



26 JULY 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

26 July to 1 August

Sunday Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Monday James 3:13-18

Tuesday Psalm 119:121-128

Wednesday Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33

Thursday Philippians 4:10-15

Friday Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Saturday Matthew 7:7-11

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK LEADING LIKE RASSIE

If you've been following the progress of the Springbok rugby team over the last few years, one of the things you will hear being said all the time by other nations is how envious they are of the incredible depth of talent that South Africa has to draw on.

Look a little closer and you will see that this is not because of unfair global DNA distribution :) but instead, is the fruit of a very intentional strategy that Rassie has adopted from day one. In his first test match in charge, instead of picking the strongest possible team, Rassie selected 13 uncapped players to play their first test against Wales. And we lost. In fact, in his first year as Bok coach (2018) Rassie's team only managed to win 7 out of 14 games. It took time, but exposing less experienced players to test match rugby (even if it meant losing some games) has resulted in the depth of talent and experience today that is the envy of the world.

Leading like Rassie

I think there are lessons there for us as the church. What would it look like if we went out of our way to draw people who feel inexperienced or unqualified into service and ministry roles here? There may be others more qualified who could do a better job in the short term, but imagine if in our small groups, mission projects, ministries, worship services we took every chance we could to include some uncapped players. That sounds a lot like the way Jesus started out with an unlikely group of fishermen...



Brewtique Coffee shop has made the decision to close operations by the end of this week. Ravi would like to thank everyone for the support.

Christmas Market Donations Needed

Our Christmas Market is just around the corner, and we're looking for donations to help make it a wonderful success!

If you're having a clear-out at home, we'd be so grateful for any good-quality, clean, and usable items such as:

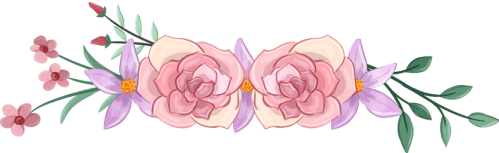
Crockery, Cutlery, Dishes, Glasses, Curtains, Linen etc.

Your unwanted treasures could become someone else's perfect find, and every donation helps raise valuable funds for our church.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office or left in the donation box outside the office.

Thank you for your generosity and support.





Flowers this Sunday in
Loving Memory of
Val Prinsloo



Happy Birthday

Tess Dore Monday 27 Jul

Amy Tjasink Thursday 30 Jul

Nadine te Water Saturday 01 Aug



1 August at 09h30
WMC Lower Hall
Cost R30

Theme: *Strengthen my hands.*
Nehemiah 6:9

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CHURCH BANK DETAILS

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Acc No: 58880668126
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Westville
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July Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC

The Alpha Course

Mission Focus

Support for migrant camps



Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the successful cross border mission trip into Swaziland, where the team ministered to different churches and communities.

We give thanks and pray a special blessing upon all the giving that was directed to the mission.

Current Prayer Requests

Our country - Particularly the xenophobic issues



People Under Treatment

Tienie Dearham - Continuing treatment

Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer - stable.

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

Chrissie Smith, 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

Ladies Fellowship

Growing Together in Faith, Prayer and Fellowship

The WMC Ladies Fellowship meets once a month, on every **third Saturday**, from **14:00 to 16:00**, in the **Lounge** at Westville Methodist Church.

Our gathering provides a warm and welcoming space where women come together to:

- Grow in prayer and deepen their relationship with God.
- Learn how to become more actively involved in the life and ministry of the church.
- Reflect on the Sunday Scripture readings and sermons, encouraging meaningful discussion and practical application.
- Enjoy uplifting Praise and Worship.
- Participate in a devotion or Bible-based topic led by the group leader, inspiring interaction, reflection and spiritual growth

As part of our ministry, we also serve tea according to the church hospitality roster, giving each member an opportunity to serve others with joy.

Everyone is welcome!



WMC Ladies Group

Back Row (L-R): Hle Zondo | Sbuli Mkhize | Juana | Noniso Zulu | Noniso Makhanya | Mpure Dlamini | Zodwa Khumalo
Front Row (L-R): Nangamso Nhlama | Thobekile Zulu | Sine Sibaya | Nomusa Dlamini

“ Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another. ”

Hebrews 10:24-25