



Staying Connected 31 August 2025

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Bible Readings

31 August to 6 September 2025

Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Monday	Psalm 119:65-72
Tuesday	Isaiah 2:12-17
Wednesday	Luke 14:15-24
Thursday	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Friday	Colossians 4:7-17
Saturday	Matthew 10:34-42

From the Minister's Desk

A reminder if you are new to Methodist-speak :) that historically, a congregation is called a society - we are the Westville society; societies are grouped together into circuits - the fifteen Methodist societies in our area make up the Durban Metro Circuit (we have four ministers in our circuit working alongside these societies); circuits belong to districts and we are a part of the Natal Coastal District.

This week all the ministers in our district (there are about 40 of us), met over a couple days for a retreat at the Mariannahill Monastery. We were led by a wonderful Presbyterian minister who quickly read the room and could see that many of us seemed tired, drained. During our time together he shared two bible stories with us - Elijah running from his calling - fleeing Jezebel into the desert and the apostle Peter running from his calling - going fishing after the resurrection of Jesus. I hadn't noticed the connection between the two stories before - in both instances, these men are running away and God comes to them, meets the individual and then the first thing he does is invites them to stop, rest and eat. Elijah is fed by angels and Peter is given fish to eat on the shores of the lake.



It is only then that God moves on to ask searching questions of these two men: he asks Elijah "what are you doing here?" and Peter "do you love me?" and there follows a moment of restoration, renewal and the re-affirmation of their calls. Is God inviting you to stop and be refreshed too? Is there a probing question he has for you today?



The WMC book club will meet next

**Wednesday the 3rd
September at 9.30am
in the lounge.**

All very welcome.

NEWCOMERS TEA

connect

Communion
Sunday

welcome



10h15

7 September

chat



Sincere condolences to Joyce Reddy and family, on the recent passing of Haroshen Govender.

Arnie Kerr
 Giselle Stellenberg
 Chrissie Smith
 Joshua Geldenhuys
 Doff Ponsie
 Annemarie Cave
 Russell Untiedt
 Bruce Perrow
 Michael Mullan
 Nick Naidoo
 Tienie Dearham
 Hane van der Merwe
 Lynda Goosen
 Sané Ndlovu
 Letitia Norris
 Horizon Farm
 Brandon Walker
 Shirleen Prydderch
 John Cave
 Zayden Govender
 Shelley Reed

Post Surgery Recovery
 Pain and possible tumours-awaiting specialised scans
 Macular Degeneration
 Heart Surgery
 Hip Replacement
 Knee Replacement
 Cancer Treatment
 Health Challenges
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 Cancer Treatment
 Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
 Recovering from Surgery
 Cancer Treatment
 Further treatment - Endometriosis
 Strength and Peace
 Financial Stability
 Effects of long covid -pain, inflammation & fatigue
 Bipolar Treatment
 Cancer
 Kidney function Improvement
 Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

Ethelbert FUNDRAISER
 Child and Youth Care Centre



Ongoing Prayer

Mo Taylor, 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.

Special Prayer

Thank you for your prayers and support. Zayden Govender (4 years old) and Aleena Govender (7 years old) have lost both of their parents. Please continue to keep them in your prayers - **Joyce Reddy**



Birthdays this coming week

Kerrilyn Ross	Monday 01 Sep
Milton Marnies	Monday 01 Sep
Jean Webber	Thursday 04 Sep
Sibusisiwe Mancotywa	Saturday 06 Sep
Roy Wienand	Saturday 06 Sep



Flowers this Sunday in commemoration of Edwin Trebble's, Stepfather Dawie de Beer who passed away on 30 August 2006.

May his soul Rest in Peace.

THE BABY HOUSE

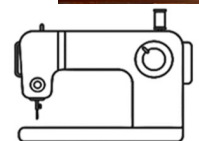


Manning Road Methodist Church: Manning Road Pre-Primary School



Donations made from the Sew n' Sews of 24 sets of pajamas to The Baby House in Westville and the Manning Road Pre-Primary School.

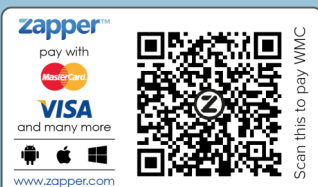
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Church Bank Details

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



**Friday 5 September
 10h00
 WMC Lounge
 All ladies welcome**

