



18 OCTOBER 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

OFFICE DETAILS

Office Hours

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BIBLE READINGS

18 October to 24 October

Sunday Matthew 22:15-22

Monday Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday Psalm 98

Wednesday Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday Titus 1:5-16

Friday Psalm 1

Saturday John 5:39-47

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Celebrating
50 *years*

Rev Kym Bishop writes:

This year in the Methodist Church we are celebrating 50 years of the Ordination of Women into the ministry of Word and Sacrament. The first woman ordained was Rev Constance Oosthuizen, on 17th Oct 1976.

Rev Oosthuizen grew up in Pietermaritzburg, but was working in Botha's Hill when she first experienced a calling into ministry. At that stage, women could serve as deaconesses but not as ministers, so she served as a Deacon at a Methodist church in Durban and later on in Johannesburg.

The story says she was sitting in an air raid shelter in Israel during the six day war, in 1967, when she knew God was calling her into sacramental ministry. She fought the system for 10 years before finally being admitted as an ordinand in 1976, and she was sent to the Methodist church in central Pietermaritzburg. After ordination she served as a minister until 1997 when she formally retired, but she kept serving until 2016 when she passed away at the age of 85

Her life and ministry is a witness to a God who calls and equips all of us for service, and a reminder to all of us to say yes to God's call. It is also a reminder to all of us to widen the doors for those whom God continues to call and to live lives of faithful service wherever God call us.



FUN RUN / WALK

IN SUPPORT OF THE

CHARITY OF THE MONTH

5km FUN RUN

2.5km WALK

SATURDAY
31 OCTOBER 2026

7:30 AM
ARRIVAL

8:00 AM
START

WESTVILLE
METHODIST CHURCH

BRING THE DOG

Come and enjoy the community chatter with us!

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

SUPPORTING A WORTHY CAUSE

HEALTHIER YOU

FITNESS FOR ALL

PEOPLE • FAITH • COMMUNITY • CHANGE



Gene Rohrs Tuesday 20 Oct

Carol Ross Saturday 24 Oct



Join us for the

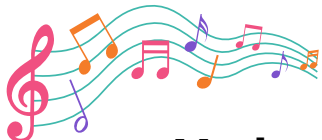
Oasis

Ladies Fellowship

Saturday 31st October
 Westville Methodist Church Lower Hall
 9am to 12pm

RSVP Felicity
083 544 6892

Durban Chamber Choir



Musgrave Methodist Church

Sunday 18 October
During the service



Kloof Methodist Church

1 November 2026 at
15h00



CHURCH BANK DETAILS

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



October Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC

Small Groups in the Church

Mission Focus

Khethiwe



Thanksgiving



We give thanks for each and every one of our wonderful church volunteers. Your time, dedication, kindness and willingness to serve make such a difference to our church community. Thank you for all that you do.



Current Prayer Requests

Grade 12 learners - Writing Matric exams

Our country - Upcoming Elections

Bruce Theunissen - post 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 - Further health challenges

Nick Naidoo - Cancer treatment

Sané Ndlovu - Endometriosis improving

Brandon Walker - New Treatment for Fibromyalgia

John Cave - Cancer responding well to treatment. Tires easily.



Ongoing Prayer

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



Checkers Stickables Collection

We are collecting Checkers Stickables for Ethelbert Children's Home and would love your help!
 If you have any spare Stickables, or simply don't need yours, please consider donating them.
 Together we can bring a little joy to the children.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Khethiwe Rehab Centre for Children with disabilities

Special Prayer Request

We have experienced a number of deaths among the children at Khethiwe this year. Please keep their families in your prayers, as well as the team, who are deeply saddened by these losses.

Please also pray for the succession plan as Glenys gradually reduces her working hours, that the transition will be smooth and guided by God.



NEEDS LIST

AA Batteries
 Kids' Poster Paints
 Cheesecurls or Flings
 Christmas Cake Baker

