



# Staying Connected 17 December 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 came across an image recently of a woman sitting on a busy commuter train with her little boy on her lap. The Mom is reading a book and the boy is also reading - he's got a children's book and he's completely engrossed in it. The caption on the photo says: "They asked her, 'how did you persuade your child to read instead of playing with a device?' She replied, 'children don't hear us, they imitate us!'"

That image speaks specifically to the critical influence we have on our own children, but our circle of influence also extends beyond our family members. And, who knows, it may be that the most significant impact we have on the world will not be through something we do ourselves but through the actions of a person we influence.

I think I've told you before about my grade 4 Sunday School teacher who gave me my first Bible and urged me to read it every day. I don't remember her name, but she changed my life. I thought of her when we gave Bibles to 12 of our grade 4 children last Sunday morning. Who falls within your circle of influence and mine? What will they remember us for?



## Welcome : Society Stewards

We welcome Sybil Scott-Adams and Paul Bryan to service in this congregation as Society Stewards. We look forward to the contribution they will make in their respective portfolios, which will be communicated to the congregation after the first Church Executive meeting of 2024.

## Ethelbert : Christmas Day Collection



Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, based in Malvern, is a

residential place of safety that cares for 65 children who have been removed from their parents because of sexual and / or physical abuse, severe neglect, abandonment, and those orphaned by HIV/Aids. They have been caring for and loving children since their inception in 1907.

**The entire Christmas Day collection goes to Ethelbert.** Please bear this in mind when you prepare for this time, and if you would like to give to this worthy cause, even if you are planning to be away over Christmas, let us have your contribution clearly marked '**Ethelbert**' before you leave.

## 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.

## Hospital Alert

Please let the church office staff know if you are ill or going into hospital. Your name will only be put on the prayer list with your consent. We would appreciate your co-operation in this regard so that we can visit or offer help. Letting us know helps us to show care!



## Contact Details

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### Church Executive

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| Sybil Scott-Adams                  | 083 787 2680 |
| Paul Bryan                         | 061 309 6635 |

## Bible Readings

### 17 to 23 December 2023

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | John 1 : 6 - 8, 19 - 28 |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Psalm 125               |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Acts 3 : 17 - 4 : 4     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Mark 9 : 9 - 13         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Hebrews 1 : 1 - 4       |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Psalm 89 : 1 - 4        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | John 7 : 40 - 52        |



## W.A. Diary

The 2024 W.A. Diary is available from the church office at a cost of R30 each.



Lynda Tarbett

Recovering from Skin Surgery

Rujeko Kachisi

Recovering from major Spinal Surgery

Steve Smith

Recovering

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



## A Blue Christmas Service

Thursday 21 December  
18:30  
Westville Methodist Church



## Christmas Eve

Sunday 24 December at 18:30

## Christmas Day

Monday 25 December  
07:00 and 08:30

### 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.



"The Social Knitwits group met on Saturday 9 December for the final gathering of 2023 and to celebrate their 1st birthday. The group has grown during the year from 17 members to 64. Thank you to the congregation for their continued support and donations of wool. We have completed 51 blankets since June." **Wendy Theunissen.**

**A message from Gail Humphries in the UK :** "Thank you to the ladies who have helped me learn to crochet (Helen gave her a few more lessons while in the UK



recently). It keeps me busy, hopefully contributes to blankets, but even more, has such a calming affect on the ladies I care for."



## THE HIGHWAY HOSPICE

"Thank you to all who contributed to the R1 019.00 that was raised at the WMC Christmas Market for the Highway Hospice." **Chrissie Smith.**

### Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Westville Br Code: 223526



### Update : WMC Christmas Market held on 2 Dec

Thank you each and everyone of you for the continued support not just to our church but also on our Christmas Market Day. A special thank you to all those working behind the scenes. A total amount of R16 170.80 was raised which includes R4 100.00 from income received from the hiring of tables for stall holders; over R7 000.00 from the sale of clothing and jumble; R1 200.00 from the sale of books and R2 000.00 from the tea garden sales.

All these funds have been allocated to WMC Mission projects and will be used to make a difference.

