



12 JULY 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

OFFICE DETAILS

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Sunday Service Times

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BIBLE READINGS

12 July to 18 July

Sunday Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Monday 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday Psalm 142

Wednesday Proverbs 11:23-20

Thursday Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Saturday Matthew 7:15-20

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK THE BODY OF CHRIST

The church is a community unlike any other. Years ago author and scholar CS Lewis wrote that:

"When I first became a Christian, I thought that I could do it on my own, by retiring to my rooms and reading theology, and I wouldn't go to the churches and Gospel Halls. I disliked very much their hymns, which I considered to be fifth-rate poems set to sixth-rate music."

That's not terribly flattering, is it :) But in truth, we don't gather in community primarily to experience excellence in music, or preaching etc because we are not consumers of religious products. Preachers and musicians should strive for excellence in these areas, but that is not the main thing - there is something more than that happening. Lewis goes on:

"But as I went on I saw the great merit of it. I came up against different people of quite different outlooks and different education, and then gradually my conceit just began peeling off. I realized that the hymns (which were just sixth-rate music) were, nevertheless, being sung with devotion and benefit by an old saint in elastic-side boots in the opposite pew, and when you realize that you aren't fit to clean those boots, it gets you out of your solitary conceit."

BODY OF CHRIST

The gift of our remarkable community is, as Lewis observes, our diversity - different outlooks, education and so on. And the richness of our time together depends in part on encountering God in music and word, but just as much on leaving our solitary lives and encountering God in others. Which means that your presence this Sunday may just be the means for someone else to encounter God.



130 hand-knitted scarves were proudly handed over to Pinetown Methodist Church on Wednesday, 8 July. Each scarf was lovingly crafted by the Knitwits, with every stitch made to bring warmth, comfort, and care to those in need.



Flowers this Sunday
In memory of
Sylvia Hamann
beloved mother and
grandmother



Col Dormer Wednesday 15 Jul
Vivien Bosch Wednesday 15 Jul
Helen Kemp Thursday 16 Jul
Gareth Van Zyl Friday 17 Jul
Gail Bailey Sunday 19 Jul
Stephanie Fielding Sunday 19 Jul



A sincere thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for our recent **Jumble Sale**. Your kindness and willingness to contribute made the event a wonderful success.

We are delighted to share that, together, **we raised R4,590.00!**

These funds will be used towards the dry cleaning of our church curtains and tapestries, helping to care for and preserve our beautiful worship space for everyone who gathers here. Your generosity, support, and community spirit are truly appreciated. Every donation, no matter how big or small, made a difference.

Thank you for being such a blessing to our church family.



CHURCH BANK DETAILS

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



July Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC
The Upcoming Alpha Course
Mission Focus
Support for migrant camps



Current Prayer Requests

Our country - Particularly the xenophobic issues
Chrissie Smith - Recovery after back injury. Courage for challenges with her Macular degeneration.



People Under Treatment

Tienie Dearham - Continuing treatment
Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer - stable. Recovering after 2nd fall. Awaiting blood tests.
Mike Higgs - Responding well to Cancer treatment. Three IV immunotherapy treatments to go.
Aubrey Beard - Treatment continues.
Russell Untiedt - Cancer treatment continues
Bruce Perrow - Health challenges - feeling stronger
Michael Mullin - Further health challenges
Nick Naidoo - Cancer treatment
Sané Ndlovu - Continuing treatment for Endometriosis
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, Nicky Proctor, The Sullivan family, The Siswana family



Westville Methodist Church Financial Report

June26	Income	Expenses	Surplus/ Deficit
Actual	230,440	221,939	8,501
Budget	225,544	222,687	2,857

YTD	Income	Expenses	Surplus/ Deficit
Actual	1,326,210	1,276,167	50,043
Budget	1,346,438	1,345,224	1,214