



# Staying Connected 18 December 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:

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## This Week's Reflection

Heavenly Father, we look forward to another Christmas season, the time that your children celebrate Your unending love and great sacrifice. Make us channels of that goodness so that we can share it with those who have less than we do; teach us to love like You do, even if it takes a lot of effort. Thank You that forever Christmas stays a visual lesson of Your immeasurable love. But Lord, our love still falls short of understanding and sensitivity to the needs of others - please help us with this. We pray for true joy and we praise You for humbling Yourself by coming to us as a tiny human baby in the care of a young teenage girl so that we might discover and experience the extent of Your greatness and majesty first-hand.



## 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.

## 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.

## Holiday Office Hours

The church office will close at 14:00 on Thursday 22 December 2022 and will re-open at 08:30 on Tuesday 3 January 2023. For any pastoral concerns please contact one of the Society Stewards or the Minister.



## Contact Details

### Minister

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### Society Stewards

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## Bible Readings

### 18 to 24 December 2022

**Sunday** Matthew 1 : 18 - 25  
**Monday** 1 Samuel 2 : 1 - 10  
**Tuesday** Genesis 21 : 1 - 21  
**Wednesday** Matthew 1 : 1 - 17  
**Thursday** Luke 1 : 46 - 55  
**Friday** Galatians 3 : 6 - 14  
**Saturday** Luke 2 : 1 - 14 (15 - 20)

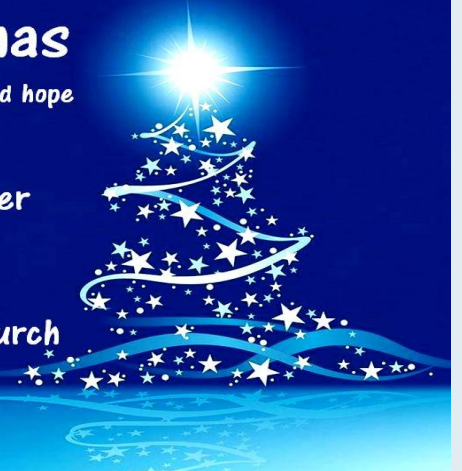
## Blue Christmas

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

**Christmas Service  
Times**


Christmas Day  
Sunday 25 December

07:00  
08:30

Everyone is welcome!

THERE IS NONE HOLY LIKE THE LORD;  
FOR THERE IS NONE BESIDES YOU;  
THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD.

1 Samuel 2:2



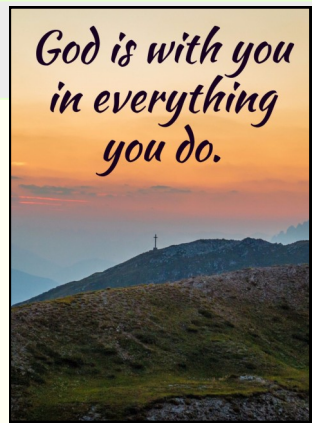
**The following items can be placed  
in the black box outside  
the church office.**

- Second hand clothes and shoes in good, clean condition
- Small household items, in good, clean condition
- Blankets / Linen / Towels
- Wool / Off-cuts of Material
- Non-perishable food items
- Books in good condition / Stationery
- Items for Winter Warmth

*Thank you*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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|------------------------|---|
| Shirleen Prydderch     | (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)      |
| Stephen Adams          | (Heart Transplant)                      |
| Austin Sabatini        | (Recovery - Kidney Surgery)             |
| Sharon Duraan          | (Recovery - Surgery)                    |
| Steve Smith            | (Recovery - off oxygen)                 |
| 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)              |



**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.



**Christmas Party at Ingwe**

Ashley and Bradley Sellwood visited the Ingwe Children's Home in Inanda on **Wednesday 14 December** to spread some Christmas cheer and

also to check the progress on the roof replacement and building repairs. Each child received a personal Christmas gift box packed full of treats.

**Thank you to all involved.**



**Church Bank Details**

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



**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.

