



# Staying Connected

26 February 2023

## 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

## Contact Details

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Louise Walker 084 580 3471

## Bible Readings

### 26 February to 4 March 2023

**Sunday** Matthew 4 : 1 - 11  
**Monday** Psalm 32  
**Tuesday** Hebrews 4 : 14 - 5 : 10  
**Wednesday** Matthew 18 : 10 - 14  
**Thursday** Psalm 121  
**Friday** Romans 3 : 21 - 31  
**Saturday** Isaiah 51 : 4 - 8

## From the Minister's Desk

In the last couple of weeks I've written to you here about two of the four practices that WMC offers to our people as helpful pathways to deeper discipleship. The four practices are **Connecting, Giving, Serving and Worshipping** and we believe that intentionally making these a part of our lives will help us to mature as disciples of Jesus.

I've told you before about the very large Methodist church in Texas that arranges for its members to mow its lawns every week. When quizzed about this, the pastor acknowledged that it is a major administrative headache to arrange rosters and training and organise last minute replacements and so on – it would be much easier to outsource the job to a garden service. But they persist, not so much because the church needs help with their lawn, but rather because they believe that service is helpful for people. When we serve, we are being formed – being made more like the One who washed his disciples' feet; when we serve, it helps us to feel that we are an active part of this church community – we feel like we belong and are contributing.

At the moment, there are 105 individuals at WMC serving in different ways in the life of our community. We don't have a large lawn to mow :) but if you'd like to get involved in some way, pick up a pamphlet at the welcome counter, or explore our app for more details.

## Milestone Birthday Celebration

Michael Bishop will be turning 50 on Wednesday 1 March. To celebrate this milestone birthday we will be having a special birthday tea after the 09:00 service on **Sunday 5 March 2023**. All welcome.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Michael, please ensure that any contribution is clearly marked "50 Gift". Contributions can be made in cash (in an envelope clearly marked), by EFT or Zapper to the Church's account. This will be presented to him during the service. Thank you.

## Oasis Ladies' Ministry

Save the Date : Saturday 11 March for the next Oasis Ladies' Ministry morning. Further information to follow.



## Lent Devotions

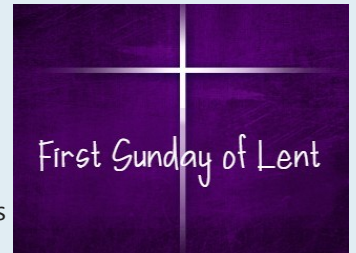
David Jordan's Bible Study group will be meeting in the Church Sanctuary during Lent. He will be reading chapters from the Bible relating to the week, leading up to Good Friday. There will also be periods of quiet time where one will be able to reflect on the reading or spend time in prayer.

All welcome to attend this Lenten Devotional group.

**Dates** : Tuesday 28 February, Tuesday 7 March, Tuesday 21 March and Tuesday 4 April. **Time** : 17:30 to 18:30.

## Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 18:30 on Thursday 6 April  
Good Friday 09:00 on Friday 7 April  
Sunrise Service 06:30 on Sunday 9 April  
Easter Sunday Service 08:00 on Sunday 9 April



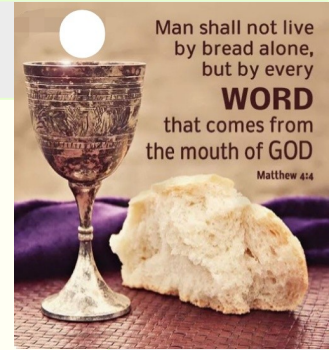
## Speakers needed

Our Children's Ministries Group is needing speakers that can be attached to a laptop or a cellphone. If you are able to help in this regard, kindly contact the office. Thank you.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Baby Brianna Belling (Recovering from Heart Surgery - In the NICU)  
 Shirleen Prydderch (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)  
 Stephen Adams (Heart Transplant)  
 Andrew Kenny (Pancreatic Cancer)  
 Sané Ndlovu (Endometriosis Treatment)  
 John Cave (Cancer - Back pain)  
 Cynthia McNaughton (Stroke in Eye – Improvement)  
 Janita Downing (Macular Degeneration)  
 Zayden Govender (Kidney function - Has Improved)  
 Mike Hoole (Frail)  
 Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)  
 Florrie David-Sullivan (Frail)  
 Sieggy Hanelt (AML - Leukemia)  
 Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)  
 Yvonne Wegerle (Recovering)



*Young Adults*

A Young Adults Fellowship Group meets at WMC every Wednesday evening at 18:30

All welcome!



## Westville Cancer Support Group

The next meeting of the Westville Cancer Support Group will be held at 18:00 on Monday 6 March at Westville Methodist Church. All welcome.

## Ongoing Prayer

Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Gwen King, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Wendy McGregor, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Steve Smith, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.

## Women's World Day of Prayer 2023



**Friday 3 March 2023 at 10:00**  
**St Elizabeth's Anglican Church, Westville**

## 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.



**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*

## Soup Kitchen : Appeal for Funds

A full meal is provided to the indigent folk of Westville five days a week, on the church premises. This is a ministry of the Fraternal Churches of Westville. At present funds are very low. If you would like to donate to this worthy ministry, please reference "Soup Kitchen" when making a payment to the WMC bank account.

## Church Bank Details

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



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

2023 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Jan 23 YTD</b>	R170 056.29	R196 550.00	R 26 493.71 Under Budget
<b>Total Expenses Jan 23 YTD</b>	R194 333.21	R198 261.00	R 3 927.79 Under Budget
<b>Net Deficit YTD</b>	<b>R 24 276.92</b>		