



# Staying Connected

9 January 2022

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00

Fri : 08:30 to 13:00

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### Sunday Service Times:

09:00

18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

Last Sunday we read the story of the Magi's journey to visit Jesus as a baby – a passage that is traditionally associated with the Feast of Epiphany (which takes place on 6 January every year, at the end of the twelve days of Christmas).

In preparing for the service, I came across an ancient Christian practice linked to this day known as "chalking the door". At this time of year, you will still find Christians from many traditions writing in chalk above their doorways expressions like "20 † C † M † B † 22", where the numbers refer to the year, the crosses to Christ, and the letters stand for the traditional names of the three Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar). In later years, CMB also came to stand for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house). An unusual practice, don't you think?

*But as we stand at the start of this new year, whether we literally chalk our doors or not, we do ask for the blessing of God on our families and community for 2022!*



## Book Corner at WMC

Please visit the Book Corner in the church lounge. You can either leave a donation in the honesty box in the church office or swap your books. When swapping books please ensure the books you leave behind are in good condition. We are not able to take big encyclopedias or large study books.

## Flowers in the Church

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Service. If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.



## 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.

## 2022 WA Diary

The 2022 WA Diary is available from the church office at a cost of R30 each.

## Contact Details

### Minister

Michael Bishop 079 4999 139

### Society Stewards

David Jordan 082 922 9385  
Amanda Kenny 083 330 8780  
Ashley Sellwood 083 650 7612  
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Jane Bainbridge 084 746 2004  
Brandon Walker 084 912 8188  
Brenda Siswana 079 485 4870  
Natalie Moolman 073 438 8153

## Bible Readings

### 9 to 15 January 2022

**Sunday** Isaiah 43 : 1 - 7

**Monday** Psalm 106 : 1 - 12

**Tuesday** 1 John 5 : 13 - 21

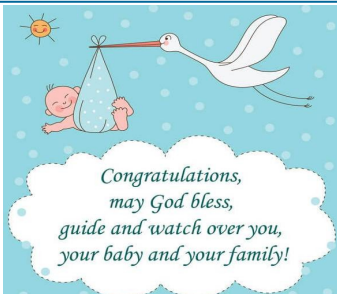
**Wednesday** Luke 11 : 33 - 36

**Thursday** Psalm 36 : 5 - 10

**Friday** Jeremiah 3 : 19 - 25

**Saturday** Luke 11 : 14 - 23





**Birth Congratulations to Kevin and Letitia Norris on the birth of a grand-son, Griffin Kei Douglas, born on 31 December 2021 in Adelaide, Australia.**



**Condolences to Tina Warby and Family on the death of Peter Warby on 29 December 2021;**

**To The Family of Joan De Klerk who passed away on Tuesday 4 January 2022;**

**And to Sean and Ashley Sellwood and Family on the death of Sean's step-mother, Rhoda Sellwood on 6 January 2022.**

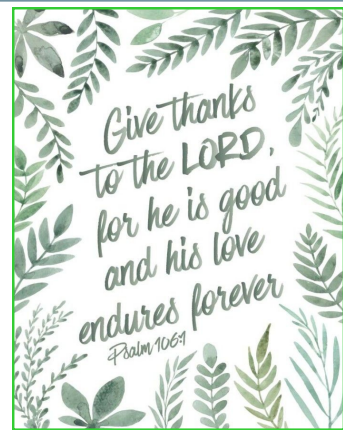
**Items that can be placed in the green Mpact Recycling Bin:**

- Any form of paper
- Old memos / letters
- Flattened cardboard boxes
- Photocopying paper
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Old telephone directories and books
- Envelopes
- Milk and juice cartons (Tetra Pak)
- Paper Cups



**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)
- Wendy McGregor (Thymic Carcinoma)
- Ria Munroe (Cancer)
- Doff Ponsie (Care Facility)
- Shirleen Prydderch (Recovering)
- 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)



**Please remember Covid patients in your prayers and people who have lost loved ones.**

**Bring to the Lord the elderly and lonely and those that are anxious and have mental health issues.**

**Ongoing Prayer**

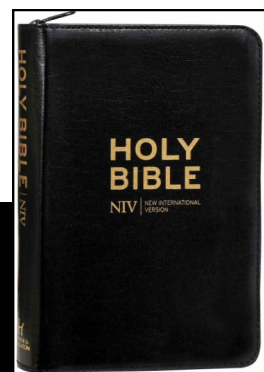
- Lance Bainbridge, Margaret Bosman, Florrie David-Sullivan, Evelyn Kolbe, Michael Madlala, Letitia Norris, Judy Odendaal, Nicky Proctor, Emma, Ross and Cris Reay, Steve Smith, Sherwyn Sullivan, Geoff Taylor.

**Giving**

**Mpact Recycling** needs your unwanted paper for recycling. Mpact Recycling collects upwards of 600 000 tonnes of recovered paper per year. All this paper is used in the manufacture of recycle-based paper and packaging. By recycling you are diverting paper from landfills. Recycling work also provides jobs for around 100 000 people in South Africa. All funds received from Mpact for the recycling bin in the church premises are allocated to the running of the Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen which is held on the WMC premises four times per week.



This Sunday there will be a box in the Church Foyer with copies of the NIV Bible. You are most welcome to take one and pass it on to someone in need.



**Finances**

2021 YTD	Actual	Budget	
Total Income YTD	R1 666 314.72	R2 046 033.00	R 379 718.28 Under Budget
Total Expenses YTD	R1 754 235.89	R2 004 738.00	R250 502.11 Under Budget
Net Loss YTD			<b>(R 87 921.17)</b>

In comparison to pre-Covid figures:

- EFT Payments have dropped by R 19 773
- Planned Giving Envelopes have dropped by R 19 330
- Cash Collections have dropped by R 22 112
- Total decrease R 61 215**

**Church Bank Details**

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church

**Acc No:** 58880668126

**Bank:** First National Bank

**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526

