



Staying Connected

5 November 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

From the Minister's Desk

I recently heard someone say that reading is an opportunity to enter into conversation with the dead. That wasn't meant to sound as spooky as it might - the point is that books enable us to benefit from the wisdom of people who may have lived centuries ago. We get to enter into conversation with remarkable people all these years later - what a gift!

This week in the global church calendar we remember All Saints Day (1 November) and All Souls Day (2 November) - opportunities to give thanks for those who have gone before us and joined the crowd who cheer us on as we *"run with determination the race that lies before us"* (Heb 12:1). There will be specific people in that crowd for whom you are grateful this week - I know there are for me. Is there a way we can "enter into conversation" with them - remembering some of the things that they taught us, and imagining some of the things they might want to say to us today?

In our services this Sunday, we will give attention to the heavenly crowd that cheers us on. I hope that as we do that, we will be able to pick out the voices of our loved ones who have gone ahead of us.



Our Daily Bread Ministries Visit

We look forward to welcoming Sylvia Garvie from *Our Daily Bread Ministries* at both the morning services this Sunday 5 November. She will be showcasing a range of Diary Planners and Daily Devotionals for 2024 as well as the Discovery Series Bible Studies books.



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.



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.

WMC Education Project

WMC tithes on a monthly basis to the Education Project incorporating The Right to Write, which runs English Literacy and Computer Classes at WMC during the week. For further information, please contact John Mac Donald on 084 3951197 or Sally Baumann on 083 3256385.

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Bible Readings

5 to 11 November 2023

Sunday	Matthew 23 : 1 - 12
Monday	Psalms 128
Tuesday	Acts 13 : 1 - 12
Wednesday	Matthew 15 : 1 - 9
Thursday	Joshua 5 : 10 - 12
Friday	Psalms 78 : 1 - 7
Saturday	Matthew 24 : 1 - 14

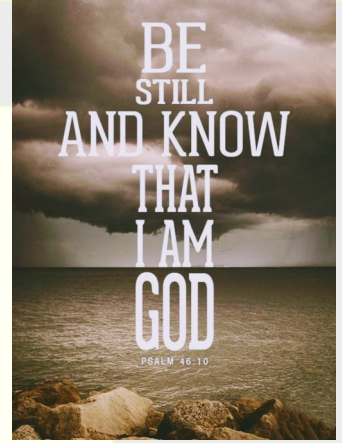
YOU'RE INVITED TO MY

Birthday Party

JOIN US FOR THE OASIS LADIES' MEETING
SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER @ 9:30 FOR 9:45
WESTVILLE METHODIST CHURCH
COST R20
R.S.V.P. office@westvillemethodist.co.za

PRAYER REQUESTS

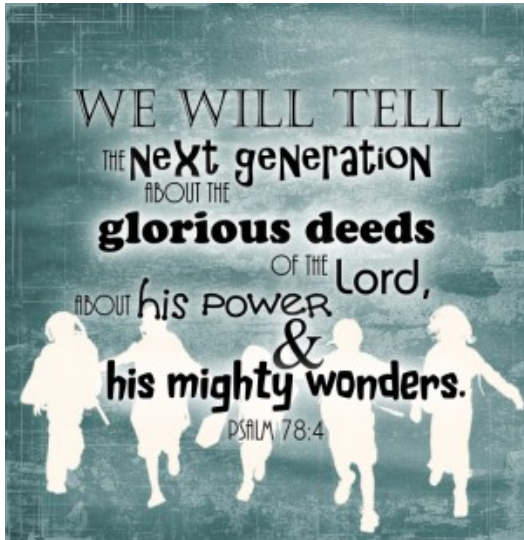
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| Chrissie Smith | (Geographic Atrophy) |
| Brandon Walker | (Recovering from infection - post Covid complications) |
| Gavin Linnett | (Recovery from Surgery) |
| Shirleen Prydderch | (Bipolar Treatment) |
| Ursula Rohrs Ameen | (Pancreatic Cancer) |
| Mike Hoole | (Frail) |
| Dorothy Foster | (Colon Cancer - Treatment) |
| John Cave | (Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted) |
| Zayden Govender | (Kidney function Improvement) |
| Debbie Ivins | (Autoimmune Disease) |
| Shelley Reed | (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS) |



Please pray for all those preparing for and writing exams.

Ongoing Prayer

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



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

"Thank you for the donations towards our handbag project delivered to the Jes Food Foundation office on 4 October. You have no idea how much this helps the Foundation with ensuring we continue to pack 400 comfort bags a month for our rape survivors. It's people like you who make our job, of turning "Rape Victims" into "Rape Survivors", that much easier to do.

Jes Foord Foundation

Thank you

NOVEMBER WISH LIST

- SUNLIGHT ZINI WASHING POWDER
- PURITY - NO YOGHURT
- SQUISHES / MOP
- SWEET POTATO CHEESE
- CHICKEN POLONY
- MINCE
- CHICKEN
- COFFEE
- APPLES
- BANANAS
- FLOUR
- SPINACH
- KNORROX CUBES - CHICKEN / BEEF
- SUGAR
- FRESH VEG

The **Baby House** Westville where love grows

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Tel : 061 125 0887

Church Bank Details

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



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.

