



# Staying Connected

12 May 2024

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00  
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### Sunday Service Times:

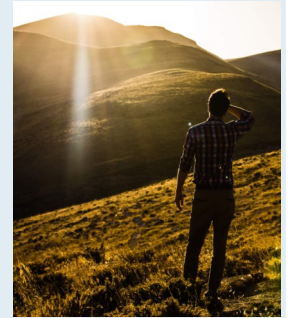
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09:00  
18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

This week we marked Ascension Day (40 days after the resurrection of Jesus). Looking back on that day, it must have been both a wonderful and yet terrifying moment for the disciples, watching Jesus leave in the way he did, and then realising that they were all alone and the mission that Jesus had entrusted to them was now their responsibility.

The weight of that same responsibility now rests on our shoulders - you and I are called to bear witness to Christ in all the world and to make disciples of Jesus. Not to be too melodramatic, but it has often been noted that "*the Church is always one generation away from extinction*". In other words, it only takes one generation to fail to pass on the faith and the Church will be consigned to history! This calling is non-transferable - we can't pass it on to our leaders - we are called to be faithful disciples and witnesses to Christ. We can identify with those disciples!

However, the truth is they were not left alone. This is God's Church and God has in no way abandoned it. Jesus had prepared them for this day and would send his Spirit to encourage and empower them. Jesus believed in these ordinary men and women, and in the same way, he believes in you and me. We genuinely are capable of fulfilling the mission entrusted to us, but it may require taking some risks and stepping out of our comfort zones. What will that look like for you this week?



## Contact Details

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## Sunset Concert

**Sunset Concert**, a Westville Conservancy and KZN Youth Orchestra fundraiser, will be held at Westville Methodist Church at 18:00 on Friday 24 May. There will be a coffee barrow available for refreshments.

**Tickets** : R100 Adults and R80 Scholars and Pensioners

Ticket booking through Quicket : [www.quicket.co.za](http://www.quicket.co.za)

For further information : admin@kznyo.co.za

SUNSET Concert



## 2L Ice Cream Containers

The Sewing Empowerment Project is in need of **clean** 2L Ice Cream Containers to store their Sewing 'Bits and Bobs'. Please place these in the black box outside the church office. Thank you.



## Bible Readings

12 to 18 May 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	John 17 : 6 - 19
<b>Monday</b>	Psalms 115
<b>Tuesday</b>	Titus 1 : 1 - 9
<b>Wednesday</b>	John 16 : 16 - 24
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalms 33 : 12 - 22
<b>Friday</b>	1 Corinthians 15 : 50 - 57
<b>Saturday</b>	John 7 : 37 - 39



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OPEN THE WAY

WE NEED YOU



### VOLUNTEERS:

Admin  
Gathering info for CV's  
Mentorship Work Support Program

### DONATIONS:

Men's clothing for interviews  
Large Sunlight soap bars  
Deodorant

### FUNDS:

Cover operational costs of program

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As the weather starts to cool at this time of year, we start to collect and distribute items for **"Winter Warmth"**. This includes blankets, jerseys, socks, beanies or bedding. If you have any of these items in good, clean condition that you would like to donate, please place them in the black box outside the office, marked "Winter Warmth".

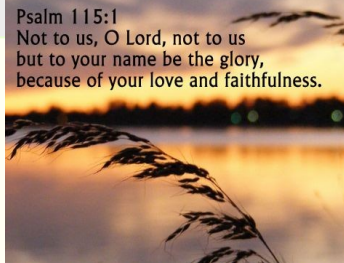
## PRAYER REQUESTS

Lynese Morris

Brigitta Woudberg  
Roxanne Cappell  
Letitia Norris  
Edwin Trebble  
Peter Howard

Horizon Farm  
James Dunford  
Raymond A. Blom  
Sue Carter  
Cameron Smith  
Rujeko Kachisi  
Steve Smith  
Brandon Walker  
Gavin Linnett  
Shirleen Prydderch  
Mike Hoole  
Dorothy Foster  
John Cave  
Zayden Govender  
Shelley Reed

Potential Hip Replacement Surgery  
Strength and Support  
Bed rest - Pregnancy  
Strength and Peace  
Recovering from Surgery  
Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery  
Financial Stability  
Cancer  
End Stage Dementia  
Recovering from Surgery  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Recovering from Spinal Surgery  
Recovering  
Effects of Long Covid  
Recovery  
Bipolar Treatment  
Frail  
Recovering from Surgery  
Cancer  
Kidney function Improvement  
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



Psalm 115:1  
Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.



### Birthdays this coming week

David Williams Monday 13 May  
Shoshanna Dunn Monday 13 May  
Emily Govender Monday 13 May  
Maxine Holmes Saturday 18 May

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



**BLESSED IS THE NATION  
WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD**

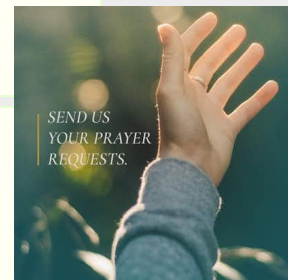
PSALM 33:12

*Let's Stay Connected!*

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

### 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.



### Thank you from KidZAid

"KidZAid received a most generous donation of blankets, scarves, jerseys, booties and woollen hats from WMC. Even my cat approves (spot her cat in the photo). Our most sincere thanks to you all for thinking of our crèches and the baby feeding schemes. The parcel has been divided into four for our different beneficiaries.

Please extend our heartfelt thanks to all the crafters on behalf of the children who will be warmer this winter."

**Mary-Ann Pringle Steiner :**  
KidZAid Chair



### Church Bank Details

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



2024 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Apr 24 YTD</b>	R793 802.43	R807 480.00	R 13 677.57 Under Budget
<b>Total Expenses Apr 24 YTD</b>	R781 307.30	R806 912.00	R 25 604.70 Under Budget
<b>Net Surplus YTD</b>	<b>R12 495.13</b>		