponsor a missionary (deposit into account)

Fuel sponsor (deposit into account)

Elderly parcels: (30 packs or more needed)

26 pack or more of tea bags

2kg sugar

2kg rice

Bank: Standard Bank

Name: Mozambique Mission

Account No: 355 061 813

Code: 045526

Reference: Name CBM

If you are interested and would like to know more; there are details on the church notice board, alternatively you can

WhatsApp Lauren on 081 885 4928

CHURCH BANK DETAILS
Acc: Westville Methodist Church
Acc No: 58880668126
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Westville
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April Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC

Eastertide- celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Mission Focus

Cross Border Missions



Thanksgiving

Janet Thomason - Thank you for your prayers

Siswana family - Thank you for keeping us in your prayers

Norma Mitchley - Gives thanks for her healing, and is grateful for the prayers.

Youth Ministry - Gives thanks for growth in youth numbers, and for the many people stepping up to help in this ministry.

Kurt Munstermann - He gives thanks for our prayers. He is healing well.



Current Prayer Requests

Arnie Kerr - Recovering well after surgery to replace a stent

Chrissie Smith - Courage for challenges with her Macular degeneration

Tienie Dearham - Medication settled - slight improvement



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 - Further 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

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

Quiet Mornings

Join us for a morning of contemplation, opening ourselves to God's presence.

Saturday 30 May 09h00 to 12h00

Michael, Louise and Sybil will facilitate practices that invite a drawing away from our usual thoughts and concerns towards a deeper understanding of God's direction in our lives.

RSVP: Sybil 083 787 2680

Pentecost THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDS