



Staying Connected 26 December 2021

Office Details

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00
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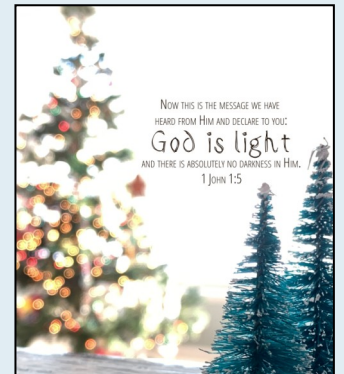
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Sunday Service Times:

09:00
18:30 (From 9 January 2022)

From the Minister's Desk

A year ago, South Africans celebrated Christmas at the height of the second wave of the pandemic. This year we find ourselves at the peak of the fourth wave, but so much has changed in the last 12 months: life-saving vaccines are widely available (we're seeing their impact already) and the lockdown conditions that were necessary at first are now being consistently eased to facilitate economic recovery. We're all still being appropriately cautious, but we are daring to hope - and so we should, for we are a people of hope! We are a people who dare to believe that a child born in an obscure corner of the world would become the Saviour of the world. He is *"the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out"* (John 1:5).
May you and those you love experience that light and be renewed in hope this Christmas!



Sunday Evening Service

The 18:30 Sunday Evening Service will resume from Sunday 9 January 2022.



Contact Details

Minister

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Society Stewards

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Church Diary 2022

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. We do currently have a few slots available to hire, on weekday mornings. Please will all church groups and ministries confirm their dates, for using any rooms in the church complex for 2022, with Laura in the church office. The diary for the year ahead is being prepared and your assistance would be appreciated.

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed from 12:00 on Friday 24 December 2021 and will re-open at 08:30 on Monday 3 January 2022. For any pastoral concerns please contact one of the Society Stewards or the Minister.



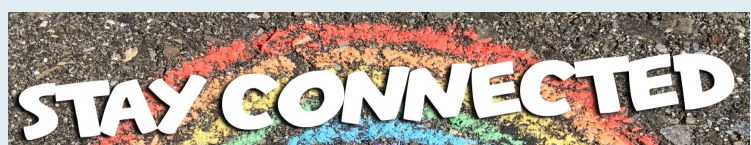
Bible Readings

26 December 2021 to 1 January 2022

Sunday Psalm 148
Monday John 21 : 19(b) -24
Tuesday Isaiah 54 : 1 - 13
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 3 : 10 - 17
Thursday Mark 13 : 32 - 37
Friday John 8 : 12 - 19
Saturday Psalm 8

Stay Connected

Just as we are trying to stay connected with you, we also need you to stay connected with us. If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members going to hospital or unwell, please let the church office know.



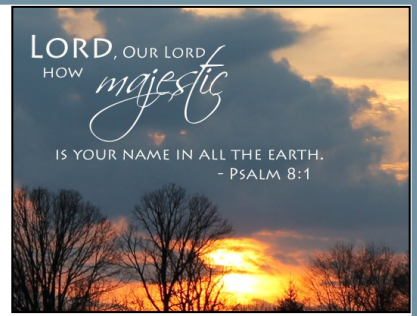


The fridge in the kitchen at the church building is in need of replacement. If you have a good, second hand fridge looking for a new home, please contact the church office.



Please Pray for

- Baby Luca Anderson (Hearing)
- Lorraine Bekker (Recuperating at home)
- John Cave (Cancer / more comfortable)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Mary Irving (Idiopathic Pulmonary Disease)
- Andrew Kenny (Recuperating at home)
- Dave and Cheryl McDougall (Business concerns)
- Ria Munroe (Cancer)
- Doff Ponsie (Care Facility)
- Mary Quilling (Cancer)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
- Siswana Family (Family difficulties / Employment needs)
- Marjorie Tarbett (Recovering in a care facility)
- Shirley Whelan (Convalescing after Stroke)



Ongoing Prayer

- Lance Bainbridge, Margaret Bosman, Florrie David-Sullivan, Evelyn Kolbe, Michael Madlala, Letitia Norris, Judy Odendaal, Nicky Proctor, Emma, Ross and Cris Reay, Steve Smith, Sherwyn Sullivan, Geoff Taylor.

Pray for the leadership, finances and administration of WMC.

Remember those who are far away from loved ones at this time and are restricted from meeting one another.

Giving



Westville Churches Food Bank

On Tuesday 14 December 2021 a total of 70 family parcels (140 packed bags in total) were distributed. The Food Bank is in recess during the Christmas Season and will re-open in the week commencing 10 January 2022. Thank you to the many donors and volunteers that have assisted the Food Bank this year. An average of 35 families are provided with food packs each week. This amounts to about R12 250 weekly.

Finances

Christmas Day Collection

The entire Christmas Day collection goes to the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre in Malvern. If you would still like to contribute, we will be collecting funds until 7 January 2022. Please let us have your contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Ethelbert".



Church Bank Details

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



Thank you for your continued giving. As a result of your giving we are able to tithe on a monthly basis to 11 organisations / ministries.