



Staying Connected 26 November 2023

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

Scott Peck's book *"The road less travelled"* begins with the cheerful observation that *"life is difficult"*. We know this to be true! Ronald Rolheiser (in his book *Sacred Fire*) offers a list of *"commandments for mature living"* that invite us to live differently in the face of life's challenges. I have found these really helpful (not straightforward, but helpful nonetheless). I hope they speak to you too:

1. Live in gratitude and thank your Creator by enjoying your life.
2. Be willing to carry more and more of life's complexities with empathy.
3. Transform jealousy, anger, bitterness, and hatred rather than give them back in kind.
4. Let suffering soften your heart rather than harden your soul.
5. Forgive - those who hurt you, your own sins, the unfairness of your life, and God for not rescuing you.
6. Bless more and curse less!
7. Live in a more radical sobriety.
8. Pray, affectively and liturgically.
9. Be wide in your embrace.
10. Stand where you are supposed to be standing, and let God provide the rest.



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Bible Readings

26 November to 2 December 2023

Sunday Matthew 25 : 31 - 46

Monday Psalm 28

Tuesday Zecchariah 11 : 4 - 17

Wednesday John 5 : 19 - 40

Thursday Psalm 80 : 1 - 7

Friday 1 Thessalonians 4

Saturday Matthew 24 : 15 - 31

Tea Garden Eats

Join us on Saturday 2 December, from 09:00 to 14:00, for delicious treats at the WMC Market Day Tea Garden which will take place in the Supper Room and Courtyard. Please contact the church office if you are able to contribute cakes, muffins, scones or biscuits to be sold at the tea garden. Thank you.



Market Day Helpers needed

If you are able to help sort clothes and household items on Friday 1 December or be available to assist with selling items on the morning of Saturday 2 December, please let Ashley or Laura know. We have received donations of new and used clothing, linen and small household items that need to be sorted and displayed. Thank you.

Collection of Paper Waste

Please place all your paper waste in the green paper bank in the church parking area. All funds, from the collection of paper waste deposited in this paper bank, are allocated to the running of the Fraternal Churches Vulindlela Project held every week day at WMC.

Just as we are trying to stay connected with you, we also need you to stay connected with us. If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members going to hospital or unwell, please let the church office know.

Let's Stay Connected...

Westville Churches
PRESENTS

A NIGHT OF CAROLS

HOME GROUND CHURCH
2 CHURCH PLACE, WESTVILLE

10 DEC | ALL ARE WELCOME
16:30

KIDS ARE WELCOME TO DRESS UP AS
A CHARACTER FROM THE NATIVITY

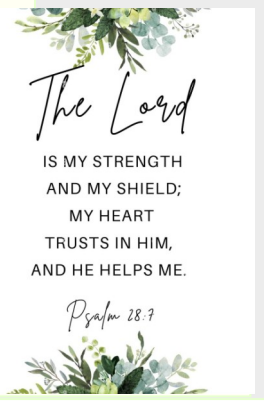
PRAYER REQUESTS

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| <i>Lynda Tarbett</i> | Skin Surgery on 28 November |
| <i>Rujeko Kachisi</i> | Recovering from major Spinal Surgery |
| <i>Steve Smith</i> | Lung Infection - Seizures |
| <i>Chrissie Smith</i> | Geographic Atrophy |
| <i>Brandon Walker</i> | Effects of Long Covid |
| <i>Gavin Linnett</i> | Recovery from Surgery and Pulmonary Embolism |
| <i>Shirleen Prydderch</i> | Bipolar Treatment |
| <i>Ursula Rohrs Ameen</i> | Pancreatic Cancer |
| <i>Mike Hoole</i> | Frail |
| <i>Dorothy Foster</i> | Surgery on 23 Nov |
| <i>John Cave</i> | Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted |
| <i>Zayden Govender</i> | Kidney function Improvement |
| <i>Debbie Ivins</i> | Autoimmune Disease |
| <i>Shelley Reed</i> | 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, Sané Ndlovu, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett.



Knitwits Social

Please join us on Saturday 9 December for a fun and creative morning, over a cup of tea or coffee and cake, at the next Knitwits Meeting.

Date: Saturday 9 December

Time : 09:00 - 12:00

Venue : Westville Methodist Church

R.S.V.P. : Wendy Theunissen 082 3581593



The WMC Learn to Sew Empowerment Group met on Tuesday 21 November for their End-of-Year Christmas Party. Thank you to all involved. We celebrate the impact this project has already had.

Church Bank Details

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



"Dear Oasis Ladies Ministry
 On behalf of the entire Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre Family, I extend a heartfelt Thank You for the generous donation of a delicious cake and the time and effort put into making those lovely Christmas crackers for our children. We are extremely grateful and appreciative."
Vanessa Theophilus :
 Director, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre