



# Staying Connected 24 November 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

### 24 to 30 November 2024

**Sunday** John 18 : 33 - 37  
**Monday** Psalm 63  
**Tuesday** 1 Samuel 17 : 55 - 18 : 5  
**Wednesday** John 16 : 25 - 33  
**Thursday** Psalm 25 : 1 - 10  
**Friday** 1 Thessalonians 5 : 12 - 22  
**Saturday** Luke 21 : 20 - 24

## From the Minister's Desk

This week, some of you may have been affected by the power outage in parts of Westville that lasted most of Wednesday and Thursday. We had no Eskom power at the church, but the solar panels generated enough electricity to make sure that we could carry on pretty much unaffected at the office. It wasn't long ago (when load-shedding was still a thing) that we would find ourselves pottering around helplessly for hours, tidying bookshelves, reading, preparing sermons with pen and paper ...



The installation of solar power has changed all that and we were so grateful this week to avoid all the disruption. But something else also changed: previously when going through an extended outage, there was a feeling of shared frustration with the wider community - you could sense the whole suburb willing the power back on. Now, we were cut off from that frustration and within no time, I found I wasn't thinking at all about what the rest of the community was experiencing.

South Africa has often been described by economists as the most unequal society on earth - our country displays the biggest gaps between the haves and have-nots. Given that reality, it takes quite a deliberate effort to make sure that we are not completely numb to the suffering around us. During the 09h00 service last week, I was so struck by the shift that Brigitta described in herself - the conscious choice she made to move from giving a sandwich to a homeless man, to sitting with him and sharing a sandwich. That is like the journey Jesus made by entering our world and becoming one of us, isn't it? What will solidarity with others look like for you and me this week?

**Advent is almost upon us. This season of joyful hope and eager expectation helps us to prepare for the celebration of the Saviour's birth at Christmas. Advent commences on Sunday 1 December.**

**You are invited to a Westville Churches**

**Advent Ecumenical Service**

**At Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**at 6:00pm on Wednesday 4 December.**



## Combined Service : Sunday 8 December

There will be a Combined Service at 09:00 on Sunday 8 December. **(There will be NO 07:30 service and NO 18:30 service on this day).** We will be gathering in one service at 09:00 and as part of our worship, we will be reflecting on the year that has been and looking ahead with hope to 2025. It will be a great chance to be all together in one place as we give thanks to God for his faithfulness in these challenging times.

ONE SERVICE  
**SUNDAY**

## Tea Garden Eats

Join us on **Saturday 30 November** from 09:00 to 13:00, for delicious treats at the WMC Christmas Market Day Tea Garden which will take place in the Supper Room. Please contact the church office if you are able to contribute cakes, muffins, scones or biscuits to be sold at the tea garden. Thank you.

## Market Day Helpers needed

If you are able to help sort clothes and household items on the morning of **Friday 29 November**, please let Lauren or Ashley know. We have received donations of new and used clothing, linen and small household items that need to be sorted and displayed. Thank you.



**Condolences To Gill Tjasink and Family on the death of her sister-in-law Natali MacGregor on Thursday 21 November. And To Margot Leathern-Smith and Family on the death of Cameron Smith on Friday 22 November.**



Zanda van Tonder Snake Bite - Anaphylaxis - In Hospital Critical Care Pain Relief  
 Helene Herbst In Hospital- off the ventilator  
 Hane van der Merwe Released from hospital after accident in Portugal  
 Migel Nicolson Cancer Treatment  
 Haroshen Govender Cancer - Treatment  
 Lynda Goosen Further treatment - Endometriosis  
 Sané Ndlovu Cancer : Pain Control / Treatment  
 Lynese Morris Strength and Support : Pregnancy  
 Roxanne Cappell Strength and Peace  
 Letitia Norris Financial Stability  
 Horizon Farm Cancer  
 James Dunford End Stage Dementia  
 Raymond A. Blom Post operative recovery and general prayer  
 Sue Carter Effects of Long Covid - Fatigue  
 Brandon Walker Bipolar Treatment  
 Shirleen Prydderch Recovering from Surgery  
 Dorothy Foster Cancer  
 John Cave Kidney function Improvement  
 Zayden Govender Motor Neuron Disease / ALS  
 Shelley Reed



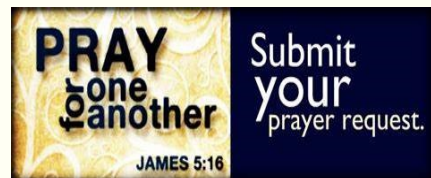
"The Valley Trust would like to thank the Sew 'n Sew sewing ladies for the continuous support. Our beneficiary children and their mums are always so grateful to receive lovely warm winter pyjamas. We have kept the 42 you recently donated, to use for the Kids Christmas Party gift bags."

**Pippa Whittle : The Valley Trust**

Thank you for your support

**Ongoing Prayer**

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



**Appeal for Books**

Please consider donating your books : This is a last minute appeal for donations of **good quality** books for the book stall at the Christmas Market. Please place them in the black box outside the church office.

**Thank you to the Sew 'n Sews**

"I write - in both my capacity as Director of the Communities, Children and Responsible Care (CCRC) Organisation and also as a member of the Westville Methodist Church - to thank the members of the Sew 'n Sews for the donation of 17 pairs of pyjamas. The pyjamas have benefitted hearing impaired children from through out KwaZulu Natal who attend the Naik School for the Deaf which is situated in Newlands East / KwaMashu. I can assure you the pyjamas are much needed and much appreciated. CCRC is a registered Non Profit and Public Benefit Organisation."

Love and Blessings,  
 Mari Van Der Merwe : Director



**Birthday this coming week**

Wendy Theunissen Friday 29 November  
 Maureen Bisset Friday 29 November  
 Gus Rohrs Friday 29 November

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

**Church Bank Details**

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



**Children's Nativity Play**  
 You are invited to the Children's Church Nativity Play during the 09:00 Service on Sunday 1 December.



All ladies are invited to join the next WMC Ladies Fellowship group get-together on Friday 6 December At 10:00