



# Staying Connected 1 December 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

### 1 to 7 December 2024

**Sunday** Luke 21 : 25 - 36

**Monday** Psalm 90

**Tuesday** Revelation 22 : 12 - 16

**Wednesday** Luke 11 : 29 - 32

**Thursday** Philippians 1 : 12 - 18 (a)

**Friday** Malachi 3 : 13 - 18

**Saturday** Luke 9 : 1 - 6

## From the Minister's Desk

There has been a frenzy of activity here over the last few days: As I write this, last minute preparations are still on the go for Saturday morning's Christmas Market. Thank you so much to all who have pitched in and contributed in different ways - it's going to be a fantastic day and we hope to see you there!

Also, our children's church have been busy preparing for this week - on Sunday at 09h00 we will be treated to the play they have been practising these last few weeks.

And because this Sunday is the first week of Advent, our flower team have been especially busy - the beautiful palm angels (you may remember them from last year) have survived a year in storage and are back up in the sanctuary. The advent wreath arrangement is in place and we are all set for this sacred season.

Our lectionary-based Advent sermon series is called "The weary world rejoices", a line you will recognise from the carol 'O Holy night'. Here is the full verse of the song - they are such hopeful words for a weary world, don't you think?

*O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Saviour's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!*

## 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.

**If you are able to contribute eats for the tea after the service, it would be greatly appreciated.**



## Farewell to Laura Heale

As we bid farewell to Laura next week, should you still want to contribute to a gift either mark it clearly in an envelope and drop it in the collection box or do an EFT to the WMC bank account, clearly marked as a gift for Laura. We would like to present her with this gift at the combined service on 8 December 2024. Thank you.

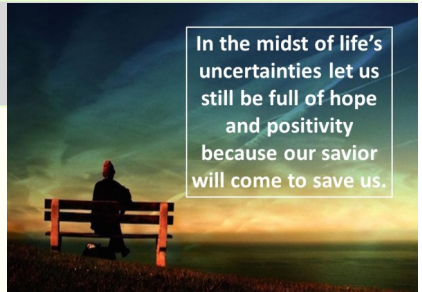
## Church Diary 2025

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 will all church groups and ministries confirm their dates, for using any rooms in the church complex for 2025, with Lauren in the church office.





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



- 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

**Please let the church office staff know if you are ill or going into hospital. Your name will only be put on the prayer list with your consent. We would appreciate your co-operation in this regard so that we can visit or offer help. Letting us know helps us to show care!**



**This Sunday, 1 December is the first Sunday of Advent. This season of joyful hope and eager expectation helps us to prepare for the celebration of the Saviour's birth at Christmas. You are invited to a Westville Churches Advent Ecumenical Service At Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6:00pm on Wednesday 4 December.**



**Ongoing Prayer**

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



**Submit your prayer request.**

*"I once again write - in both my capacity as Director of the Communities, Children and Responsible Care (CCRC) organisation and also as a member of the Knit Wits Group - to thank the members of the Knits Wits as well as the '67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela' organisation for the further donation of nap blankets. The nap blankets have been given to the Ikusasaletu Creche and Pre School in Mayville who now have a blanket for each child attending the creche."*



**Mari van der Merwe : Director CCRC**



**Birthday this coming week**  
 Ashley Spies Monday 2 December  
 Helen Wienand Tuesday 3 December  
 Thomas Bishop Tuesday 3 December  
 Jonathan Cory Thursday 5 December  
 If your name should be listed here, or if there are any errors, please contact the church office.

**Christmas Day**  
**Worship Service**  
 Wednesday 25 December 07:00 and 08:30

**Church Bank Details**

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church  
**Acc No:** 58880668126  
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**Monday 23 December**  
**18:30**  
**Blue Christmas**  
 a service of remembrance and hope