



# Staying Connected 17 March 2024

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09:00  
18:30

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## Bible Readings

### 17 to 23 March 2024

**Sunday** John 12 : 20 - 33

**Monday** Psalm 119 : 9 - 16

**Tuesday** Acts 2 : 14 - 24

**Wednesday** John 12 : 34 - 50

**Thursday** Philippians 2 : 1 - 11

**Friday** Psalm 118 : 1 - 2

**Saturday** Mark 10 : 32 - 34, 46 - 52

## From the Minister's Desk

There are days where we simply don't stop - we go at full tilt until our head hits the pillow. At times like this it can feel like our agenda has been set for us and we are compelled to do the list of things before us. And inevitably this means that other activities that matter to us will be squeezed out and postponed for a slower day. Prayer is one such casualty. I often hear it said (and say to myself) that the day is too full to pray. We value prayer, we want to pray, and we tell ourselves we will - when things slow down. Martin Luther had a different approach - he said that on extra busy days he needed to pray more. When things were especially busy he would aim to pray for three hours early in the morning!

Luther's attitude sounds pretty extreme, but it is important to recognise that we are not slaves to a predefined agenda for our day. We are not helpless before our busyness and we absolutely have the power to make space for important things like stopping, being silent, and meeting God in prayer. This week I have participated in a week of guided prayer where retreatants commit to pray for half an hour a day and then meet online each day with their prayer guide to reflect on their prayer experience. The two people I met with this week are both very busy, but they have managed to meet their commitment and the week has been a rich and helpful journey. They are both anxious however about what happens next week when there is no-one waiting to meet with them and reflect on their praying.

How does an ordinary person (who is not Martin Luther) grow their prayer life in a busy world? The answer must be that we will surely fail on our own, but in community we will find a way. If there is a person or small group with whom we share our prayer journey on a daily or weekly basis, we will find a way. Who is accompanying you on this journey?



## Palm Cross Making Workshop

Saturday 23 March at 10:00

Venue : WMC Lower Hall

Please join us. We aim to make 200 crosses.  
You will need to bring a pair of scissors.

## 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.



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**

## Newcomers Tea

After the 09:00 service this **Sunday 17 March**, we are 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.



James Dunford  
Raymond A. Blom

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

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

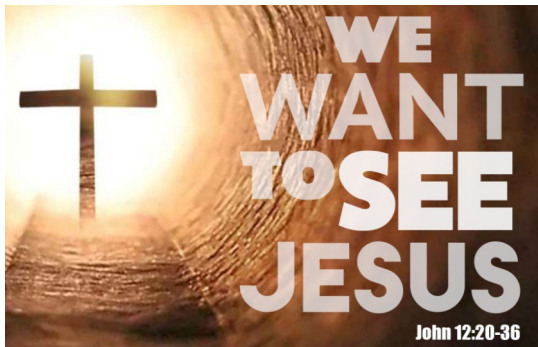
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."  
Psalms 118:1-2



All ladies are invited to join a WMC Ladies



Fellowship group which meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 in the lounge. There is a time of devotion, sharing and refreshments.



## Ongoing Prayer

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



## Birthdays this coming week

Angie Pass	Monday 18 March
Brenda Watkinson	Wednesday 20 March
Margie Leathers	Friday 22 March
Jimmy Williams	Saturday 23 March
Calvin Stanley	Saturday 23 March

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



Congratulations to the Knit Wits ladies who produced a total of 64 blankets that were handed over (together with baby items) to the "67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela" initiative.



Thank you to the learners of Westville Senior Primary School who collected Easter Eggs for the Westville Fraternal Churches. These will be distributed to charities and retirement homes.

Work has commenced on the upgrade of the church office block. Tiles were delivered this week and the tiling will commence shortly. There will be disruptions with access to the church office until the work is completed. We will stay connected with you as the work progresses.

## Office Upgrade



## Church Bank Details

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

