



# Staying Connected 29 September 2024

## Office Details

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

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

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## Bible Readings

### 29 September to 5 October 2024

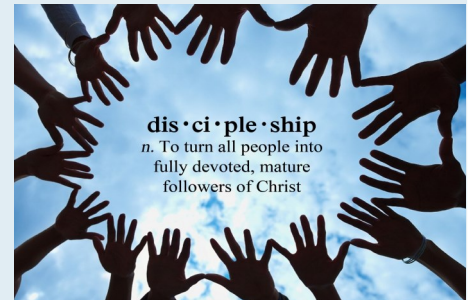
**Sunday** Mark 9 : 38 - 50  
**Monday** Psalm 140  
**Tuesday** 1 John 2 : 18 - 25  
**Wednesday** Matthew 18 : 6 - 9  
**Thursday** Psalm 26  
**Friday** Romans 8 : 1 - 11  
**Saturday** Luke 16 : 14 - 18

## From the Minister's Desk

Our discipleship commission met this week and much of our conversation centred on life-changing small groups. All of us in the meeting had experiences to share of learning and growing and being cared for in these amazing little communities that for centuries have been the engine of growth and maturity in the Church.

We recognised that there are barriers however to joining a group, especially if you are new to the church. Super-determined and outgoing types are able to track down our group pamphlet, pick a name off that list and get involved. But for many of us, that's too hard (and to be honest, we are still a bit reluctant since the pandemic to take the initiative and connect with others). So, what we're planning to do is make the groups far more visible by putting up details of different groups on the advert slides each week before the service and inviting group members to share regularly in the services so that you have names and faces of people you can approach if you are keen to connect. I hope you do - there is no more effective way to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

Also, in our meeting we looked at a fantastic congregational course that we will be running in Lent next year (from early March). The course will be offered in a morning and evening version at the church as well as in homes. We'll let you know more in the coming months, but we'd love to see as many as possible joining in.



## Church Room Bookings

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. Please contact the church office if you would like further information about hiring a room at WMC.

## Stay Connected

Just as we are trying to stay connected with you, we also need you to stay connected with us. If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members going to hospital or unwell, please let the church office know.



**Do you have the skills to become the ultimate quiz champion? Get your team together and book a table for our quiz night. (This is a WMC Fundraiser.)**

**Bring your own supper.**

**Coffee, tea and cake will be on sale.**

**Friday 11 October @ 6:00pm**

**In the Lower Hall : Westville Methodist Church**

**Tickets : R150pp; Pensioners R100pp**

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Condolences to  
Michelle Thackwray  
and Family on the  
death of  
Clifford Thackwray  
on Friday 20  
September.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Haroshen Govender  
Derek Gallichan

Cancer Treatment  
Atrial Fibrillation -  
Ongoing prayer  
Cancer - Treatment  
Tests

Lynda Goosen  
Helene Herbst  
Sané Ndlovu

Further treatment -  
Endometriosis  
Cancer : Surgery /  
Treatment

Lynese Morris

Strength and Support : Pregnancy

Roxanne Cappell  
Letitia Norris  
Horizon Farm  
James Dunford  
Raymond A. Blom  
Sue Carter

Strength and Peace  
Financial Stability  
Cancer

Cameron Smith  
Brandon Walker  
Shirleen Prydderch  
Dorothy Foster  
John Cave  
Zayden Govender  
Shelley Reed

End Stage Dementia  
Post operative recovery and general prayer  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Effects of Long Covid  
Bipolar Treatment - Thank you for prayers  
Recovering from Surgery  
Cancer  
Kidney function Improvement  
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

FOR YOUR LOVING  
DEVOTION IS BEFORE MY  
EYES, AND I HAVE WALKED  
IN YOUR TRUTH.

- PSALM 26:3

SURELY THE RIGHTEOUS  
SHALL GIVE THANKS  
UNTO THY NAME: THE  
UPRIGHT SHALL DWELL  
IN THY PRESENCE.

-PSALMS 140:13



### Ongoing Prayer

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



SAVE THE  
DATE!

WMC Christmas Market  
Saturday 30 November  
09:00 to 13:00

## JUMBLE SALE

There will be a Jumble Sale at the  
Christmas Market, to be held on *Saturday  
30 November 2024*. Pre-loved clothes,  
shoes, linen and small household items  
will be available at very reasonable prices.  
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. Thank you.

### Current project at WMC : Solar Installation

The Church Executive has approved plans for a solar  
installation. In the next few weeks you will see  
scaffolding being erected, lots of cables being laid  
and 20 solar panels being installed on the roof of the  
building. This installation will reduce the monthly  
utility charges and will also reduce the impact of  
further load shedding.



Produced by the Sew 'n Sews  
and distributed to The Valley  
Trust this week:

**34 pyjamas and tracksuits**

And also,

Produced by the Sew 'n Sews  
and distributed to the Ray of  
Hope Children's Home in Glen  
Anil this week:

**6 pyjamas and beanies**



Thank you for donations  
of fabric received. The  
shelves are looking a bit  
bare after all these items  
were produced.  
Any donation of cotton  
knit, fleece or track suit  
fabric would be  
appreciated. Please mark  
the donation 'Sew 'n  
Sews'.

### Church Bank Details

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

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