



# Staying Connected 11 December 2022

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

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

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

This week our Exec met for the last time in 2022. One of the themes that kept coming up as we spent time looking ahead into 2023 was the need to refresh our property. More than just a maintenance issue, we are wanting to be very intentional about welcoming the hundreds of people who enter our property each week, so this is also about hospitality and mission.

There is a further, theological dimension, however. Each week our flower team remind us that beauty and creativity are *part of our worship*. There is a reason that artists and workers spent decades, sometimes centuries, producing magnificent cathedrals that pointed eloquently to the power and beauty of God.

Thomas Troeger writes, *"In a world filled with terrors, the heart longs for a vision of divine beauty, and when the church fails to attend to beauty, the life of faith often becomes grim and onerous. We distort the image of God in ourselves and in our understanding of God's character, often concentrating on the power and might of God to the neglect of other divine attributes. An unimaginative and aesthetically starved faith not only diminishes God, it also diminishes us. We are no longer all that God made us to be."*

So, we don't yet have a clear plan of how we intend to refresh our buildings and grounds, but if you have a creative bent and would like to help shape this vision, we'd love to hear from you!



## Contact Details

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## Thursday Ladies' Bible Study

The Thursday Ladies' Bible Study will commence in the second half of January, with a new DVD-based course by Beth Moore on the book of James. Meetings run from 14:00pm to 16:00pm in the Family Room at WMC. For further information please contact Glenda on WhatsApp : 082 6557785. All are welcome.

## New Years Day Service

Please note : There will only be one service at 09:00 on New Years Day. There will be NO 07:30 or 18:30 service.

## Bible Readings

### 11 to 17 December 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 11 : 2 - 11
<b>Monday</b>	Psalms 42
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jude 1 : 17 - 25
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matthew 8 : 14 - 17
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalms 80 : 1 - 7
<b>Friday</b>	Galatians 4 : 1 - 7
<b>Saturday</b>	John 3 : 31 - 36

## Blue Christmas

A service of remembrance and hope

Thursday 22 December

18h30

Westville Methodist Church



Join us for an evening  
of Christmas Carols  
at the  
18h30 Service on  
18 December 2022

# PRAYER REQUESTS



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|------------------------|--|
| 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)                 |



**Christmas Service Times**

Christmas Day  
Sunday 25 December

07:00  
08:30

Everyone is welcome!

## 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.



As a result of your generous giving, we are able to **increase** our tithe allocation for the month of December to the following recipients:

- Prialex
- Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre
- Ingwe
- Thembaletu Sewing Centre
- Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre
- The Westville Baby House.



## 2022 Christmas Day COLLECTIONS

Your support towards Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre ensures that each of our 65 children benefit from a loving and caring environment that provides for their every need.

Thank you for making a contribution this Christmas, and changing a child's life!

*~ We wish you a blessed New Year ~*

Your Ethelbert CYCC Family

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Your faithful giving to the work of your church is really appreciated.

## Church Bank Details

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



2022 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Nov 22 YTD</b>	R2 041 406.91	R1 999 830.00	R 41 576.91 Over Budget
<b>Total Expenses Nov 22 YTD</b>	R1 976 269.73	R1 977 745.00	R 1 475.27 Under Budget
<b>Net Surplus YTD</b>	<b>R 65 137.18</b>		