



Staying Connected

9 July 2023

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07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

At the beginning of this year, Kym and I resolved to read more. Our plan has been to choose four books together, give ourselves four months to read them, and then finally have a meal together where we talk about what we've read. It's worked well, this exclusive little book club :) We're into our second batch of books for 2023.

One of the books we read in recent months was Barbara Brown Taylor's "An altar in the world". The author is an academic and a former Anglican priest and her book is wonderful. She gives us fresh eyes to see the possibilities for spiritual practices in the midst of every day life - we are helped to set up an altar in the world and meet God in the ordinary.

One of the practices she describes relates to physical labour. Specifically, she describes an extended power outage in her rural community in mid-winter which meant that it was necessary to keep a fire going all day and to fetch and carry water. She goes on to describe digging up potatoes, doing housework (even cleaning toilets) as opportunities for reflection, prayer and openness to God's transforming work.

We've had no water at home for the last day or so, and so this morning began with an early trip to fill up water bottles. I was still sleepy and hadn't had my first cup of coffee yet - I think I missed the opportunity to redeem the task and see the altar in the world. How about you - are there any routines for you that have the potential to become prayer?



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Bible Readings

9 to 15 July 2023

Sunday Matthew 11 : 16 - 19, 25 - 30
Monday Genesis 27 : 30 - 46
Tuesday Romans 3 : 1 - 8
Wednesday John 13 : 1 - 17
Thursday Psalm 119 : 105 - 112
Friday Romans 15 : 14 - 21
Saturday John 12 : 44 - 50



Newcomers Tea

The Newcomers Tea will 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.

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.

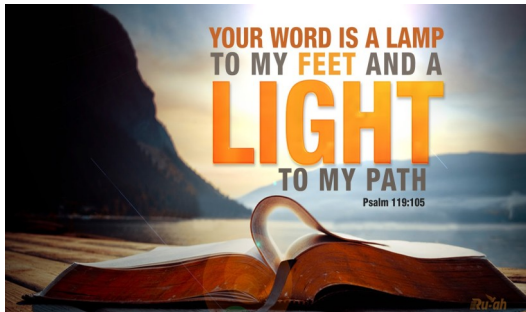




Congratulations on your Engagement



Congratulations to John Cave and Annemarie Du Plessis on their engagement on Tuesday 4 July.



If you have received flowers recently we would really appreciate it if the bowls could be returned for re-use.



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

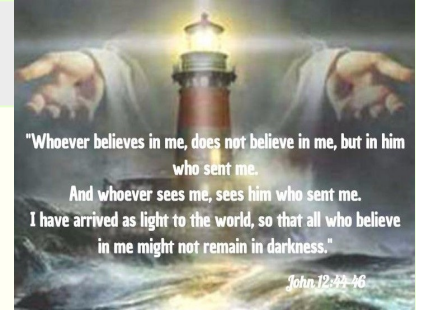
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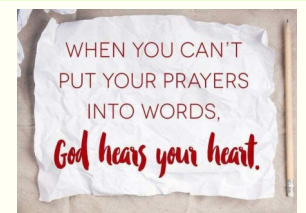
PRAYER REQUESTS

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| St John Spoor | (Thoracic Surgery) |
| Elaine Davies | (ICU - Critical) |
| Mike Hoole | (In hospital - Kidney infection) |
| Moira Kolbe | (Multiple Sclerosis) |
| Dorothy Foster | (Colon Cancer - Treatment) |
| Debbie Clarke | (Fall - Recovering from Double Hip Replacement surgery) |
| Sylvia Hamann | (ICU - Very Frail) |
| 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) |



Ongoing Prayer

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



Blankets were distributed to Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre and Ingwe by the "67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day" organisation. Thank you to all involved.



Book Corner at WMC

Please visit the Book Corner in the church lounge. You can either leave a donation in the honesty box in the church office or swap your books. When swapping books please ensure the books you leave behind are in good condition. We are not able to take big encyclopedias or large study books.

