



23 AUGUST 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

23 August to 29 August

Sunday Matthew 16:13-20

Monday 1 Samuel 7:3-13

Tuesday Psalm 8

Wednesday Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday Ephesians 5:1-6

Friday Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Saturday Matthew 8:14-17

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

UNREASONABLE HOSPITALITY

I've been reading Will Guidara's excellent book "Unreasonable hospitality" which tells the story of how his restaurant in New York won the title of best restaurant in the world, by focusing not just on the quality of their food, but especially on surprising guests with incredibly thoughtful hospitality. Guidara says that every organisation can learn from their experience, refuse to settle for what is, and choose to delight the people they serve by going above and far beyond expectations.

What lessons does Guidara have for churches, or more specifically for us here at WMC? We are a non-profit, we operate with limited financial resources and much of our work is done by willing volunteers who do not have specialist training for the work they do and are not bound by employment contracts. Surely, we are worlds apart the best restaurant on the planet?

However, providing generous hospitality and caring practical thoughtfulness does sound like something that should be at the core of our identity as God's people, doesn't it? What would it look like if all of us in whatever area we serve aimed to "work at it with all our heart, as though we were working for the Lord and not for people" (Col 3:23).

For me, this week that has looked like spending a number of hours tidying up and organising the space upstairs where our faithful sound and tech people work, and focusing on improving the weekly experience of our online congregation. And someone I spoke to this week said that she would like to take on the project of refreshing and redecorating the ladies bathrooms - wouldn't that be great?

It may be something very small, but how can each of us exceed the expectations of our people this week to the glory of God?

14.08.2026

Dear Methodist- Sew 'n Sews

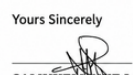
RE: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATION IN-KIND

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the church for the generous donation of pyjamas, beautifully knitted items, and warm blankets to the children at William Clark Garden Child and Youth Care Centre.

Your kindness and generosity have made a meaningful difference in the lives of the children, especially during the colder winter months. The pyjamas and blankets will provide much-needed warmth and comfort, while the lovingly knitted items are a beautiful reminder that the children are cared for and remembered by the community.

We sincerely appreciate the church for thinking of our children and for supporting the work we do in providing a safe, nurturing, and loving environment.

Yours Sincerely


SAMUKEL NKE LANGA
FACILITY MANAGER



Sew 'n Sews

 Westville Methodist Church

29 August

 7:30 am for a 8 start

Join Us for a Run or Walk. It's for a Cause



Condolences



Sincere Condolences to
Megan Woolridge, family and friends
on the passing of her brother
Aubrey Beard
on the 18th of August 2026



*Flowers this Sunday In
loving memory of
Andrew Kenny*

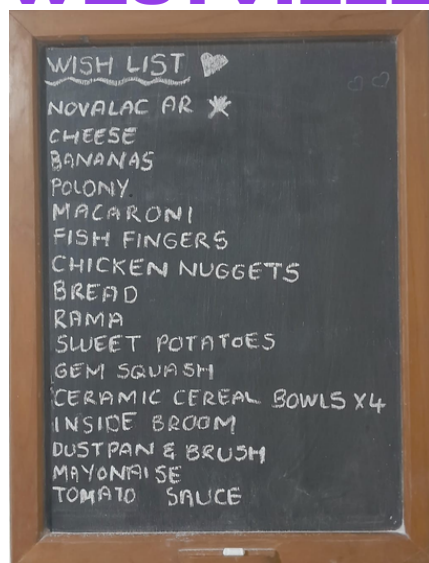
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Reg Tofts Thursday 27 Aug
Kevin Norris Friday 28 Aug



MISSION OF THE MONTH

THE BABY HOUSE WESTVILLE



CHURCH BANK DETAILS

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

August Prayer Focus



Our Church WMC

The Alpha Course

Mission Focus

The Baby House Westville



Thanksgiving

We give thanks for our **KnitWits** group of ladies. They have made 63 blankets since the beginning of May. They continue to bless the needy with their beautiful crocheted blankets.



Current Prayer Requests

Our country - Particularly the xenophobic issues



People Under Treatment

Tienie Dearham - Continuing treatment

Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer stable. Health fragile, but well supported.

Mike Higgs - Responding well to Cancer treatment. Immunotherapy treatments continue.



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



Westville Methodist Church
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VOLUNTEERS Needed

Dear Church Family,

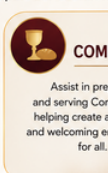
We are looking for willing members of our church community who would like to serve by volunteering for **Prayer Duty** and/or **Communion Duty** during our services.

These are meaningful opportunities to serve God and support our church family.



PRAYER DUTY

Stand in the gap, lift hearts in faith, and be a source of encouragement and spiritual support.



COMMUNION DUTY

Assist in preparing and serving Communion, helping create a reverent and welcoming environment for all.



You are welcome to volunteer for one or both.



Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated, and every helping hand makes a difference.



Thank you for serving with us and helping our church community grow in faith and fellowship.



TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE WHATSAPP LAUREN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ON
081 885 4928

Called to serve with passion.



WMC Children and Youth Ministry



Save the Date

Saturday, 19 September 2026

Join us for a wonderful Kids Ministry Cultural Day & Potluck!

THEME: "Every Tribe, Every Tongue, One Saviour" (Revelation 7:9)

**SATISFY US IN THE MORNING WITH YOUR UNFAILING LOVE,
THAT WE MAY SING FOR JOY AND BE GLAD ALL OUR DAYS.**

ISAIAH 50:4