



Staying Connected

3 March 2024

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07:30
09:00
18:30

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Bible Readings

3 to 9 March 2024

Sunday John 2 : 13 - 22

Monday Psalm 84

Tuesday 2 Chronicles 29 : 1 - 11

Wednesday Mark 11 : 15 - 19

Thursday Psalm 107 : 1 - 3, 17 - 22

Friday Ephesians 1 : 7 - 14

Saturday John 3 : 1 - 13

From the Minister's Desk

The verse that stands out for me in this Sunday's gospel reading is a quote from the psalms that is applied to Jesus after he chases the money-changers out of the temple. His disciples watch his anger and they quote Psalm 69:9 "*Zeal (or passion) for your house consumes me*".

Does passion for God's house consume you and me? I have seen people get very passionate over the years when it comes to the furnishings of the church building - we can get so attached to how things are in this space that we love, and changing anything can cause a surprisingly strong reaction! Conventional wisdom says that if a minister wants to move the piano to the other side of the sanctuary, the way to do it is very slowly - a couple of inches a week :)

But Jesus is not especially concerned with the arrangement of furniture in the temple. He is partly concerned about injustice (poor people are being hindered from having access to God in worship through the practices of the coin-changers) and I think he is also deeply concerned that the people have forgotten why they are there. They are there to come into the presence of God and worship - to encounter the living God, not to tick all sorts of religious boxes!

So perhaps for you and me this week, zeal for God's house has to do with honouring this sacred time by preparing (maybe arriving a little early and sitting prayerfully in the sanctuary) by coming expectantly (really believing that we will encounter the God who has called us here), and by worshipping extravagantly (giving the very best of ourselves to this glorious God in worship). May God bless you as you join us in worship this weekend!

Good Friday Collection

A reminder that all funds received at the Good Friday Service are allocated and paid to the "*Ministerial Students Fund*", for students studying at the Seminary. This will include deposits made into the church bank account, clearly marked "*Ministerial Fund*". Thank you.

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

Lent Devotions

Easter
SERVICES



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

Karin Sivertsen Tuesday 5 March
Carolyn Adendorff Thursday 7 March

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



Knitwits Social

Date: Saturday 9 March
Time : 09:00 - 12:00

Venue : Westville Methodist Church
R.S.V.P. : Wendy Theunissen
 082 3581593

Double knit wool donations welcome
 Please come along and bring a friend



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.

Church Bank Details

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



*James Dunford
 Raymond A. Blom*

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*Cameron Smith
 Rujeko Kachisi*

*Steve Smith
 Brandon Walker
 Gavin Linnett
 Shirleen Prydderch
 Ursula Rohrs Ameen
 Mike Hoole
 Dorothy Foster
 John Cave*

Zayden Govender

Shelley Reed

Cancer
 Dementia & Trouble
 Walking
 Ongoing Health
 Challenges
 Multiple Sclerosis
 Recovering from
 Spinal Surgery
 Recovering
 Effects of Long Covid
 Recovery
 Bipolar Treatment
 Pancreatic Cancer
 Frail
 Recovering from Surgery
 Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted -
 pneumonia
 Kidney function
 Improvement
 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.*



Termination of M Pact Schools and Community Programme

You may have noticed that the green M Pact Recycling bank has been removed from the church parking area.

"After extensive analysis and consideration, M Pact Recycling has decided to close the Schools and Community Programme effective March 2024. The decision was made after months of deliberation about the programme's effectiveness, taking into account the challenges posed by the evolving demands of the recycling market." **MPact Email Communication**

All paper waste can be delivered to the collection centre at the Westville Civic Centre.

PRIALEX

Prialex is a registered NPO supported by WMC on a monthly basis and is run by Priscilla and David Jordan. Prialex is based in Kwa Dabeka and Priscilla and David distribute, food, clothing and linen to a group of "Gogos" and children that have been left in their care. They try to deliver, three times a week, food (consisting of mainly bread rolls, burgers, fruit and vegetables) that is received from various sponsors. With your continued support they hope to expand this with monthly parcels of food so that the "Gogos" are able to prepare meals for themselves and the children. Further information of what will be required will be circulated in this leaflet in the coming weeks.

