



Staying Connected 29 December 2024

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

I hadn't ever attended a Blue Christmas service before coming to Westville but it's become one of my favourite services of the year. It's a service that acknowledges that Christmas is not just joy and celebration but that it often is also a time of contradictions for so many people. We recognise that, in addition to the festivities, we may also experience grief, loneliness, and even anxiety and depression. At our Blue Christmas service this week, we made space to name those difficult emotions, but there was also plenty of laughter and a wonderful sense of being together. Essentially, we had permission to be real and to encounter the Christ who is our Helper in the midst of that reality.

I hope that in all of the busyness of this time you have been able to give yourself permission to be real this Christmas - to acknowledge the contradictions and then in the midst of that reality, to find hope and peace in the Christ who comes to be with us. May God bless you and those you love this Christmas!



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Bible Readings

29 December to 4 January 2024

Sunday Luke 2:41-52
Monday Psalm 147:12-20
Tuesday 1 Kings 3:5-14
Wednesday Luke 2:15-21
Thursday James 3:13-18
Friday Psalm 72
Saturday Isaiah 6:1-5

The church tithes to 10 organisations / ministries on a monthly basis according to the monthly income received. These organisations / ministries are: *Allowance for running of Feeding Scheme, Adult Literacy Programme at WMC, Prialex, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Ingwe, Thembaletu Sewing Centre, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre, the WMC Sewing Empowerment group, KidZAid and the Westville Baby House.*

Thank you for your faithful giving. It is a result of your giving that we are in a position to give so generously.

Church Diary

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. We currently have a few slots available to hire for 2025, on weekday mornings. Please contact Lauren in the church office for further information.



**Do we have your contact details?
Have your details changed?**

LET THE OFFICE KNOW



**Keep up to date with all the news
and events taking place at WMC**



Keep In Touch



If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members unwell or going to hospital, please let the office know.



Tienie Dearham
 Helene Herbst
 Hane van der Merwe
 Migel Nicolson
 Haroshen Govender
 Lynda Goosen
 Sané Ndlovu
 Lynese Morris
 Letitia Norris
 Horizon Farm
 James Dunford
 Raymond A. Blom
 Sue Carter
 Brandon Walker
 Shirleen Prydderch
 Dorothy Foster
 John Cave
 Zayden Govender
 Shelley Reed

Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
 Pain Relief
 In Hospital - off the ventilator
 Released from hospital after accident in Portugal
 Cancer Treatment
 Cancer Treatment
 Further treatment - Endometriosis
 Cancer : Pain Control / Treatment
 Strength and Peace
 Financial Stability
 Cancer
 End Stage Dementia
 Post operative recovery and general prayer
 Effects of Long Covid - Fatigue
 Bipolar Treatment
 Recovering from Surgery
 Cancer
 Kidney function Improvement
 Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



**Our Annual close will be from
 December 24th at 12:00pm until
 January 2nd at 08:30am.**



Birthdays this coming week

- John Friggens** Tuesday 31 December
- Felicity Williams** Monday 1 January
- Brenda Oldacre** Wednesday 3 January
- Kate Selwood** Friday 5 January
- Ruth Crofts** Friday 5 January

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



Ongoing Prayer

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



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.



Pastoral Care Flower Ministry

Each Monday morning a member of the Pastoral Care Flower Team arranges the flowers from Sunday into pastoral bowls. These flowers are delivered to our members as part of our pastoral care ministry. If you have small ceramic, plastic or glass bowls **and** vases that can be used for these floral arrangements, please place them in the donations box, marked 'Pastoral Flower Team'. Thank you.

Church Bank Details

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



Please continue collecting Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Tops and drop them off in the kitchen.



Hospital Alert

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!

