



# Staying Connected

28 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

One of the great monastic pioneers, St Bernard, taught his monks that they were to stop whatever they were doing when they heard the bell ringing in their monastery. The bell might ring for many reasons - it could be a call to prayer, or work, or food, or study, but they were to immediately obey its call. This, he said would stretch their hearts by taking them beyond their own agenda to God's agenda.



Author Ronald Rolheiser beautifully applies this picture to the calling of young parents, who are constantly interrupted by the insistent demands of their children. A child expressing a need, says Rolheiser, is like the bell ringing in a monastery. It takes us beyond our own agenda, to God's agenda. It follows then that a life constantly interrupted by the demands of children is capable of being a deeply contemplative life. Henri Nouwen tells of an old priest who said to him once, "I have always been complaining that my work was constantly interrupted; then I realised that the interruptions were my work." What are the interruptions in your day that could be re-interpreted as the ringing of the monastic bell, calling you and I to move beyond our own agenda to God's agenda?

## Contact Details

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## Winter Warmth

We are collecting and distributing items for "Winter Warmth". This includes blankets, jerseys, jackets, 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". Thank you.

## Pastoral Care Flower Ministry

Each Monday morning a member of the Pastoral Care Flower Team arranges the flowers from Sunday into pastoral bowls. These flowers are delivered to our members as part of our pastoral care ministry. There is a need for helpers to assist with the delivering of these arrangements in the Westville area. If you would like to be a part of this very special ministry please contact the church office.



## Bible Readings

### 28 May to 3 June 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	John 20 : 19 - 23
<b>Monday</b>	Psalms 104 : 24 - 34
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 39 : 21 - 29
<b>Wednesday</b>	Luke 1 : 39 - 57
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalms 8
<b>Friday</b>	2 Timothy 1 : 12 - 14
<b>Saturday</b>	John 14 : 15 - 17

## Newcomers Tea - Revised Date

Oops! Sunday 11 June is Comrades Marathon day. As a result we have revised the date for the Newcomers Tea. This will now take place after the 09:00 service on **Sunday 9 July**. If you are new to WMC or have been attending services for a while now and would still like to know more about the various ministries and activities of your church, we would love you to join us. Please diarise the date.



Thank you

"My sincere gratitude to all my church family and friends. You have upheld me in thought, love and prayer for a number of months and I need you to know how your intercession, (especially when I was too tired to even pray), gave me comfort and the strength to keep fighting. All glory be to God, my latest treatment has made a huge difference, and I once again feel at peace with lots of joybells in my heart."

Letitia Norris

# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rob Jamieson (Fall)
- Dorothy Foster (Colon Cancer)
- Mick Wasley (Third Hip Replacement - Deep Vein Thrombosis - Recovery)
- Evelyn Kolbe (ICU - Recovery from Major Surgery)
- Dot Dare (Recovering from Surgery - Amputation of both legs)
- Debbie Clarke (Fall - Recovering from Double Hip Replacement surgery)
- Sylvia Hamann (Recovering at home)
- 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)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)



Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should...

ALWAYS PRAY & NOT GIVE UP

Luke 18:1

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

ACTS 1:8

### Ongoing Prayer

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



### Knitwits Social

We are looking forward with anticipation to our next Knitwits meeting on 3 June. Please remember to bring all completed blankets for our 67 Blankets handover - it will be exciting to see just how much our group has accomplished! Join us again, and bring a friend, for a creative and fun morning over a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

Date: Saturday, 3 June, 2023

Time: 9:00 - 12:00

Venue: Westville Methodist Church

R.S.V.P. Wendy Theunissen 0823581593

Please continue to collect plastic bottle tops and bread tags which can be left in the church kitchen.

These are collected by the Quad Para Association of SA. Funds from the sale of the plastic to a recycling company, are used to fund wheelchairs.



"Winter Warmth" consisting of Beanies, Scarves, Socks, Blankets and Clothes were distributed to KidZaid this week.

### Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Westville Br Code: 223526



### Church Hall Bookings

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