25 OCTOBER 2026

Westville Methodist Church

STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

25 October to 31 October

Sunday **Matthew 22:34-46**
Monday **James 2:8-13**
Tuesday **Psalm 119:41-48**
Wednesday **Matthew 19:16-22**
Thursday **Romans 2:17-29**
Friday **Psalm 43**
Saturday **2 Peter 2:1-3**

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



At our leaders meeting this week, we listened to extracts from a history of WMC compiled some years back by Pat Long, Ken Knight, Reg Leverton and others. We imagined what it must have been like to be a part of those early conversations when our WMC ancestors bravely listened for God's call and then chased hard after this God-given dream - establishing and growing a worshipping Methodist family in Westville, with a vision to serve and love the wider community. Although they started with a blank page, these pioneers had a clear sense of what could be and stubbornly stuck to their task until it became reality.

Next year we celebrate 50 years on this property and we want to do two things:

1. During 2027 we will plan a series of celebratory events to mark this special year, culminating in a big gathering on Saturday 27 November and a special service on Sunday the 28th, marking the first day of the next 50 years.

2. If you're a cricket fan you may know that cricketers always take guard at the start of their innings. Some cricketers do the same thing when they reach a milestone (50 or 100 runs). It communicates to everyone that they are committed to batting for a very long time - they are starting their next 50 or 100. As we take guard again on our 50th anniversary, we want to listen very carefully for what God is calling us to in this next period. So, during 2027 we will organise regular prayer events to listen for God's dream for WMC and we will also be listening very carefully to our WMC members and the wider community as we seek to discern the way forward.

You will hear more details about these plans at our combined service at 9am on 29 November. In the meantime, join us as we pray and prepare for a very significant 2027.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Khethiwe Rehab Centre for Children with disabilities

Special Prayer Request

We have experienced a number of deaths among the children at Khethiwe this year. Please keep their families in your prayers, as well as the team, who are deeply saddened by these losses.
Please also pray for the succession plan as Glenys gradually reduces her working hours, that the transition will be smooth and guided by God.





NEEDS LIST

AA Batteries
Kids' Poster Paints
Cheesecurls or Flings
Christmas Cake Baker







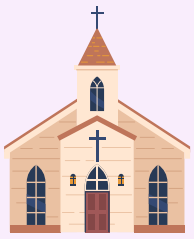






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October Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC
Small Groups in the Church
Mission Focus
Khethiwe





Thanksgiving

We give thanks for each and every one of our wonderful church volunteers. Your time, dedication, kindness and willingness to serve make such a difference to our church community. Thank you for all that you do.

Zayden Govender - We give thanks for the improvement in Zayden's kidney function. Thanks for the prayers.

Denise Blevin - Gives thanks for the prayers. Hugely appreciated.

Current Prayer Requests



Grade 12 learners - Writing Matric exams
Our country - Upcoming Elections
Mervyn Reed - Healing after an Achilles tendon tear
Bruce Theunissen - Pacemaker repair surgery -recovering well



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 - Healing well
Nick Naidoo - Needing further sugery
Sané Ndlovu - Endometriosis improving
Brandon Walker - New treatment for Fibromyalgia in progress
John Cave - Cancer responding well to treatment. Undertaking preparation for a new treatment.





Ongoing Prayer



Chrissie Smith, Letitia Norris, Horizon Farm, Shelley Reed, 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

Sept-26	Income	Expenses	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Actual	216,169	226,724	-10,555
Budget	225,544	222,807	2,737

YTD	Income	Expenses	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Actual	1,977,289	1,935,484	41,805
Budget	2,023,070	2,017,145	5,925

Our Daily Bread

Sylvia Garvie from ***'Our Daily Bread'*** will be visiting the two morning services on ***Sunday, 1 November***. Established in 1956 and published in 58 languages in over 150 countries, the 2027 daily devotional book costs R70 and will be for sale after the services.