



Staying Connected 26 March 2023

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09:00
18:30

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Bible Readings

26 March to 1 April 2023

Sunday John 11 : 1 - 45
Monday Psalm 143
Tuesday 2 Kings 4 : 18 - 37
Wednesday Matthew 22 : 23 - 33
Thursday Psalm 31 : 9 - 16
Friday Job 13 : 13 - 19
Saturday Mark 10 : 32 - 34

From the Minister's Desk

"How do I find deeper happiness?" Psychology Prof Dacher Keltner replies to this question as follows: "The science points to an answer in the abstract: Find more community. Deepen your connections with others. Be with others in meaningful ways. Find rituals to organize your life. It will boost your happiness, give you greater joy, and even add ten years to your life expectancy, science suggests." If he's right, am I allowed to tell people that joining us in a Sunday service each week could add 10 years to their life? :) I'm struck by his use of the word 'rituals'. At WMC we've been having conversations about our experience of Sunday worship together. I asked one group what they would do if they were given a blank sheet of paper and told to design a worship service from scratch. What would we include, or leave out? What rituals from a previous era still serve us well (we recently reintroduced the practice of blessing the offering, which went missing during the pandemic). Which practices need renewal? What new rituals need to be developed given that increasing numbers of our worshippers are joining us online? I'd be fascinated to hear your views. Especially if they end up increasing my life expectancy ...



God's Club In Recess

The last meeting for term one for *God's Club* (Junior Church) will be this Sunday, 26 March. *God's Club* will resume for the second term on Sunday 16 April.

Welcome Team

Are you a member of our Welcome Team? Or are you interested in joining the Welcome Team? Come and find out more on Sunday 2 April at 10:15 in the Church.



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.



Easter
SERVICE TIMES

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

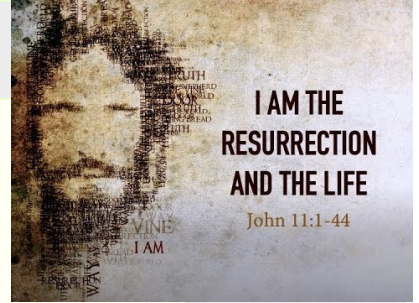


Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to Peter and Bronwen Hockaday who celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary on 18 March.



- Sylvia Hamann (In hospital - Recovering from surgery)
- Baby Brianna Belling Shirleen Prydderch (In the NICU) (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
- Stephen Adams (Heart Transplant Surgery - Recovering)
- Andrew Kenny (Pancreatic Cancer)
- Sané Ndlovu (Endometriosis Treatment - Pain Control)
- 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)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
- Yvonne Wegerle (Recovering)



I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
John 11:1-44



Palm Cross Making Workshop

Saturday 1 April 2023
09h30
WMC Lower Hall

Please join us!
We aim to make 200 Crosses!
You will need a pair of scissors.



HEAR MY PRAYER O LORD
Psalm 145:1

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.



We welcome your donations of wool.

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A beautiful apron made by one of the ladies at the Sewing Empowerment group.



Spread some warmth this winter...

As the weather starts to cool at this time of year, we start to collect and distribute items for **"Winter Warmth"**. This includes blankets, jerseys, socks, beanies or bedding. If you have any of these items in good, clean condition that you would like to donate, please place them in the black box outside the office, marked **"Winter Warmth"**.




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

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Branch: Westville Br Code: 223526



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We ask you to please remember the finances of WMC.

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your giving, and where at all possible use electronic means to make your offerings and contributions to the church, even though it may differ from some time-honoured traditions. EFT and Stop Orders can be done online and should you choose, Zapper is another option.



Thank you to the learners of Westville Senior Primary School who collected Easter Eggs for the Westville Fraternal Churches. These will be distributed to charities and retirement homes.