



# Staying Connected 13 October 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

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## Bible Readings

**13 to 19 October 2024**

**Sunday** Mark 10 : 17 - 31  
**Monday** Psalm 39  
**Tuesday** Revelation 8 : 1 - 5  
**Wednesday** Luke 16 : 19 - 31  
**Thursday** Romans 15 : 7 - 13  
**Friday** Psalm 104 : 1 - 9  
**Saturday** Luke 22 : 24 - 30

## From the Minister's Desk

Our Exec meeting this week began with a time of prayer for our church. Often the opening prayer of a meeting is brief so that we can then dive into the agenda, but this week, it was good to spend longer listening, giving thanks, and asking for God's help and direction. There followed a conversation on our collective longing to be a more prayerful people. It's not a peripheral issue - the journey of prayer is in many ways at the very heart of the journey of discipleship. For my part, I came away challenged to be more intentional during Sunday services to invite our people to participate (in a non-threatening way) in the work of prayer, so that we don't just end up spectating while the preacher prays on our behalf!



A second conversation during the meeting also related to Sunday worship. We talked about the pre-Covid practice of passing around a collection bag on Sundays. There was something wonderful about how this obliged us to participate and engage with our neighbours. The use of a collection bag was however phased out during the time when we were all social distancing - remember that? One of the reasons why we haven't re-introduced it, is because the passing of that bag creates huge social pressure to put something in! I know of people who give generously online, who nevertheless would also put cash in the bag because it was too hard to just pass it on to the next person :) That's not helpful because our giving is worship and it pleases God when we give cheerfully and with grateful hearts (2 Cor 9:6-7), not with a sense of obligation. Also, we are trying to move towards electronic giving, which makes good sense from a security and administrative cost perspective. We noted in our meeting that during the month of September, we saw a significant decline in our planned giving, resulting in a shortfall for the month of R25,000. If you consider WMC your home church, but are not yet a part of our planned giving programme, please think about signing up (forms are at the welcome counter).

We may think of liturgy as written prayers, but more correctly, liturgy means "the work of the people", which suggests that we are all actively involved. We are invited - all of us - to participate in the work of the people - worshipping God in our praying and our giving. May God bless you as you join us in worship this week!



**Westville Methodist Church**

# Christmas Market


Clothing Sale | Book Sale | Tea Garden  
Children's Games and Activities

If you would like to hire a table at the market to sell eats or crafts please give us a call

**Saturday 30 November 2024**

**9:00am to 1:00pm**



  
**Congratulations to  
 Hylton and  
 Rosemary Bremner  
 on the marriage of  
 their son  
 Simon to  
 Elke Linde  
 in Pretoria  
 on Saturday 5  
 October.**

**And**



**Congratulations  
 on Your  
 Wedding...**

**Congratulations to  
 Dave and Deanne Buckingham  
 on the marriage of  
 their daughter Ashley to  
 Gert Spies  
 in the KZN Midlands  
 on Saturday 28 September .**



**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.

### Church Bank Details

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS

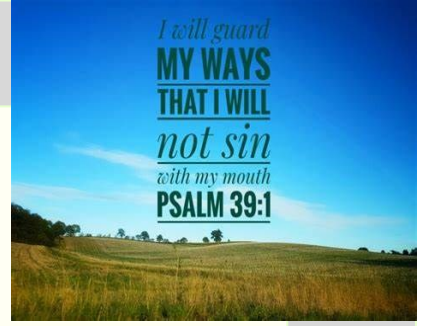
*Linda Lafitte  
 Haroshen Govender  
 Derek Gallichan*

*Lynda Goosen  
 Helene Herbst  
 Sané Ndlovu*

*Lynese Morris  
 Roxanne Cappell  
 Letitia Norris  
 Horizon Farm  
 James Dunford  
 Raymond A. Blom  
 Sue Carter  
 Cameron Smith  
 Brandon Walker  
 Shirleen Prydderch  
 Dorothy Foster  
 John Cave  
 Zayden Govender*

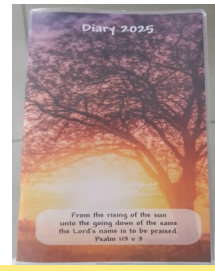
*Shelley Reed*

Glandular Fever  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Atrial Fibrillation -  
 Ongoing prayer  
 Cancer - Treatment  
 Tests  
 Further treatment -  
 Endometriosis  
 Cancer : Surgery / Treatment  
 Strength and Support : Pregnancy  
 Strength and Peace  
 Financial Stability  
 Cancer  
 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



### Ongoing Prayer

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



**2025 W.A. Diary  
 The 2025 W.A.  
 Diary is available  
 from the church  
 office at a cost of  
 R40 each.**



**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.**

## FINANCE UPDATE

2024 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Sep 24 YTD</b>	R1 756 290.25	R1 816 830.00	R 60 539.75 Under Budget
<b>Total Expenses Sep 24 YTD</b>	R1 777 224.37	R1 815 552.00	R 38 327.63 Under Budget
<b>Net Deficit YTD</b>	<b>(R20 934.12)</b>		