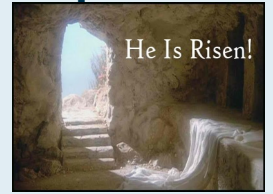




Staying Connected

9 April 2023



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07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

What sometimes happens in churches during our Good Friday service is that we can become morbidly fascinated by the horror of the crucifixion and find ourselves focusing on the specific details of the pain that Jesus endured on the cross. All of that may be true (and we are forever grateful for all that he went through on our behalf) but I suspect that Jesus would prefer for our attention during this weekend to move from the *what* to the *why of Easter*. In our Good Friday service this year, our call to worship includes the line, "This is not a day for mourning but for awe, wonder, love and gratitude." That seems to get the tone right, doesn't it? We are invited to remember with awe and wonder that God came into our world and gave himself for you and me, so that we could know what it is to truly live. And, as we look ahead to Sunday, wonderfully, we are also invited to remember and celebrate that love wins, that death is defeated, and that we are joined with Jesus in his triumph as a resurrected people, a people of hope. May you experience the wonder and hope of this season over these days!

Palm Cross Making Workshop

A Palm Cross Making Workshop was held on Saturday 1 April and 200 palm crosses were made and handed out to church members at all 3 services on Palm Sunday. Thank you to all involved.



Good Friday Collection

A reminder that all funds received at the Good Friday Service are allocated and paid to the *Ministerial Students Fund*, for students studying at the Seminary. This will include deposits made into the church bank account, clearly marked "Ministerial Fund". Thank you.

Ladies Fellowship Group

All ladies are invited to join the WMC Ladies Fellowship group on Friday 14 April at 10:00 in the lounge. There is a time of devotion, sharing and refreshments.

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Bible Readings

9 to 15 April 2023

Sunday	John 20 : 1 - 18
Monday	Psalms 118 : 1 - 2
Tuesday	Colossians 3 : 12 - 17
Wednesday	Matthew 28 : 1 - 10
Thursday	Psalms 16
Friday	1 Corinthians 15 : 1 - 11
Saturday	John 20 : 11 - 20



Easter
SERVICE TIMES

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



Krituwit's Social

Our group has grown to over 50 ladies! Thank you to all those that have been attending and a very BIG thank you to those that have donated wool to help in making these beautiful blankets. The love, laughter, and excitement grows every month. Please join us again for a creative morning over a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

Date: Saturday, 15 April, 2023
 Time: 9:00 - 12:00
 Venue: Westville Methodist Church
 R.S.V.P. Wendy Theunissen 0823581593

Joy Pampering Day Senior Citizens

Please diarise **Thursday 19 June at 09:00** at Home Ground Baptist Church for a Pampering Day for Senior Citizens hosted by the Westville Care and Counselling Centre.

You are invited to attend a planning meeting on **Wednesday 19 April at 09:30** at the Counselling Centre at Home Ground.



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

Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Westville **Br Code:** 223526



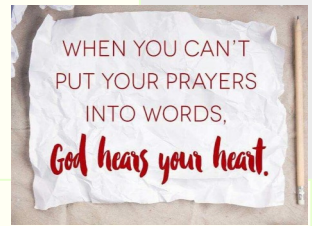
PRAYER REQUESTS

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| Dot Dare | (Recovering from Surgery - Amputation of both legs) |
| Rose Chislett | (Recovering from Eye Surgery) |
| Debbie Clarke | (Fall - Double Hip Replacement) |
| Sylvia Hamann | (Discharged from hospital - Recovering) |
| Baby Brianna Belling | (In the NICU - progress with feeding) |
| Shirleen Prydderch | (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment) |
| Andrew Kenny | (Pancreatic Cancer) |
| Sané Ndlovu | (Endometriosis Treatment - Pain Control) |
| John Cave | (Cancer - Back pain) |
| Cynthia McNaughton | (Stroke in Eye - Improvement) |
| Zayden Govender | (Kidney function - Has Improved) |
| Mike Hoole | (Frail) |
| Debbie Ivins | (Autoimmune Disease) |
| Florrie David-Sullivan | (Frail) |
| Shelley Reed | (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS) |



Ongoing Prayer

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



Easter Eggs collected by the learners of Westville Senior Primary and donated to the Fraternal Churches of Westville were distributed to:

CAST, Cheshire Home, Chesterville Feeding Scheme, Chestville, Chic Mamas (4 crèches), Clairwood Street Children, Dawnciff Retirement Village, Doone Village, Enlanhleri Feeding Scheme, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Fairydene Retirement Village, Holah Children's Home in Crestholme, Ingwe Children's Home, Inkanyezi Creche, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre, Kloof Rest Home, Kwadabeka Gogo's Home, Malvern Children's Home, Palm Tree Care Centre, Pinehaven Retirement Village, Sandown Village, Sewing Empowerment Project, Siyajabula Orphanage, St Philomena's Home for Children, St Theresa's Home for Children, Vukuhanyi Home for Teenagers, Westville Soup Kitchen and William Clark Home for Children. **Thank you to all who made this possible.**



Thank you to the members of the NSG4 (Neighbourhood Support Group 4) / (Catholic Church) for the donation of Easter Food Parcels. These were handed out, on Wednesday 5 April, to the men that attend the Vulindlela Project / Soup Kitchen.



Ingwe Children's Home Appeal

During October 2022, the roof of the Ingwe Children's Home was blown off in severe weather. As a result of generous donations from WMC members, the roof was replaced. However they lost a lot of their furniture and fittings in the storm. The kitchen, lounge and the children's "lounge" is bare of cupboards and seating. They still use an outside bathroom, the inside one is just a shell. There is an appeal for any pre-loved furniture in good condition. They are also in desperate need for ceiling boards and brandering and electrical work. Please contact the church office if you would like to make a donation of any of these items or if you would like to contribute financially, please reference your donation as "Ingwe Appeal". Thank you.

