1 NOVEMBER 2026

Westville Methodist Church

STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

1 November to 7 November

Sunday **Matthew 5:1-12**
Monday **1 Thessalonians 2:13-20**
Tuesday **Psalm 128**
Wednesday **Matthew 15:1-9**
Thursday **Revelation 8:6-9:12**
Friday **Psalm 70**
Saturday **Matthew 24:1-14**

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



This Sunday is All Saints Day - when the church traditionally remembers those who have gone before us, who have showed us the way along the path of faith, and who are now among the cloud of witnesses who cheer us on (Hebrews 11-12).

Interestingly, the practice of the church was to hold a vigil on the night before All Saints Day - ie: on All Saints Eve. In old English, the word "hallow" meaning holy is used interchangeably with "saint", so All Saints Eve was also known as All Hallows Eve, from which we eventually derive All Hallows e'en or Halloween. Quite how remembering the faithful departed became a strange fixation with horrow and death in modern day celebrations of Halloween is another story! but the origins of this day are Christian.

Maybe we can take a moment this weekend to remember the saints who have shaped us and whose examples continue to inspire us? And maybe we can also pause to think about whose lives we are touching and shaping and who is likely to be remembering us after we are gone?

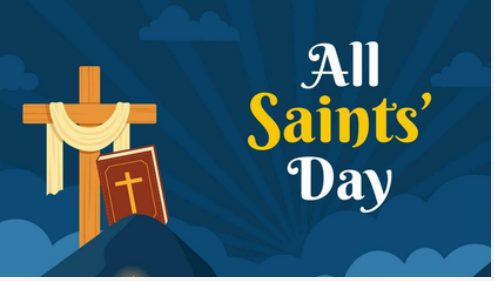
INGWE Children's HOME

MISSION OF THE MONTH - NEEDSLIST



1. **Non-perishable groceries**
2. **Toiletries:** toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath soap, face cloths, sanitary towels, deodorant
3. **School stationery:** new and pre-loved for **Grade 2 to 12**
4. **White School Shirts Unisex:** new and pre-loved for **Grade 2 to 12**
5. **Clothes:** new and pre-loved - ages **7 to 18 years**
6. **Linen:** single bed including pillows and duvets - new and pre-loved







Courtney Buckingham Monday 02 Nov

Pam Miller Sunday 08 Nov

Chrissie Smith Sunday 08 Nov





CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Acc: Westville Methodist Church
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Branch: Westville
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November Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC
Preparation for Advent
Mission Focus
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Thanksgiving

Zayden Govender - We give thanks for the improvement in Zayden's kidney function. Thanks for the prayers.
Denise Blevin - Gives thanks for the prayers. Hugely appreciated.





Current Prayer Requests

Grade 12 learners - Writing Matric exams
Our country - Upcoming Elections
Mpume Dlamini-Arends - Recovering from knee surgery
Sue Carter - Right Thumb CMC Joint replacement surgery on 5 November
Mervyn Reed - Healing after an Achilles tendon tear
Bruce Theunissen - Pacemaker repair surgery -recovering well



People Under Treatment

Tienie Dearham - Continuing treatment
Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer stable. Health fragile, but well supported.
Mike Higgs - Responding well to Cancer treatment. Immunotherapy treatments continue.
Russell Untiedt - Cancer treatment continues
Bruce Perrow - Health challenges - feeling stronger
Michael Mullin - Healing well
Nick Naidoo - Needing further sugery
Sané Ndlovu - Endometriosis improving
Brandon Walker - New treatment for Fibromyalgia in progress
John Cave - Cancer responding well to treatment. Undertaking preparation for a new treatment.





Ongoing Prayer

Chrissie Smith, Letitia Norris, Horizon Farm, Shelley Reed, Helene Herbst, Sue Carter, Janita Downing, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Evelyn Kolbe, Nicky Proctor, The Sullivan family, The Siswana family



Our Daily Bread

Sylvia Garvie from ***'Our Daily Bread'*** will be visiting the two morning services on ***Sunday, 1 November***. Established in 1956 and published in 58 languages in over 150 countries, the 2027 daily devotional book costs R70 and will be for sale after the services.



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IMPACT REPORT FINAL QUARTER 2026

IMPACT REPORT | HOPE, RESTORATION & TRANSFORMATION

"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good." – 2 Thessalonians 3:13








Hosting Vulindlela gentlemen at Giba.





WISEMAN

When asked what the MEN AROUND THE FIRE experience meant to him, Wiseman shared that gathering with other men was deeply comforting. He felt refreshed and cleansed, and the experience taught him the importance of respecting one another. He also recognised the importance of living authentically and consistently, being the same person in every environment—not presenting one face at Vulindlela and another when leaving. but living deeply, honestly, and with integrity in every aspect of life.

CHRISTMAS BUCKET INITIATIVE

We are also joyfully continuing our Christmas Bucket Gift Initiative, in partnership with SPAR Westville.
The festive season can be a particularly difficult time for families experiencing financial hardship. This initiative provides an opportunity to bless families in need with practical provisions while reminding them that they are loved, valued and not forgotten.

We invite you to join us in making this Christmas a little brighter for families in our community. Your contribution can help bring joy, encouragement and hope to those who need it most.

A MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for your continued support of Vulindlela Mission and being part of this harvest. Your generosity, prayers and willingness to serve are making a meaningful difference in the lives of people in our community.
Vulindlela is about so much more than providing a meal. It is about creating a place where people are welcomed, where relationships are built, where dignity is restored, and where the hope of Jesus Christ can be shared through both words and actions.

Every success story is like a seed planted in fertile soil. One life transformed can impact an entire family and, in time, an entire community.

When someone finds employment, children are better provided for and can attend school with the necessities they need. Fathers regain a sense of dignity and confidence as they become able to provide for their families. Families experience greater stability, and relationships begin to heal.
One life impacted can change many lives. This is the beautiful ripple effect of hope, opportunity and the love of Christ in action.
As Scriptures reminds us:
"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

MEN AROUND THE FIRE

We were blessed to host another special event at Giba Gorge for the men of Vulindlela. Sixteen men joined us for a time of fellowship, refreshment and spiritual encouragement.
The day provided an opportunity for the men to step away from their daily struggles, reconnect with one another and experience the simple but powerful blessing of community.
There was something deeply moving about seeing the men enjoy a meal together, sit around a table and share fellowship. For many, these moments represent far more than food. They offer a sense of belonging, acceptance and dignity.
Jesus consistently demonstrated that people need more than physical provision. They need to be seen, heard, loved and reminded that they have value in God's eyes. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." — **Matthew 25:35**

George, "A MOMENT WE WILL NOT FORGET"
During our walk to the waterfall, one of the men shared how life just seemed to be a series of unfortunate events leaving him feeling overwhelmed, and he was considering visiting a traditional healer for help. God opened a door for us to speak about faith, hope and trusting Him through life's challenges. When we arrived at the waterfall, he jumped into the water, creating a beautiful opportunity to reflect on God's promises of cleansing, renewal and new life. Feeling led by the Holy Spirit, I invited him to pray, and Pastor Sibalaba and I prayed with him. What followed was truly remarkable, as the other men also entered the water and asked for prayer, expressing their desire for a fresh start and freedom from the burdens they carried. It was a powerful reminder that God can use an ordinary moment to create an extraordinary opportunity to share His love and the hope found in Jesus Christ. As Jesus promises in Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," and we pray that each man will continue to experience His peace, restoration and transforming power.