



Staying Connected

21 August 2022

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

Kym and I have been in a course this week – the penultimate module in a two year Spiritual Direction training programme offered by the Jesuit Institute of South Africa. This week the course has focused on leading retreats. My experience of retreats over the years has been a quiet morning here and there, occasional ministers' retreats where much of the time was taken up with talk and admin, and a couple of multi-day private retreats. But not much of any of these in the last couple of years.



It was clear however that our course leader had something completely different in mind! In the Ignatian tradition, to be on retreat often means an eight day guided retreat (mostly held in silence), where the retreatant sets aside three or four sessions through each day to pray and meets daily with a designated director to reflect on their experience of prayer. For eight days.

How does that sound to you? Terrifying? Tedious? Completely overwhelming? Or does it awaken a longing within you to draw aside from the noise and be with God. Launching straight into an eight day retreat wouldn't be wise – we need to build up some experience of shorter retreats first – but intentionally carving out some time to retreat and be quiet must be a good thing. Anyone keen to join me?

Stay Connected

Just as we are trying to stay connected with you, we also need you to stay connected with us. If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members going to hospital or unwell, please let the church office know.



Invitation to Pray

A small group of people meet via Zoom at 14:30 each Wednesday for 40 minutes of prayer for the needs of our church members and community. Please join us. Contact Felicity Cory on 083

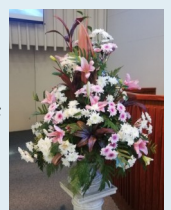


Ladies Fellowship Group

All ladies are invited to join a WMC Ladies Fellowship group which meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 in the lounge. There is a time of devotion, sharing and refreshments.

Flowers in the Church

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Services. If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.



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Society Stewards

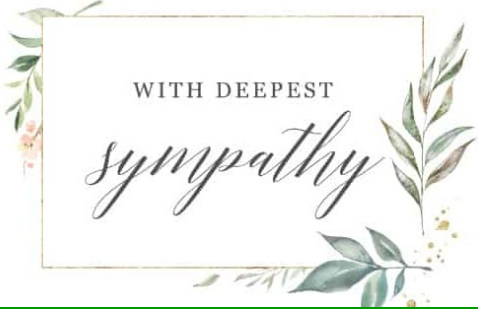
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Jane Bainbridge 084 746 2004
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Bible Readings

21 to 27 August 2022

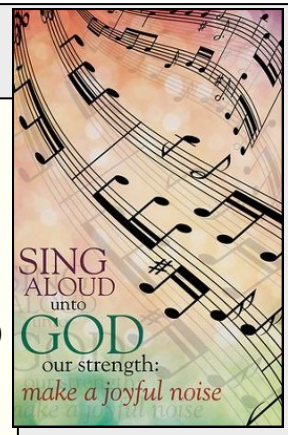
Sunday Luke 13 : 10 - 17
Monday Psalm 10
Tuesday Jeremiah 7 : 16 - 26
Wednesday Luke 6 : 6 - 11
Thursday Psalm 81 : 1
Friday Jeremiah 12 : 1 - 13
Saturday Psalm 81 : 10 - 16

Sincere condolences to the family and friends of David Flint, previously a long time member of WMC, who died on Saturday, 13 August in Johannesburg.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Irving	(Chest Infection)
Gerry Martin	(Cataract Surgery Complications, Restless Leg, Post Polio Syndrome)
Gwen King	(Eye Sight Problems)
Janita Downing	(Macular Degeneration)
Zayden Govender	(Kidney function - Has improved)
Debbie Ivins	(Ongoing prayer)
Megan Moody	(Endometrial Cancer)
Florrie David-Sullivan	(Frail)
Dorothea Reynolds	(Frail)
Jenny Cave	(Cancer - Treatment)
John Cave	(Cancer - Back pain)
Siegy Hanelt	(AML - Leukemia)
Rob Pooley	(Cancer)
Shelley Reed	(Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
Steve Smith	(Strength to walk)



Ongoing Prayer

Luca Anderson, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Mike Hoole, Andrew Kenny, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Wendy McGregor, Letitia Norris, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.

Giving

WMC Education Project

WMC tithes on a monthly basis to the Education Project incorporating The Right to Write, which runs English Literacy and Computer Classes at WMC during the week. For further information, please contact John Mac Donald on 084 3951197.

Thank you from Thembaletu

Some of the projects the students have been working on, with the fabric that has been donated, as well as the tithe allocation they receive from WMC.



Please place all your paper waste in the green paper bank in the church parking area. All funds, from the collection of paper waste deposited in this paper bank, are allocated to the running of the **Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen / Feeding Scheme** at WMC.



Finances

When planning our budget for the year, planned giving is a disciplined way to make your offering to the work of your church. If you are not a Planned Giver and would like to become one, please let the church office have your contact details so that we can allocate you a number.



Your faithful giving to the work of your church is really appreciated.



The following items can be placed in the black box outside the church office.

- Second hand clothes and shoes in good, clean condition
- Small household items, in good, clean condition
- Blankets / Linen / Towels
- Wool / Off-cuts of Material
- Non-perishable food items
- Books in good condition / Stationery
- Items for Winter Warmth

Thank you

Church Bank Details

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

