



Staying Connected

21 January 2024

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18:30

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Bible Readings

21 to 27 January 2024

Sunday	Mark 1 : 14 - 20
Monday	Psalm 46
Tuesday	Acts 5 : 33 - 42
Wednesday	Mark 3 : 13 - 19 (a)
Thursday	Psalm 111
Friday	Deuteronomy 12 : 28 - 32
Saturday	Matthew 8 : 28 - 9 : 1

From the Minister's Desk

Driving to the office this morning, I heard several education experts being interviewed on the radio about the 2023 matric results. The first interviewee was a prof. from Wits University and, despite the improvement in the matric pass and exemption rates, I expected that he would highlight various shortcomings in our education policy, or point out that the figures don't actually reflect the real state of our education system. On the contrary, he was very upbeat. He recognised some of the challenges being addressed, but was so positive about the progress that has been made in most of our schools over the last 30 years. He said we are on a hopeful trajectory.



It made me stop and wonder why I cynically expected bad news about our schools. It reminded me that I really do need to be vigilant about the way that a diet of negative news forms me. After all, as you know, the media feeds off of what psychologists call our "negativity bias" - our tendency to be drawn to bad news.

St Paul offers an alternative way - he invites us in his letter to the Philippians to be people who very deliberately turn our minds to good news. We can expect to live more hopefully if we take his advice: "my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable." (Philippians 4:8)

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.



Church Room Bookings

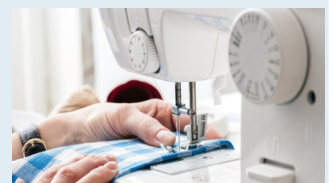
Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. Please will all church groups and ministries confirm their dates, for using any rooms in the church complex for 2024, with Laura in the church office.

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.

Sew 'n Sews sewing group

The **Sew 'n Sews** meet in the church lounge every Monday morning to sew for the many projects that the church is involved with. If you would like to join them to sew, you are welcome to pop in to the church lounge on a Monday morning from 09:00 to 12:00 or alternatively you can collect projects to sew at home.



Condolences to Elizabeth Contogiannis and Family on the death of Augusta Campos on Thursday 18 January.



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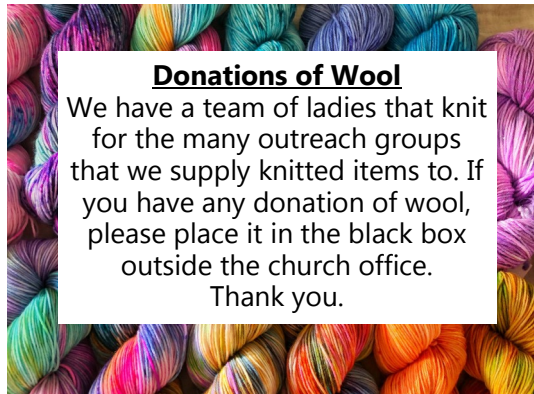
The Lord is close
to the brokenhearted;
he rescues those
whose spirits are crushed.



PSALM 34:18

Donations of Wool

We have a team of ladies that knit for the many outreach groups that we supply knitted items to. If you have any donation of wool, please place it in the black box outside the church office.
Thank you.



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

Church Bank Details

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



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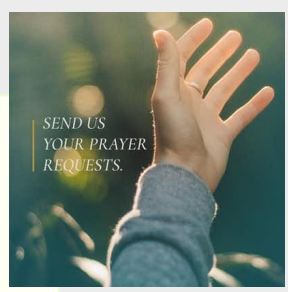
Sue Carter

*Cameron Smith
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*

Upcoming surgery /
Ongoing health challenges
Multiple Sclerosis
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



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.



**Soup Kitchen :
Appeal for Funds**

A meal is provided to the indigent folk of Westville five days a week, on the church premises. This is a ministry of the Fraternal Churches of Westville.

At present funds are very low.

If you would like to donate to this worthy ministry, please reference **"Soup Kitchen"** when making a payment to the WMC bank account.



Flowers in Church

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Service. If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.



When next on Facebook please "Like" the Westville Methodist Church Page. This page is updated with photographs and information about the activities and ministries of WMC.

