



Staying Connected

21 April 2024

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Bible Readings

21 to 27 April 2024

Sunday	John 10 : 11 - 18
Monday	Psalms 95
Tuesday	1 Chronicles 11 : 1 - 9
Wednesday	Mark 14 : 26 - 31
Thursday	Acts 8 : 1(b) - 8
Friday	Psalms 22 : 25 - 31
Saturday	Mark 4 : 30 - 32

From the Minister's Desk

Archbishop William Temple famously said that "*The Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members*". I'm sure that other organisations have a similarly selfless purpose, but the quote is a helpful wake-up call when we find ourselves thinking that the church exists simply for us. In fact, the call of Jesus to deny our selves daily and follow him points very clearly to a life of thinking of others and not just ourselves. Just before Easter we had the first meeting of our WMC Mission team which has been called together to co-ordinate our outreach work. There are a number of projects that we either organise as WMC or which we support financially (through a tithe of the church's income or through hosting them on our property). There is amazing work taking place through these various projects, but we recognised in our meeting that we can do more to keep you informed about this work. We plan to make use of our website, a display area in the church foyer, and the slides before services to keep you better in the loop - watch this space!

Of the projects we support, some focus on empowerment (passing on skills such as sewing, IT and literacy) while others are relief focused (giving food or clothing to the most vulnerable - especially the very young and the very old). For years we have hosted a Soup Kitchen at WMC on behalf of the Westville Churches. Over the last year, the Soup Kitchen has been relaunched as Vulindlela and the emphasis of the project has shifted from relief (feeding) to empowerment (job creation and skills development). Numbers of you have supported the Soup Kitchen/Vulindlela financially over the years, for which we are very grateful. If you wish to continue to support Vulindlela, please mark your donations as such. If you would prefer to support a feeding project, you can mark donations for "WMC feeding project".

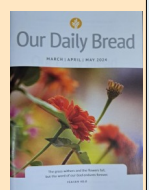
Last, you may have a passion for outreach work. If you would like to be involved in our Mission team, join the "Mission Projects" WhatsApp group in our WhatsApp Community, or contact the church office.

Denis Hurley Centre : Job Vacancies

The Denis Hurley Centre in the Durban CBD has two job vacancies : for a Building Manager to work at the Centre and also for a Community Healthcare Worker to work in the Usizo-Lwethu Clinic. Please see further information about these vacancies on the board in the church foyer.

Our Daily Bread Devotionals

We received a donation of the March / April / May '24 edition of **Our Daily Bread** Devotional booklets. These are available from the church foyer or the church office.



Sew 'n Sews Update

Thank you to all who have contributed fabric to the sewing group. We are making cotton knit summer pyjamas for the children at the Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre and then we will be making track suits / winter pyjamas for the children at William Clark Gardens. If you are able to take a few to sew at home please let the office know. There is no time limit to return the finished article as each item will be well received with joy by the children. We would also love you to join us on a Monday morning between 9 and 12, in the church lounge. All are welcome.



Condolences to Mo Ameen, Gus and Gene Röhrs, and Robyn and Evan Lapin and Family on the death of Ursula Röhrs Ameen on Saturday 13 April.



Let's Stay Connected!

Please help us stay connected with you by letting the church office know any changes in your contact details.



Birthdays this coming week

David Jordan	Saturday 20 April
Bev Sabatini	Monday 22 April
James Bishop	Monday 22 April
Colin Linnett	Tuesday 23 April
Guy Scott	Tuesday 23 April
Amanda Kenny	Wednesday 24 April
Gisela Friggens	Wednesday 24 April
Mervyn Reed	Wednesday 24 April

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

Congratulations to David and Brenda Oldacre on the marriage of their son Dean to Emma Illidge on 28 March 2024 in Canterbury, Kent.

David and Brenda also celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on 31 March 2024 in Canterbury, Kent.



PRAYER REQUESTS

<i>Joyce Maykin</i>	Fall - Recovering from surgery on her arm
<i>Horizon Farm</i>	Financial Stability
<i>James Dunford</i>	Cancer
<i>Raymond A. Blom</i>	End Stage Dementia
<i>Sue Carter</i>	Recovering from Surgery
<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>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

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
John 10:11



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.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down
LET US KNEEL
BEFORE THE LORD,
OUR MAKER!

psalm 95:6



WMC Education Project

WMC tithes on a monthly basis to the Education Project incorporating The Right to Write, which runs English Literacy and Computer Classes at WMC during the week. For further information, please contact John Mac Donald on 084 3951197 or Sally Baumann on 083 3256385.

Donations of Winter Warmth have been distributed to KidZAid. Thank you for all donations received. This is an ongoing project. If you have donations for Winter Warmth or KidZAid, please place them in the black box outside the church office, marked accordingly.



Church Bank Details

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



There are numerous Bible Study Groups that meet throughout the week in private homes and in the church building. Some groups meet in the evenings after work, but there are also quite a few that meet during the day. There is an opportunity and a time to suit everyone. For a full list of the current groups available, please see the leaflet in the church foyer or contact the church office for further information.