



# Staying Connected 23 June 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

This week, the press has been nervously pointing out how fragile our new government is. I was so frustrated to hear Helen Zille's provocative remarks in a recent interview - I found myself wondering if the perceived arrogance of her position was going to derail this hopeful thing that was taking shape in South Africa.

On reflection though, in any relationship that is going to go the distance, it is healthier to speak out our true feelings, rather than pretend that everything is fine. Yes, we should be wise when we choose our words and the forum for airing our grievances, but ultimately, truth does set us free. And truth, even difficult truth, builds trust. The alternative is to live in a world where we are constantly speculating about people's motives and we never really know where we stand with others.

We are also encouraged to speak truth in the Church - even when it is difficult to say or hear. In the book of Ephesians, our ability to "*speaking the truth in love*" is described as a sign of our maturity - as we "grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Eph 4:15).

While we are invited to speak our minds, the letter to the Ephesians also reminds us that we are not to "*let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs*" (Eph 4:29) It hardly needs to be said, but there is absolutely no place for the racist hate speech that has also been reported in the media this week. As the people of God, we are all called to confront such language wherever we may encounter it.



## Winter Warmth

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, scarves, 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*". Thank you.

## Donations of Wool

We have a team of ladies that knit for the many outreach groups that we supply knitted items to. If you have any wool that you would like to donate, please place it in the black box outside the church office. Thank you.



## Jumble Sale

There will be a WMC Jumble Sale at 09:00 on **Saturday 3 August**.

In this regard we are currently looking for donations of the following:

*Crockery and small kitchen items*

*Clothes and Footwear*

*Linen, Curtains and Blankets*

(All items to be clean and usable, please). These items can be placed in the black box outside the office, marked 'Jumble Sale'. **All proceeds from the jumble sale will be used for Mission projects.** Thank you.



## Oasis

Save the Date for the next Oasis Ladies get-together :  
Saturday 20 July : 09:15 for 09:30. Further details to follow.



## Contact Details

### Minister

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### Church Executive

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Ashley Sellwood (Mission) 083 650 7612

Brandon Walker (Worship) 084 912 8188

David Jordan (Finance) 082 922 9385

Jane Bainbridge (Fellowship) 084 746 2004

Louise Walker (Pastoral Care) 084 580 3471

Natalie Moolman (Youth & Children) 073 438 8153

Sybil Scott-Adams (Prayer) 083 787 2680

Paul Bryan (Property) 061 309 6635

## Bible Readings

23 to 29 June 2024

**Sunday** Mark 4 : 35 - 41

**Monday** Psalm 119 : 113 - 128

**Tuesday** Acts 27 : 39 - 44

**Wednesday** Mark 6 : 45 - 52

**Thursday** Psalm 130

**Friday** 2 Corinthians 8 : 1 - 7

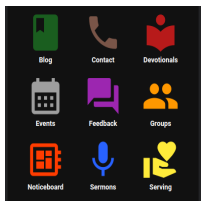
**Saturday** Luke 4 : 31 - 37



## Birthdays this coming week

**Leigh-Anne Cowden** Monday 24 June  
**Sara Humphries** Monday 24 June  
**Byron Van Zyl** Thursday 27 June  
**Evan Lapin** Friday 28 June  
**Xolile Mbambo** Saturday 29 June  
**Gill Tjasink** Sunday 30 June

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



Access devotional content, services, blogs, roster details etc.

Download the WMC Web App.

<https://app.westvillemethodist.co.za>

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

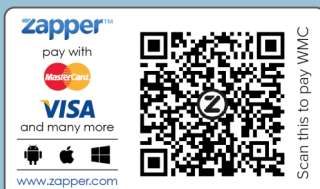
The following items can be placed in the black box outside the church office.

Second hand clothes and shoes in good, clean condition  
 Small household items, in good, clean condition  
 Blankets / Linen / Towels  
 Wool / Off-cuts of Material  
 Non-perishable food items  
 Books in good condition / Stationery  
 Items for Winter Warmth  
 Small Bowls for Pastoral Flowers  
 School clothes, shoes and Stationery

Thank you

## Church Bank Details

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Helene Herbst  
Danielle de Bruyn*

*Sané Ndlovu*

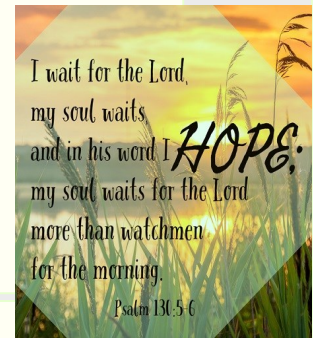
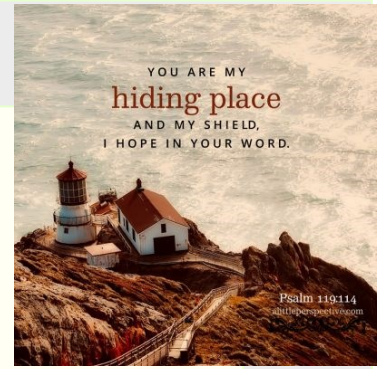
*Mary Haw  
Lynese Morris*

*Brigitta Woudberg*

*Roxanne Cappell  
Letitia Norris  
Edwin Trebble  
Peter Howard*

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

In hospital - Tests  
 Recovering from Foot Surgery  
 Further treatment - Endometriosis  
 Blood Disorder  
 Recovering from Hip Replacement Surgery  
 Strength and Support - Thank you for prayers  
 Bed rest - Pregnancy  
 Strength and Peace  
 Undergoing radiation treatment  
 Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery  
 Financial Stability  
 Cancer  
 End Stage Dementia  
 Strength and Support  
 Multiple Sclerosis  
 Effects of Long Covid  
 Recovery  
 Bipolar Treatment  
 Recovering from Surgery  
 Cancer  
 Kidney function Improvement  
 Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



## Ongoing Prayer

*Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.*



A total of 101 blankets were delivered to KidZAid by the '67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day' initiative : 31 of these blankets were from the Social Knit Wits group.  
 (In total, an amount of 128 blankets have been donated to charities recently.)  
 Contact Wendy Theunissen on 082 3581593 if you would further information about the Social Knit Wits.

## Flowers in Church

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Service. If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.

