



Staying Connected

2 October 2022

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07:30
09:00
18:30

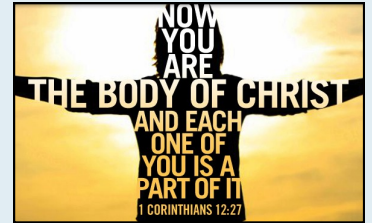
From the Minister's Desk

Our son Thomas has been performing in a school play over this last week. Highbury put on a wonderful show – Kenneth Grahame's *Wind in the Willows* – full of music and lots of local South African humour.

What really struck me was the effort that had been made to ensure that all the grade 6 and 7 boys got to participate – everybody had something to do. I'm sure it would have been tempting for the teaching staff involved to reduce the size of the cast (managing 150 energetic boys must be like herding cats!), but involving everyone was clearly a priority. Even the lead roles were shared – there were two teams of boys who performed the lead roles on alternative nights of the play. If the aim was to produce a perfect play, you would simply cast the ideal lead actors, but here again the key value embodied was involving more boys in the production. Brilliant!

A similar dynamic plays out in the church – we value widespread participation in all that we do. St Paul's familiar image of the church as a body (1 Cor 12) is helpful – there is a part for everyone to play in the life of our worshipping community.

If you feel like you're watching from the wings, please consider joining one of our service teams or contact the office for more details.



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Jumble Sale / Indali

There will be a Jumble Sale / Indali at 09:00 on *Saturday 5 November* in the Lower Hall. Pre-loved clothes, shoes, linen and small household items will be available at very reasonable prices.

In this regard we are currently looking for donations of the following:

Crockery and small kitchen items

Clothes and Footwear

Linen, Curtains and Blankets

Clothing Hangers

(All items to be clean and usable, please). These items can be placed in the black box outside the office. Thank you.



Learning to Sew

The Learning to Sew Empowerment Project is in its second week. Students this past week were very proud to show off the pin cushions that they made during the lesson on Tuesday. If you would like further information about this project please contact the church office or email Ashley at outreach@westvillemethodist.co.za .



Pin Cushions made

Bible Readings

2 to 8 October 2022

Sunday Luke 17 : 5 - 10
Monday Psalm 137
Tuesday 1 John 5 : 1 - 5
Wednesday Mark 11 : 20 - 24
Thursday Psalm 66 : 1 - 12
Friday 2 Timothy 2 : 1 - 7
Saturday Luke 5 : 12 - 16

Church Diary 2023

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. Please will all church groups and ministries confirm their dates, for using any rooms in the church complex for 2023, with Laura in the church office.



**Sincere condolences to
Barbara Kemp and Family
on the death of Barbara's husband,
Lance Kemp
on Wednesday 21 September,
And to Valda and Reg Tofts
and Family on the death of
Valda's father,
Trevor Munroe
on Wednesday 28 September.**



All ladies are invited to join a WMC Ladies Fellowship group which meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 in the lounge. There is a time of devotion, sharing and refreshments.



Westville Cancer Support Group

The next meeting of the Westville Cancer support Group will be held at 18:00 on Monday 3 October at Westville Methodist Church. All welcome.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Allegra Brouckaert (Ongoing treatment following Dog Bite)
- Col Dormer (Duodenal Ulcer - Recovering)
- John Cave (Cancer - Back pain)
- Letitia Norris (Knee Replacement Surgery - Recovering)
- Cynthia McNaughton (Knee Replacement / Stroke in Eye - Improvement in vision)
- Mary Irving (Chest Infection)
- Gerry Martin (Restless Leg, Post Polio Syndrome)
- Gwen King (Eye Sight Problems)
- Janita Downing (Macular Degeneration)
- Zayden Govender (Kidney function - Has Improved)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Megan Moody (Endometrial Cancer)
- Florrie David-Sullivan (Frail)
- Dorothea Reynolds (Frail)
- Siegy Hanelt (AML - Leukemia - New Treatment)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
- Steve Smith (Stroke - In ICU)



Ongoing Prayer

Luca Anderson, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Mike Hoole, Andrew Kenny, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Wendy McGregor, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.

Giving



Rainbows and Smiles

Children fighting cancer spend a lot of time in cold hospital wards. Many of the children come from far, outlying rural areas where the winters are extremely cold. Children that have weekly / bi-weekly or even monthly check-ups, sometimes leave home at 3am to get to the hospital and it is really cold at 3am. Please help us keep them warm inside and out by donating any one of the items listed. These can be placed in the black box outside the office, marked "Rainbows and Smiles".



- Blankets, socks, gloves, scarves, beanies (these items need to be new)**
- Cup A Soup / Packet Soups and 2 Minute Noodles**

Items of Winter Warmth were distributed to Rainbows and Smiles this week. Thank you

THANK YOU!

Finances



The church tithes to 9 organisations / ministries on a monthly basis according to the monthly income received. These organisations / ministries are: Allowance for running of Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen, Adult Literacy Programme at WMC, Prialax, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Ingwe, Thembaletu Sewing Centre, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre and the Westville Baby House. This amounts to R 9 600 each month.

Thank you for your faithful giving. It is a result of your giving that we are in a position to give so generously.

Church Bank Details

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

