



Staying Connected 4 December 2022

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

People have often said to me that the thought of standing up and speaking in front of a crowd terrifies them. I can relate – even after all these years I am still often nervous in the pulpit. What may surprise you though is that on a Sunday, for me, preaching and leading worship is not as scary as interacting spontaneously after the service with people that I don't know well or have never met. I can relate to those of you who want to get out of the parking lot as quickly as you can after a service :) But, my fellow-introverts, we need to do the hard work of risking awkward conversation, because we need to be in community! There is good news though – I came across something recently that psychologists call "the liking gap". Research shows that many people after a conversation will go away feeling self-critical ('why did I say that?', 'they must think I'm an idiot...') and that there is a gap between how much we think the other person likes or appreciates us and how much they actually do. In essence, other people like us significantly more than we think – this is the liking gap. So, can I encourage you to invest in community by having a friendly conversation with someone this Sunday, to trust that you have something to say that is worth hearing, and to remember that you and I are more likeable than we think! And you extroverts can make it easier on the rest of us by taking the first step :)



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Gods Club 2023 Dates

The Children's Church will meet at the 09:00 service each Sunday during the following term dates in 2023.

Term	Duration	Weeks
1	22 January - 26 March	9
Long weekend	19 March (17 - 21 March)	
2	16 April - 11 June	8
Long weekend	30 April (27 April - 1 May), 18 June (16 - 18 June)	
3	23 July - 17 September	9
4	15 October - 3 December	8

Bible Readings

4 to 10 December 2022

Sunday Matthew 3 : 1 - 12
Monday Psalm 21
Tuesday Isaiah 41 : 14 - 20
Wednesday Genesis 15 : 1 - 18
Thursday Psalm 146 : 5 - 10
Friday 2 Peter 3 : 11 - 18
Saturday 1 Samuel 2 : 1 - 8

Blue Christmas

A service of remembrance and hope

Thursday 22 December

18h30

Westville Methodist Church





**Sincere condolences to
Joyce Reddy and Family on the
death of her daughter
Meryl Govender recently.**



Special thanks to all who contributed and assisted with teas and eats at the combined service this past Sunday.



**The Flowers in Church
this week are
in loving memory of
Yvonne Mawhinney.**



**Christmas Service
Times**

Christmas Day
Sunday 25 December

07:00

08:30

Everyone is welcome!

2023 W.A. Diary

The 2023 W.A. Diary is available from the church office at a cost of R30 each.

Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Westville **Br Code:** 223526



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Shirleen Prydderch (Tests - Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
- Stephen Adams (Heart Transplant)
- Austin Sabatini (Recovery - Kidney Surgery)
- Sharon Duraan (Recovery - Surgery)
- Steve Smith (ICU - Speaking tube)
- Sané Ndlovu (Endometriosis Treatment)
- John Cave (Cancer - Back pain)
- Cynthia McNaughton (Stroke in Eye - Improvement in vision)
- Gwen King (Eye Sight Problems)
- Janita Downing (Macular Degeneration)
- Zayden Govender (Kidney function - Has Improved)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Florrie David-Sullivan (Frail)
- Sieggy Hanelt (AML - Leukemia - New Treatment)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)



For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Isaiah 41:13



Ongoing Prayer

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



Sew 'n Sews Donation to Rainbows and Smiles this week.

76 Beanies

3 Jerseys

12 Cool Dudes

5 Teddies

Headbands, slippers and mittens

17 Pyjamas

7 Track Suits

Thank you to all the ladies that made this donation possible.



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.

Ethelbert : Christmas Day Collection

Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, based in Malvern, is a residential place of safety that cares for 65 children who have been removed from their parents because of sexual and / or physical abuse, severe neglect, abandonment, and those orphaned by HIV/Aids. They have been caring for and loving children since their inception in 1907. Ethelbert's main priority is to break the cycle of abuse and to build up the self-esteem and confidence of the children in their care. The child-orientated programmes, dedicated residential social worker, psychologist and childcare workers help children in their care to develop positive life-skills in a secure and loving environment.

The entire Christmas Day collection goes to Ethelbert. Please bear this in mind when you prepare for this time, and if you would like to give to this worthy cause, even if you are planning to be away over Christmas, let us have your contribution clearly marked 'Ethelbert' before you leave.

