



Staying Connected 25 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

With so much busyness at this time of year – plenty of stressful arrangements, financial worries and the like – it takes being very intentional to remind ourselves of what this advent season is really all about. How are we to think about Christmas? As the prophet Isaiah says to a very discouraged nation, *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them."* (Isaiah 9:2)

At its heart, this season reminds us that God's light will shine through the darkness and that no matter how deep and dark the shadows feel, we may take hope because God has not left us alone. God has come to us – light shines and the darkness will not overcome it.

As you celebrate Christmas this year may you and those you love experience the light of God shining through the darkness. Jesus is called Emmanuel, for truly God is with us!



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Holiday Office Hours

The church office is closed and will re-open at 08:30 on Tuesday 3 January 2022. For any pastoral concerns please contact one of the Society Stewards or the Minister.



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.

Christmas Day Collection

The entire Christmas Day collection goes to the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre in Malvern. If you are away over Christmas and would still like to contribute, we will be collecting funds until 6 January 2023. Please let us have your contribution clearly marked **"Ethelbert"**.



Bible Readings

25 to 31 December 2022

Sunday	John 1 : 1 - 14
Monday	Acts 7 : 59 - 8 : 8
Tuesday	1 John 5 : 1 - 12
Wednesday	Matthew 18 : 1 - 14
Thursday	Psalm 20
Friday	Isaiah 26 : 1 - 9
Saturday	1 Kings 3 : 5 - 14

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Day
Sunday 25 December

07:00

08:30

Everyone is welcome!



★ welcome ★
baby ♥ girl

**Birth Congratulations
to Trevor and Helen Kemp
on the birth of a grand daughter,
Leah Grace Kemp
born to Ian and Caryn Kemp
on Thursday 15 December.**



**Birth Congratulations
to Patricia Mngqithi and Family
on the birth of a son,
Alusweyinkosi
born on Tuesday 20 December.**

In the beginning was
the Word, and the
Word was with God,
and the Word
was God.
John 1:1



**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

- Shirleen Prydderch (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
- Stephen Adams (Heart Transplant)
- 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)
- Siegyy 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.

Giving



On Monday 19 December, Checkers Gift Cards were presented to the men that attend the Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen. Thank you to Wendy Donalds and Our Lady of Lourdes, St Vincent de Paul, Westville Conference who, together with funds from the Fraternal Churches, made this gift possible.



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