



# Staying Connected

15 January 2023

## 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

Right from the beginning of the Bible, the Scriptures use the language of covenant - the practice of God reaching out to an individual, a family or a nation and inviting them very intentionally into relationship. There are a series of these formal covenants in the Old Testament, which ultimately culminate in the New Covenant that is mediated by Jesus in the New Testament.

We're also familiar with the language of covenant in the Methodist Church. In 1775, John Wesley held the first Methodist Covenant Service and it has become an annual practice for Methodists worldwide, where we have an opportunity to renew our covenant with God, usually at a service held early in the new year.

This year, our covenant service will be on 5 February, and we will prepare for that significant day by using the next three Sunday services to reflect on this covenant-making God who calls us into friendship with Him. This Sunday we begin with the covenant that God entered into with Noah. Hope to see you there!



## Contact Details

### Minister

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## Ladies Fellowship Group

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.

## Our Daily Bread

Sylvia Garvie from 'Our Daily Bread' will be visiting the two morning services this Sunday, 15 January. Established in 1956 and published in 58 languages in over 150 countries, this daily devotional book costs R70. The full catalogue can be viewed on the notice board in the foyer.

## Donations of Stationery

Supplying stationery to learners at the beginning of the school year is an added expense for many families. If you have any supply of stationery that you would like to pass on to families in need, please consider donating it to the many ministry groups that we assist. Thank you.

## Collection of Paper Waste

Please place all your paper waste in the green paper bank in the church parking area. All funds, from the collection of paper waste deposited in this paper bank, are allocated to the running of the Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen / Feeding Scheme at WMC.

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.

*Let's Stay Connected...*

## Bible Readings

### 15 to 21 January 2023

**Sunday** John 1 : 29 - 42  
**Monday** Psalm 40 : 6 - 17  
**Tuesday** Hebrews 10 : 1 - 4  
**Wednesday** Isaiah 48 : 12 - 21  
**Thursday** Psalm 27 : 1 - 6  
**Friday** Galatians 2 : 1 - 10  
**Saturday** Luke 5 : 27 - 32



# Congratulations on your Engagement

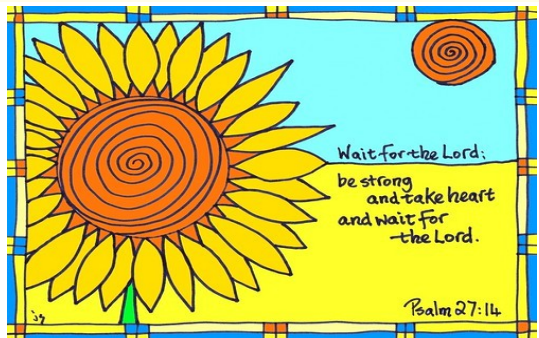


**Congratulations to Dave and Brenda Oldacre on the engagement of their son Dean to Emma Illidge in London on 31 December 2022.**

**Condolences to Jane Gibbs and Family on the death of John Gibbs on Sunday 8 January and, To Allen and Bev Sabatini and Family on the death of Bev's sister Sharon Duraan on 11 January.**

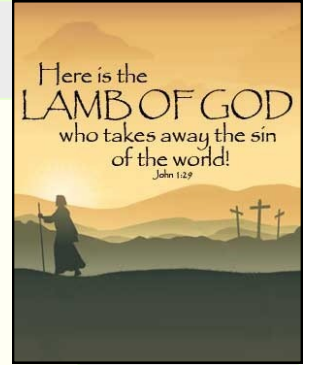


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# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Shirleen Prydderch (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
- Stephen Adams (Heart Transplant)
- Andrew Kenny (Pancreatic Cancer)
- Steve Smith (Recovery)
- 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)
- Siegygy Hanelt (AML - Leukemia - New Treatment)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
- Yvonne Wegerle (Chest Infection)



## Ongoing Prayer

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

## WMC Education Project

WMC tithes on a monthly basis to the Education Project incorporating The Right to Write, which runs English Literacy and Computer Classes at WMC during the week. For further information, please contact John Mac Donald on 084 3951197.



**Please continue collecting Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Tops and drop them off in the kitchen.**

#TOPS&TAGS FORWHEELCHAIRS



## Church Bank Details

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church  
**Acc No:** 58880668126

**Bank:** First National Bank  
**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526



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2022 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Dec 22 YTD</b>	R2 217 738.67	R2 181 630.00	R 36 108.67 Over Budget
<b>Total Expenses Dec 22 YTD</b>	R2 161 151.78	R2 157 540.00	R 3 611.78 Over Budget
<b>Net Surplus YTD</b>	<b>R 56 586.89</b>		