



# Staying Connected

25 February 2024

## 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 was lectured some years ago by a Dutch Reformed minister who wrote a short book on the subject of listening for God's voice in church meetings. It's a brave idea, don't you think? Meetings are not typically spaces for deep listening to God or even to each

other! But Frederick Marais' book invites the church to commit to nurturing a listening culture and he argues that making this a priority will have a profoundly transformative effect on a community.

In a ministers meeting this week, we were reflecting on our Presiding Bishop's call to seek renewal in our church. A recurring theme in our conversations around the subject was the need for us to be better at listening to God, to each other, and to the community around us. No-one is going to argue with that, but where exactly in our busy lives do we intentionally make space for listening? Even a few minutes of silence in a Sunday service can start to feel awkward ... )

Some of us are better than others at this. If you are a listener, what are you hearing at the moment? What is God saying to us in South Africa? In Westville? As members of this church? What will happen if we learn to pray as little Samuel did: "*Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*" (1 Sam 3:10)?



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## Bible Readings

25 February to 2 March 2024

**Sunday** Mark 8 : 31 - 38

**Monday** Psalm 105 : 1 - 11, 37 - 45

**Tuesday** Genesis 22 : 1 - 19

**Wednesday** John 12 : 36 - 43

**Thursday** 1 Peter 2 : 4 - 10

**Friday** Psalm 19

**Saturday** Mark 9 : 2 - 8

## 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.

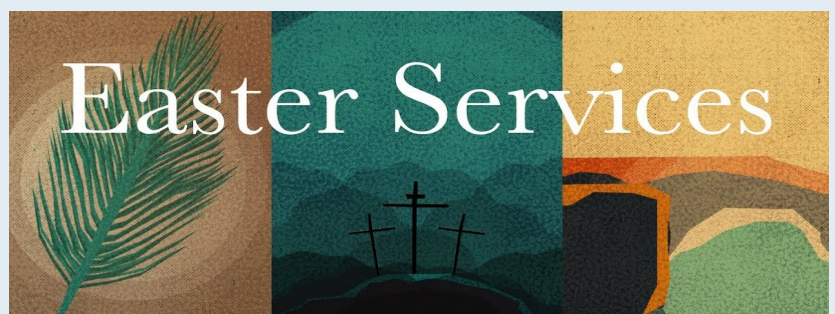
**Dates:** Tuesdays until 26 March

**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. Please diarise the date.



**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**



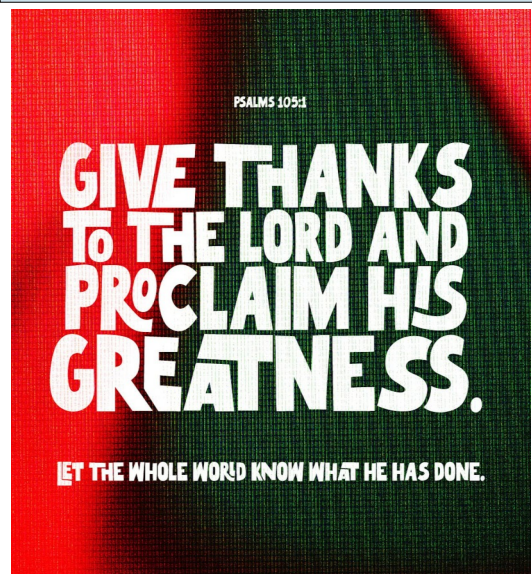
## Birthdays this coming week

<b>Janice Preston</b>	Monday 26 February
<b>David Oldacre</b>	Tuesday 27 February
<b>Mo Taylor</b>	Wednesday 28 February
<b>Michael Bishop</b>	Friday 1 March
<b>Margot Smith</b>	Sunday 3 March
<b>Kirsty Ross</b>	Sunday 3 March
<b>Zanele Nduli</b>	Sunday 3 March

If your name should be listed here, or if there are any errors, please contact the church office.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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



Please collect Plastic Bottle Tops and Bread Tags and drop them off in the church kitchen. These are distributed to the QuadPara Association of South Africa who recycle them. Funds are used to provide wheelchairs to people in need.



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.

*Stay connected*

## 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.



## Ladies Fellowship

The WMC Ladies Fellowship group invites you to attend the WWDP at Home Ground on Friday 1 March. All invited to attend. (See Advert below).

YOU ARE INVITED TO

### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 01<sup>ST</sup> 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

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## Church Bank Details

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

