



Staying Connected

18 February 2024

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07:30
09:00
18:30

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Bible Readings

18 to 24 February 2024

Sunday	Mark 1 : 9 - 15
Monday	Psalms 77
Tuesday	1 Peter 3 : 8 - 18 (a)
Wednesday	Matthew 4 : 1 - 11
Thursday	Romans 3 : 21 - 31
Friday	Genesis 16 : 1 - 6
Saturday	Psalms 22 : 23 - 31

From the Minister's Desk

For their planned activity on Valentine's evening, many of our people chose (online or in-person) to join our Ash Wednesday service :) From where I stood, the in-person service seemed better attended than in recent years and my colleagues in our circuit reported the same of their Ash Wednesday services. Why is that, I wonder? It's not a light-hearted worship service - on the contrary, it is heavy on liturgy and symbols of our frailty and mortality. What draws us to this kind of service?

As I painted ash crosses onto foreheads on Wednesday, the phrase I repeated to each person was "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn from sin and be faithful to Jesus. Amen" I was struck by how many people looked me in the eye as I said Amen and gave a determined little nod or even said "I will". This was a genuine moment for people to come back, to return, to repent. Is that what draws us to an Ash Wednesday service - the sense that all is not right with us, that we need God, and that we want to try again? Or is perhaps that, more so than a normal Sunday service, this service draws us in and invites us to participate? Whatever the case, I hope that this 40 day journey to the cross gives you an opportunity to draw nearer to One who is closer than you can possibly imagine.



Lent Devotions

David Jordan's Bible Study Group will be meeting in the Church Sanctuary during Lent. He will be reading chapters from the Bible relating to the week, leading up to Good Friday. There will also be periods of quiet time where one will be able to reflect on the reading or spend time in prayer. All welcome to attend this Lenten Devotional group.

Dates: Tuesdays from 20 Feb to 26 March

Time : 17:30 to 18:30

Newcomers Tea

After the 09:00 service on **Sunday 17 March**, we will be having a 'Newcomers Tea'. If you are new to WMC or have been attending services for a while now and would still like to know more about the various ministries and activities of your church, we would love you to join us.



Tenebrae (Communion) 18:30 on Thursday 28 March

Good Friday 09:00 on Friday 29 March

Sunrise Service (Communion) 06:30 on Sunday 31 March

Easter Sunday Service 08:00 on Sunday 31 March



YOU ARE INVITED TO



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 01ST MARCH | 10:00 - 11:00
HOME GROUND CHURCH | 2 CHURCH PLACE



"I beg you to bear with one another in love."
EPHESIANS 4:1-7

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT SANDY: 0823759102

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Birthdays this coming week

David Cory Monday 19th Feb
Vicky Muir Monday 19th Feb

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Church Bank Details

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Raymond A. Blom	Dementia & Trouble Walking
Sue Carter	Ongoing Health Challenges
Cameron Smith	Multiple Sclerosis
Rujeko Kachisi	Recovering from Spinal Surgery
Steve Smith	Recovering
Brandon Walker	Effects of Long Covid
Gavin Linnett	Recovery
Shirleen Prydderch	Bipolar Treatment
Ursula Rohrs Ameen	Pancreatic Cancer
Mike Hoole	Frail
Dorothy Foster	Recovering from Surgery
John Cave	Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted - pneumonia
Zayden Govender	Kidney function Improvement
Shelley Reed	Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Florrie David-Sullivan, Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Gwen King, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Megan Moody, Sané Ndlovu, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.



There were 45 ladies at the February Knit Wits Get-Together which was held at WMC on Saturday 10 February.



2024 YTD	Actual	Budget	
Total Income Jan 24 YTD	R190 401.62	R201 870.00	R 11 468.38 Under Budget
Total Expenses Jan 24 YTD	R194 690.85	R201 728.00	R 7 037.15 Under Budget
Net Deficit YTD	R 4 289.23		