



# Staying Connected

7 May 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

## From the Minister's Desk

Our kids were rummaging around the house this week and came across a relic from the past tucked away in the back of a cupboard - a CD folder packed with old CD's. It didn't seem like such ancient technology to me, but as I watched them open it up in fascination, I realised how foreign these things were to them. They nervously fed a CD into the car radio on the way to school and were amazed to see that this thing worked nearly as well as Spotify on a cellphone :)

These are instructive moments, rare opportunities when we get to see something through someone else's eyes. As I am writing this, I'm thinking ahead to the services this Sunday and wondering how others might experience something that is so familiar to me (and to many of us). There are things that we do without thinking in a worship service which may be completely foreign and strange for people new to the church. What would it look like for us to come to worship this weekend with fresh eyes, like a curious child? Who might help you and me to see with new eyes this week?



## Contact Details

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## WMC Cup of Fellowship

Introducing the WMC 'Cup of Fellowship'. The objective of this initiative is to encourage interaction within the WMC Community. It is hoped that the 'Cup of Fellowship' be passed on fortnightly. The holder, whether it be an individual or a group, is to pass on the Cup over a meal, a cup of tea / coffee or during a get-together or meeting / fellowship group. The church office will keep track of the movements so please advise them, preferably by email, to whom the Cup has been passed.



## Confirmation Course

Plans are underway to commence a Confirmation Course on 23 July from 17:00 to 18:00. Material will be based mainly on the Alpha Course for Youth. Further information will be communicated by the leaders, closer to the date.

## Oasis Ladies'

### Ministry

Save the Date for the next Oasis Ladies' Ministry Event which will be held at 09:00 on Saturday 5 August.



## Westville Cancer Support Group

The next meeting of the Westville Cancer Support Group will be held at 18:00 on Monday 8 May at Westville Methodist Church. All welcome.

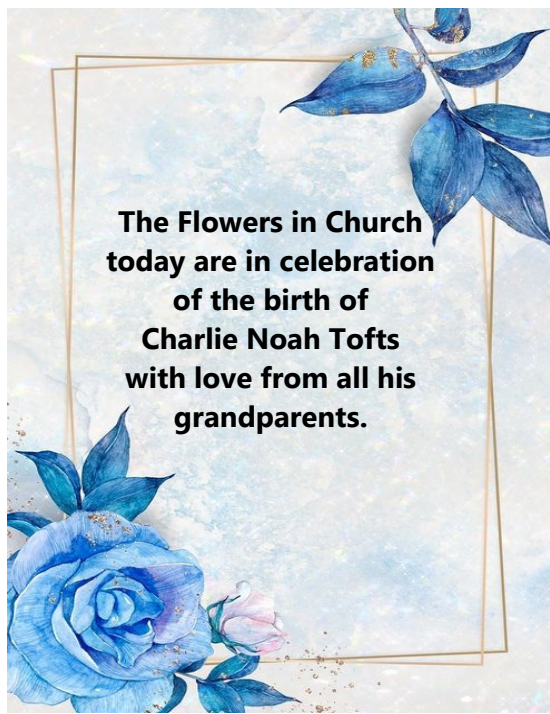
## Young Adults Fellowship Group

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

## Bible Readings

### 7 to 13 May 2023

**Sunday** John 14 : 1 - 14  
**Monday** Psalm 102 : 1 - 17  
**Tuesday** Acts 7 : 44 - 56  
**Wednesday** Proverbs 3 : 13 - 18  
**Thursday** Psalm 66 : 8 - 20  
**Friday** Genesis 7 : 1 - 24  
**Saturday** John 14 : 27 - 29



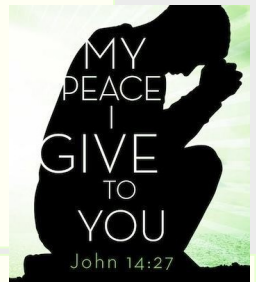
**The Flowers in Church today are in celebration of the birth of Charlie Noah Tofts with love from all his grandparents.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Evelyn Kolbe (ICU - Recovery from Major Surgery)
- Letitia Norris (Bipolar Disorder)
- Dot Dare (Recovering from Surgery - Amputation of both legs)
- Rose Chislett (Recovering from Eye Surgery)
- Debbie Clarke (Fall - Recovering from Double Hip Replacement surgery)
- Sylvia Hamann (Recovering at home - Awaiting further treatment)
- Shirleen Prydderch (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
- Andrew Kenny (Pancreatic Cancer)
- Sané Ndlovu (Endometriosis Treatment - Pain Control)
- John Cave (Cancer - Back pain)
- Zayden Govender (Kidney function - Has Improved)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Florrie David-Sullivan (Frail)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)

Hear my prayer, Lord; let my cry for help come to you.

- Psalm 102:1



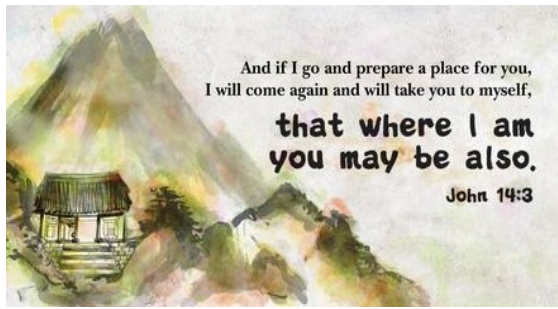
### Ongoing Prayer

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

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself,

**that where I am you may be also.**

John 14:3



### 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.



### 2L Ice Cream Containers

The Sewing Empowerment Project is in need of **clean** 2L Ice Cream Containers to store their Sewing 'Bits and Bobs'. Please place these in the black box outside the church office. Thank you.

Your faithful giving to the work of your church is really appreciated. Please contact the church office if you would like further information about planned giving.



**Planned Giving**



As the weather starts to cool at this time of year, we 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"**.

### Church Bank Details

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church

**Acc No:** 58880668126

**Bank:** First National Bank

**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526



**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

Clean 2L Ice Cream Containers

**Thank you**



### Church Hall Bookings

Please contact the church office if you would like further information about booking a room at the church building.