



# Staying Connected 1 October 2023

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00  
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### Sunday Service Times:

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

I quoted Annie Dillard this last Sunday: "How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives." The statement poses challenging questions, doesn't it? How am I spending my days? Am I being intentional about the way that I am living? This is not to suggest that we have to cram endless activity into each day - after all, we have just been

on a Sabbath journey together that has reminded us of the wisdom of stopping, resting, delighting and worshipping. But Dillard does encourage us to reflect on how we are using our time.

The great violinist, Nicolo Paganini, bequeathed his priceless violin to his home city of Genoa, stipulating that the city could keep the violin on condition that the instrument was never to be played. Paganini thought to preserve the violin but didn't account for the fact that wood that is used and handled shows little wear, but when left without being touched, begins to decay. One writer has observed that Paganini's "exquisite, mellow-toned violin has become worm-eaten in its beautiful case, valueless except as a relic. The mouldering instrument is a reminder that a life withdrawn from all service to others loses its meaning".

It's a vivid picture, isn't it? Where are there opportunities in your life and mine - in our families, our communities, our church - to give ourselves away in service and be played like a magnificent instrument?



## Contact Details

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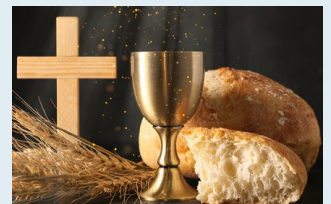
## Church Diary 2024

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. We currently have a few slots available to hire, on weekday mornings.

Please will all church groups and ministries also confirm their dates for using any rooms in the church complex for 2024, with Laura in the church office.

## Communion : October

Please Note : There will be **NO** communion this Sunday 1 October. The date for Communion during October will be on Sunday 8 October, at all 3 services. Thank you.



## Bible Readings

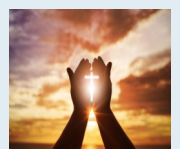
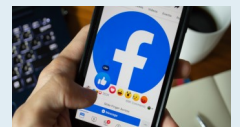
### 1 to 7 October 2023

**Sunday** Matthew 21 : 23 - 32  
**Monday** Psalm 42  
**Tuesday** Philippians 1 : 15 - 21  
**Wednesday** Matthew 9 : 2 - 8  
**Thursday** Psalm 19  
**Friday** Exodus 23 : 14 - 19  
**Saturday** John 7 : 40 - 52

## Share your news

We would like to make better use of our social media pages to share more of what is going on in our church community. If you are part of a small group, or a service team or a mission project, we'd love for you to share pictures or details of what is happening in your corner of our WMC community. You can do this by emailing Lauren ([lauren@westvillemethodist.co.za](mailto:lauren@westvillemethodist.co.za)) and she will post your photos and stories on Facebook and Instagram (and add them to the welcome slides on Sundays when appropriate).

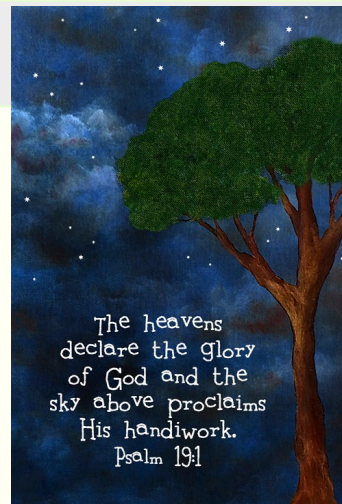
If you have a prayer need, please let the church office know. All prayer needs will be dealt with confidentially and will only be printed in this leaflet if requested by the family.





## PRAYER REQUESTS

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Shirleen Prydderch | (Bipolar Treatment)              |
| Ursula Rohrs Ameen | (Pancreatic Cancer)              |
| Eileen Stubbs      | (Very Frail)                     |
| Mike Hoole         | (Frail)                          |
| Dorothy Foster     | (Colon Cancer - Treatment)       |
| Sané Ndlovu        | (Endometriosis Treatment)        |
| John Cave          | (Cancer - Back pain)             |
| Zayden Govender    | (Kidney function - Has Improved) |
| Debbie Ivins       | (Autoimmune Disease)             |
| Shelley Reed       | (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)     |



### Knitwits Social

Please join us on **Saturday 14 October** for a fun and creative morning, over a cup of tea or coffee and cake, at the next Knitwits Meeting.

**Date :** Saturday 14 October

**Time :** 09:00 - 12:00

**Venue :** Westville Methodist Church  
R.S.V.P. Wendy Theunissen 082 3581593  
(Please bring a ball of wool to enter a lucky draw at the December meeting.)

### Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Rose Chislett, Florrie David-Sullivan, Janita Downing, Gwen King, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Steve Smith, St John Spoor, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett.



*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  
Small Bowls for Pastoral Flowers*

*Thank you*

The KZN Mental Health Advocacy Group and the South African Depression and Anxiety Group (SADAG) KZN office, will be hosting the 8th Annual **Mental Health Advocacy Walk and Wellness Fair** on Sunday 8 October at the Durban Beachfront Amphitheatre. For further information please see the advert on the notice board in the church foyer or contact SADAG on email : [kznsadag@anxiety.org.za](mailto:kznsadag@anxiety.org.za) .



*every contribution is hugely valued*

**thank you!**

Thank you for all donations received. We support many outreach groups / communities with diverse needs. There is always a need for clean, gently used clothes, especially for children and babies. Thank you.

### Church Bank Details

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church

**Acc No:** 58880668126

**Bank:** First National Bank

**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526



**Save the Date for a WMC Christmas Market**  
Saturday 2nd December 2023

The market will include a clothes sale, a book sale, a tea garden and many other fun activities. All proceeds will be allocated to WMC mission projects. If you would like to hire a table at the market (at a nominal cost) to sell homemade eats or crafts, please contact the church office.