



Staying Connected 31 December 2023

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07:30
09:00
18:30

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Bible Readings

31 December 2023 to 6 January 2024

Sunday	Luke 2 : 22 - 40
Monday	Psalm 8
Tuesday	James 3 : 13 - 18
Wednesday	Proverbs 1 : 20 - 33
Thursday	James 4 : 11 - 17
Friday	Luke 6 : 27 - 31
Saturday	Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

From the Minister's Desk

One of the cleverest pieces of graffiti I have ever seen had the following spray-painted onto a wall in a public place:

"Things I hate:

1. Vandalism
2. Irony
3. Lists"

So good! At this time of year you might find yourself announcing that you too are not a fan of lists, and especially lists of New Year's Resolutions. You may even feel strongly enough to spray-paint it onto your front wall...

I get it. After too many years of failing to follow through on our New Year's plans, we have given up trying. It may be that the start of the new year doesn't suit you when it comes to dreaming and planning your own future, but it really would be a pity if we became so cynical that we never aspired to change or grow. We may have failed previously, but the Christian life calls for a kind of stubbornness that has us starting again each new day - what Eugene Peterson called "*a long obedience in the same direction*".

The new year awaits as a blank page to be filled. What will your story be in 2024?



Ethelbert : Christmas Day Collection



The entire amount collected during the Christmas Services, combined with electronic payments for Ethelbert, will be paid to Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre. We will be collecting donations until Friday 5 January 2024. Thank you.

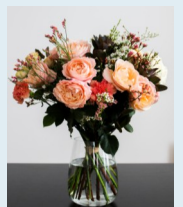
Hospital Alert

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! Many thanks



Pastoral Care Flower Ministry

Each Monday morning a member of the Pastoral Care Flower Team arranges the flowers from Sunday into pastoral bowls. These flowers are delivered to our members as part of our pastoral care ministry. There is a need for helpers to assist with the **delivering** of these flowers on a Monday morning (once a month). If you would like to be a part of this very special ministry please contact the church office.



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 confirm their dates for using any rooms in the church complex for 2024, with Laura in the church office.



Services

Sunday 31 December 2023
(New Years Eve)

07:30

09:00

There will be NO 18:30 service



Amy Harms

Lynda Tarbett

Rujeko Kachisi

Steve Smith

Brandon Walker

Gavin Linnett

Shirleen Prydderch

Ursula Rohrs Ameen

Mike Hoole

Dorothy Foster

John Cave

Zayden Govender

Debbie Ivins

Shelley Reed

Fall - Surgery - Broken

Femur - In hospital

Recovering from Skin

Surgery

Recovering from

major Spinal Surgery

Recovering

Effects of Long Covid

Recovery

Bipolar Treatment

Pancreatic Cancer

Frail

Recovering from Surgery

Cancer - Cardiac Stent

inserted - pneumonia

Kidney function

Improvement

Autoimmune Disease

Motor Neuron Disease /

ALS



Love ♡

YOUR ENEMIES

do Good

TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU

Bless

THOSE THAT CURSE YOU

Pray

FOR THOSE WHO MISTREAT YOU

Luke 6: 27-28



W.A. Diary

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

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.



Ingwe Children's Home Christmas Visit

As a result of your generous giving, Ashley and Sean Sellwood visited Nokuthula and the children at the Ingwe Children's Home in Inanda, the week before

Christmas, to spread some festive cheer. They were all presented with a gift and had an exciting morning together.



Please continue collecting Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Tops and drop them off in the kitchen.

#TOPS&TAGS FORWHEELCHAIRS



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Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Westville Br Code: 223526



Zumat, as a mission flying organisation closed down in 2012. Since then they have been giving bursaries to students from the Northern Zululand area who want to study in the medical field. The Trustees of Zumat Trust decided to hand over the proceeds of the Trust to Umthombo Youth Development Fund, that grants the bursaries. Dr Andrew Ross started the Fund and he is still one of the Trustees. Dr Gavin MacGregor is in charge of UYDF and lives in Hillcrest. Denis Wynn handed over the Zumat Stamp Fund to Chris and Carol Breytenbach in Pietermaritzburg, who have been involved in trimming, sorting and despatch of stamps to the UK for a number of years. Our grateful thanks to all our collectors, many of whom have been supporting Zumat for many years.



Please send stamps to Chris & Carol Breytenbach, P.O. Box 101237, Scottsville, 3209. Email : carol.breytenbach3@gmail.com. Phone : 072 1199447 or 033 3969643. Stamps can also be placed in the black box outside the WMC office. Thank you.