



Staying Connected 20 July 2025

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

My daily readings are taking me through the book of Leviticus at the moment. On one level, these detailed instructions about ritual offerings to God seem worlds apart from our daily reality (don't expect to see the carcass of a bull being burned on the altar this Sunday ...).

However, the principles underlying the message of Leviticus are worth considering. The book invites us to be very conscious of God's holiness and not to be presumptuous about entering God's presence. The Israelites were taught that many things made them unclean and, while being unclean was not sinful, they needed to address these things when coming to worship God. We don't need to offer sacrifices to make us clean (Hebrews 10 reminds us that one sufficient sacrifice has been made for us in Jesus) but we're still invited to prepare ourselves for worship, taking seriously the gift of being together in God's presence. Leviticus also speaks about thanksgiving offerings, which have the effect of lifting our thoughts above our own struggles and challenges to consider also all that we have to be grateful for. We don't bring grain offerings to worship, but we do offer songs and prayers of thanksgiving and lay our gifts of money on the altar. These things remind us that worship is not about us - we come to acknowledge and honour God.



Leviticus challenges us as 21st century believers to be very intentional as we pause and prepare for worship. May God give us all a real sense of expectancy as we prepare for worship this Sunday.

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Bible Readings

20 July to 26 July 2025

Sunday	Luke 10:38-42
Monday	Psalms 119:17-32
Tuesday	1 John 2:1-6
Wednesday	John 6:41-51
Thursday	Psalms 85
Friday	Acts 2:22-36
Saturday	Luke 8:22-25

WMC Quiet Morning

Join us for a morning of contemplation,
opening ourselves to God's presence.

Saturday 26 July 09h00 to 12h00

Michael, Louise and Sybil will facilitate practices that invite a drawing away from our usual thoughts and concerns towards a deeper understanding of God's direction in our lives.

RSVP: Sybil 083 787 2680





You are invited to visit the
NSRI Durban Rescue Base

Mahatma Gandhi Rd, Point
Saturday 2 August @ 07H30



Come and see our rescue craft and equipment up close
Enjoy a cup of coffee and muffin with us
Please RSVP
Donations gladly accepted (card only)

RSVP by 29 July
Dave Oldacre 082 784 6282
Gus Rorhs 083 378 8136

WMC Prayer Requests



Karen Gallichan
Chrissie Smith**
Joshua Geldenhuys
Doff Ponsie
Mo Taylor
Annemarie Cave
Russell Untiedt
Bruce Perrow
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

Viral Infection
Macular Degeneration
Heart Surgery
Hip Replacement
Cancer Treatment
Knee Replacement
Cancer Treatment
Health Challenges
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

****Please note that Chrissie cannot receive texts.
Calls and voice notes welcome. Thank you.**



Happy
Birthday
To You

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.

Birthdays this coming week

Rose Chislett	Tuesday 22 Jul
Letitia Norris	Wednesday 23 Jul
Luke Lapin	Wednesday 23 Jul
Avrill Ingram	Wednesday 23 Jul
Tienie Dearham	Wednesday 23 Jul
Terri Belling	Thursday 24 Jul
Peter Bainbridge	Friday 25 Jul
Philip Bainbridge	Friday 25 Jul
Duane Sabatini	Friday 25 Jul
Ian Webster	Saturday 26 Jul
Yvonne Jamieson	Saturday 26 Jul
Tess Tjasink	Sunday 27 Jul



On the 15th of July 2025, WMC made a donation of pyjamas, food, toys and hats to St Vincent Child and Youth Care Centre

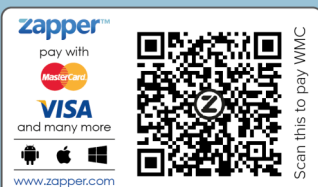


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Church Bank Details

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



Leaders Meeting

**24th July 2025
17h30**

WMC Lower Hall

