



# Staying Connected 26 January 2025

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## Bible Readings

**26 January to 1 February 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	Luke 4:14-21
<b>Monday</b>	Psalms 119: 89-96
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Corinthians 7:2-12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Luke 4:38-44
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalms 71:1-6
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 19:1-10
<b>Saturday</b>	John 1:43-51

## From the Minister's Desk

Every morning as I walk through our front door, I pass an outdoor pot plant - some kind of succulent - that is living its best life. The little plant has green leaves everywhere and it just beams at us when we pass by. It has not always been this way though. During 2020, we were given the gift of this seedling in a pot just weeks before Phoebe (our border collie puppy) joined our family. One day Phoebe was bored and she chewed up the pot and dismembered the plant - all that was left was a stump and a few roots. Hoping against hope I tried replanting it (and storing the new pot out of Phoebe's reach). But nothing happened. It was depressing to keep inspecting this little half-chewed stump in its pot each day and see absolutely no signs of life.



Then a miracle! One day, right on the stump of the branch that Phoebe had amputated, a little bud started forming. It was tiny, but what it meant was that during those weeks when I thought that nothing was happening for that plant, I couldn't have been more wrong. Clearly a root system was developing and the plant was being nourished by sunshine and water and soil. All of this was taking place out of sight, however. There was absolutely no outward sign of life.

Sometimes, during the most barren moments of our lives it seems that nothing is happening - there is no sign of life. And yet we are mistaken. God is at work, but we cannot see it. It is underground work, hidden work. The apostle Paul writing to the church in Corinth invites us to imagine the secret work that is happening beneath the surface: He says "we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (2 Cor 4:16-18)

Take heart if you don't see green leaves yet - God is at work in you and me!



*Save the date*

Oasis Ladies' Ministry Event  
**Saturday 29th March**  
08h00 to 12h00  
Contact: Felicity Cory  
on 083 544 6892

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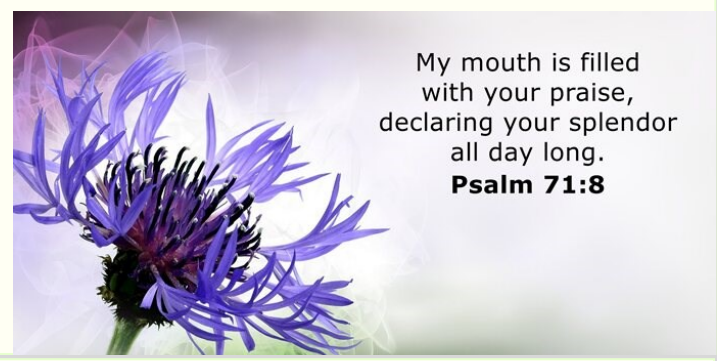
**Congratulations to Milton and Caren Marnies on the birth of their first grandchild, Mikel Asher Marnies born to Marcel Marnies and Nikita Hughes on Monday 30th December**



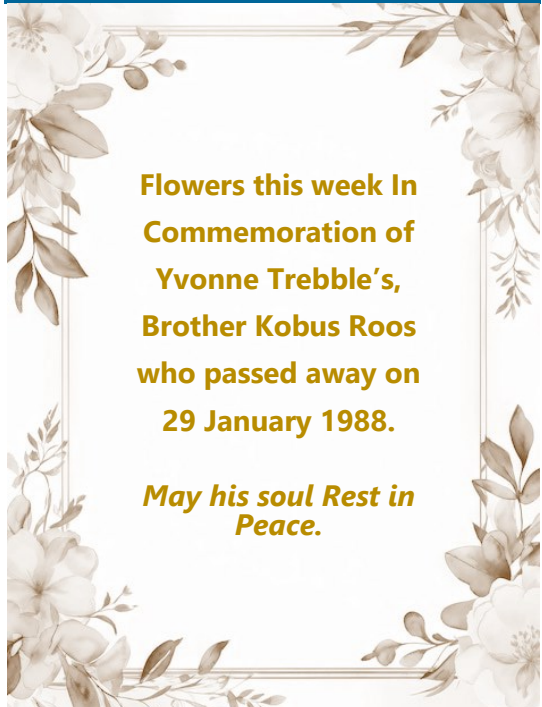
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Sané Ndlovu  
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Horizon Farm  
James Dunford  
Raymond A. Blom  
Brandon Walker  
Shirleen Prydderch  
John Cave  
Zayden Govender  
Shelley Reed

Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing  
Pain Relief  
At home in rehab therapy and further surgeries down the line  
Cancer Treatment  
Cancer Treatment  
Further treatment - Endometriosis  
Strength and Peace  
Financial Stability  
Cancer  
End Stage Dementia  
Effects of Long Covid - Fatigue  
Bipolar Treatment  
Cancer  
Kidney function Improvement  
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.  
**Psalm 71:8**



**Flowers this week In Commemoration of Yvonne Trebble's, Brother Kobus Roos who passed away on 29 January 1988. May his soul Rest in Peace.**

**Ongoing Prayer**  
*Sue Carter, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.*

**Birthdays this coming week**

<b>Val Kelly</b>	Monday 27 Jan
<b>Janet Thomason</b>	Monday 27 Jan
<b>Rosemary Bremner</b>	Tuesday 28 Jan
<b>Danielle De Bruyn</b>	Wednesday 29 Jan
<b>Sarah Stoner</b>	Wednesday 29 Jan
<b>Lerato Muribwathoho</b>	Wednesday 29 Jan
<b>Vulcile Tembe</b>	Friday 31 Jan
<b>Mike Moore</b>	Saturday 01 Feb

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**Wednesday Ladies Bible study**

We shall be starting a new DVD based course on David, called Anointed Transformed Redeemed, presented by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore and Kay Arthur. The course will commence on 29 January. Meetings run from 2pm to 3:30pm and are held in the Family Room at WMC. For further information, please contact Pam on WhatsApp 082 464 6379. New participants are welcome, but advance notice is required regarding participation as workbooks need to be purchased. We're planning on starting the Entrusted course in the late April or early May. Workbooks are available for this study.