



# Staying Connected 18 May 2025

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### Sunday Service Times:

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

Our district synod met this week and over the course of three days together, we heard many accounts of struggle and brokenness from our people as we acknowledged the challenges presently facing the Methodist Church. At many levels we are in a difficult place - showing signs of decline in numbers, finances and impact across our District.

At the same time, a consistent theme through this synod has been that it is when we are weak and broken that we turn to God and it is there that we learn to humbly depend on the God whose grace is sufficient for us and whose strength is made perfect in our weakness.



In his opening address to synod, our Bishop shared a vivid memory from early in his ministry of standing outside a landfill in a rural village, and initially only being able to see all the rubbish. But then as he kept looking around, searching for life in this place of brokenness, he noticed a surprising sign of life - healthy water-melons growing in a corner of the dump. It was a helpful metaphor for synod - a picture of the work of the God who turns Good Fridays into Easter Sundays. Where are there water-melons growing in your life and mine right now?

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We are available to chat

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**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.

## Bible Readings

**18 May to 24 May 2025**

**Sunday** John 13:31-35  
**Monday** Psalm 133  
**Tuesday** Acts 11:27-30  
**Wednesday** Luke 10:25-28  
**Thursday** Psalm 67  
**Friday** Acts 16:1-8  
**Saturday** Luke 19:1-10

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a new day.  
a new blessing.  
a new hope.

### When is your Birthday?



WhatsApp it to Lauren at the office on  
081 885 4928



### Birthdays this coming week

<b>Geoff Thomason</b>	Tuesday 20 May
<b>Mbuso Mancotywa</b>	Tuesday 20 May
<b>Mudiwa Nyamande</b>	Thursday 22 May
<b>Di Hayes</b>	Sunday 25 May
<b>Norma Ittmann</b>	Sunday 25 May

### Church Bank Details

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



## WMC Prayer Requests



Jean Webber  
 Paul Bryan  
 Russell Untiedt  
 Derek Gallichan  
 Bruce Perrow  
 Walls / Cockerill Family  
 Paul Schofield  
 Michael Mullan  
 Nick Naidoo  
 Tienie Dearham  
 Hane van der Merwe  
 Haroshen Govender  
 Lynda Goosen  
 Sané Ndlovu  
 Letitia Norris  
 Horizon Farm  
 Brandon Walker  
 Shirleen Prydderch  
 John Cave  
 Zayden Govender  
 Shelley Reed

Spinal Injury  
 Health Issues  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Atrial Fibrillation  
 Health Issues  
 Tragic loss of Swade Walls (Grandson / nephew)  
 Lung Cancer Treatment  
 Health Challenges  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing  
 At home in rehab therapy and further surgeries  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Cancer Treatment  
 Further treatment - Endometriosis  
 Strength and Peace  
 Financial Stability  
 Effects of Long Covid - Pain and Fatigue  
 Bipolar Treatment  
 Cancer  
 Kidney function Improvement  
 Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

### Ongoing Prayer

Helene Herbst, The Sullivan Family, Sue Carter, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.



Westville Methodist Church Family,

Thank you to everyone who has extended their love, kindness, and support during the time of Willie's passing. I am deeply grateful for the assistance I received with the service and truly appreciate your compassion during this difficult time.

From **Lorraine Bekker**



As the weather starts to cool at this time of year, we start to collect and distribute items for "**Winter Warmth**". This includes blankets, jerseys, jackets, socks, beanies, scarves, gloves or bedding. If you have any of these items in **good, clean condition** that you would like to donate, please place them in the black box outside the office, marked "**Winter Warmth**". Thank you.

*Worship the LORD with gladness;  
 come before him with joyful songs.*

- Psalm 100:2 -



To my church family at Westville Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for supporting me throughout my master's degree journey. Two years ago, I stood in church to announce and celebrate that I had been accepted to study in England. Today, I'm proud to share that I've completed my master's degree—with excellent results!

I'm honored to say that I, **Sané Ndlovu**, am now a Master's graduate in Media and Public Relations from the University of Leicester. I could not have done it without your prayers, support, and constant check-ins.