



# Staying Connected 3 December 2023

## Office Details

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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

For our family, this week has been full of familiar end of year rituals - school prize-giving ceremonies, carol services and the like. In the church, a similar set of familiar end of year routines are playing out - we are talking about nativity plays, confirmation services and lighting advent candles. The season of advent is upon us and it feels very familiar.

In a sense though, advent should be anything but predictable. The coming into this world of the Son of God was completely unprecedented and everything changed after he came. I was talking with Felicity this week about this season of advent and she pointed out that the words advent and adventure are related - they have the same root. That's a helpful thought isn't it?

What will it take this year for you and I to be open to this very familiar season surprising us, to experiencing it as an adventure?

Speaking of adventures and new ventures, I hope you will be able to join us on Saturday morning for our Christmas Market. Thank you so much to all who have played their part in making it happen!



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## Bible Readings

### 3 to 9 December 2023

**Sunday** Mark 13 : 24 - 37  
**Monday** Psalm 79  
**Tuesday** Revelation 18 : 1 - 10  
**Wednesday** Luke 21 : 34 - 38  
**Thursday** 1 Thessalonians 1 : 2 - 10  
**Friday** Acts 11 : 19 - 26  
**Saturday** Mark 11 : 27 - 33

## Children's Nativity Play

You are invited to the Children's  
Church Nativity Play  
during the 09:00 Service on  
Sunday 10 December.



## Christmas Carols in the Courtyard

Join us for an evening of Christmas Carols in the Courtyard at WMC at 18:30 on Thursday 14 December. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served. All welcome.



## One Service Sunday : 24 December 2023

Please note : There will be **NO** morning services on Sunday 24 December (Christmas Eve). There will only be **one** service at 18:30.

**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.**

## 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



*Lynda Tarbett*

Recovering from Skin Surgery

*Rujeko Kachisi*

Recovering from major Spinal Surgery

*Steve Smith*

Recovering

*Chrissie Smith*

Geographic Atrophy

*Brandon Walker*

Effects of Long Covid

*Gavin Linnett*

Recovery from Surgery and Pulmonary Embolism

*Shirleen Prydderch*

Bipolar Treatment

*Ursula Rohrs Ameen*

Pancreatic Cancer

*Mike Hoole*

Frail

*Dorothy Foster*

Recovering from Surgery

*John Cave*

Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted

*Zayden Govender*

Kidney function Improvement

*Debbie Ivins*

Autoimmune Disease

*Shelley Reed*

Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

...then they will see the son of man  
COMING IN THE CLOUDS WITH GREAT POWER AND GLORY...  
but about that day or hour no one knows,  
NEITHER THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN, NOR THE SON,  
but only the father. beware, keep alert...

**MARK 13:24-37**

**Birth Congratulations  
to Clifford and  
Michelle Thackwray on  
the birth of a Great  
Grand Daughter,  
Amber Grace Aldous  
born on  
Sunday 26 November.**



## 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.*

**PRAYER**  
is the link  
**THAT** connects us  
**WITH GOD**  
AS SIMPSON



**Christmas Eve  
Sunday 24 December at 18:30**

**Christmas Day  
Monday 25 December  
07:00 and 08:30**



Margaret Sibiyi teaches sewing lessons at the **Thembaletu Sewing Centre in Ubombo**. As a result of your generous giving we are able to tithe monthly to Thembaletu and 9 other organisations / ministries on a monthly basis according to the monthly income received. These organisations / ministries are: Allowance for running of Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen / Vulindlela Project, Adult Literacy Programme at WMC, Priallex, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Ingwe, Thembaletu Sewing Centre, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre, KidZ Aid, the Sewing Empowerment group and the Westville Baby House.

## Church Bank Details

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church

**Acc No:** 58880668126

**Bank:** First National Bank

**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526



**Thursday 21 December**

**18:30**

**Westville Methodist**

**Church**

**Blue  
Christmas**  
a service of remembrance and hope

