



# Staying Connected

22 October 2023

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00  
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### Sunday Service Times:

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

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## Bible Readings

### 22 to 28 October 2023

**Sunday** Matthew 22 : 15 - 22

**Monday** Psalm 63 : 1 - 8

**Tuesday** Revelation 18 : 21 - 24

**Wednesday** Matthew 17 : 22 - 27

**Thursday** Deuteronomy 31 : 14 - 22

**Friday** Psalm 90 : 1 - 6

**Saturday** John 5 : 39 - 47

## From the Minister's Desk

I remember being on a youth camp years ago where the camp speaker made a point of getting all of us to hold up our Bibles at the start of each of his talks and then making us enthusiastically say the words together "*this is my Bible*". It seemed a bit odd at the time, but I suppose what he was doing was making sure we had them with us and his hope was that this book was becoming more familiar to us - as if we were forming a friendship with it.

From time to time I recognise that I need to re-examine my relationship with the Scriptures: Am I spending time in the Bible outside of Sundays? Am I becoming more familiar with its key themes, as well as its obscure corners and hidden treasures?

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel once wrote these words about the Scriptures: "*When we turn to the Bible with an empty spirit, moved by intellectual vanity, striving to show our superiority to the text; or as barren souls who go sight-seeing to the words of the prophets, we discover the shells but miss the core ... The Bible is the frontier of the spirit where we must move and live in order to discover and to explore. It is open to him or her who gives themselves to it, who lives with it intimately.*"

What an invitation! How is your relationship with your Bible at the moment?



## WMC Market Day : Saturday 2 December

There are a few things that we need your help with to ensure the WMC Christmas Market, scheduled for Saturday 2 December, is a success: **Firstly**, we need good quality, clean, gently used clothing; small household items and fiction books in a good condition. These can be brought to the church office.

**Secondly**, we need you to advertise the market for us and tell all your friends and family to come along and support the many stall holders.

**Thirdly**, if you know of anyone that would like to hire a table / stall to sell crafts or eats, please let them know to contact the church office. The cost to hire a space is only R100,00 and proceeds, from the hiring of the tables, will be allocated to the church mission projects.



## Combined Service : Sunday 26 November

Please note : There will be a Combined Service at 09:00 on **Sunday 26 November**. (There will be **NO** 07:30 service and **NO** 18:30 service on this day). We will be gathering in one service at 09:00 and as part of our worship, we will be reflecting on the year that has been and looking ahead with hope to 2024. It will be a great chance to be all together in one place as we give thanks to God for his faithfulness in these challenging times.

## Church Diary 2024

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. We currently have a few slots available to hire, on weekday mornings. Please will all church groups and ministries also confirm their dates for using any rooms in the church complex for 2024, with Laura in the church office.



As you reach the end of the school year, if you don't know what to do with **pre-loved school clothes, backpacks, stationery and shoes** (in a good, clean condition), please drop them off at the church office.

Along with Inqwe, there are many children who desperately need your help and, as always, we do our utmost to get these donated items to those that need them timeously.

**Thank you.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

|                    |                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Gavin Linnett      | (Recovery from Surgery)           |
| Shirleen Prydderch | (Bipolar Treatment)               |
| Ursula Rohrs Ameen | (Pancreatic Cancer)               |
| Mike Hoole         | (Frail)                           |
| Dorothy Foster     | (Colon Cancer - Treatment)        |
| Sané Ndlovu        | (Endometriosis Treatment)         |
| John Cave          | (Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted) |
| Zayden Govender    | (Kidney function - Improvement)   |
| Debbie Ivins       | (Autoimmune Disease)              |
| Shelley Reed       | (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)      |

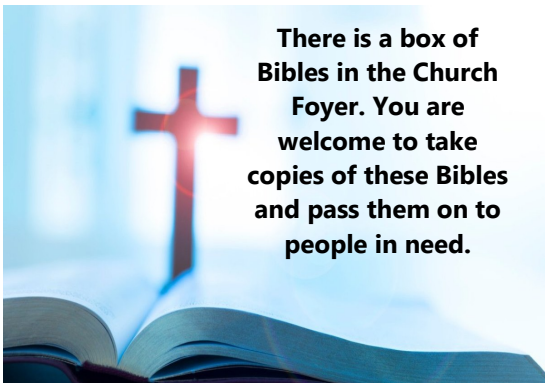


### Ongoing Prayer

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



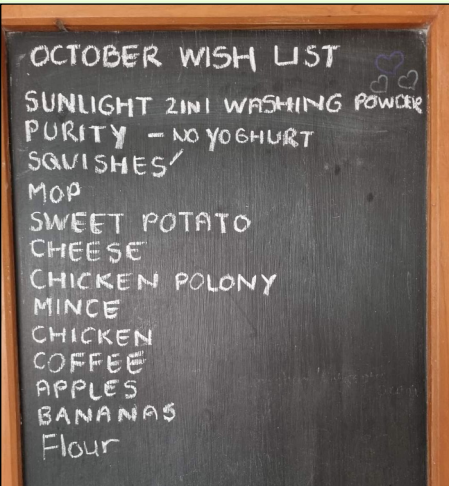
**There is a box of Bibles in the Church Foyer. You are welcome to take copies of these Bibles and pass them on to people in need.**



**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
- Small Bowls for Pastoral Flowers
- School clothes, shoes and Stationery

*Thank you*



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The Sewing Empowerment Group meets at WMC on Tuesday and Saturday mornings.

### Church Bank Details

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church  
**Acc No:** 58880668126  
**Bank:** First National Bank  
**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526



## WMC Christmas Market

**Saturday 2nd December**  
**09:00 - 14:00**

The market will include a clothes sale, a book sale, a tea garden and many other fun activities. All proceeds will be allocated to WMC mission projects.

If you would like to hire a table at the market to sell eats or crafts, please contact the church office.

