



# Staying Connected 1 September 2024

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

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

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## Contact Details

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Sybil Scott-Adams (Prayer) 083 787 2680  
Paul Bryan (Property) 061 309 6635

## Bible Readings

### 1 to 7 September 2024

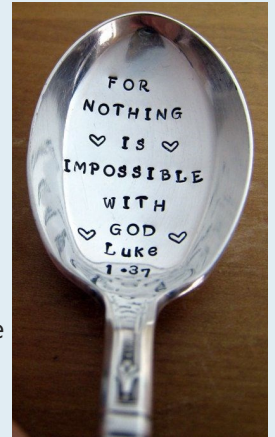
**Sunday** Mark 7 : 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23  
**Monday** Psalm 144 : 9 - 15  
**Tuesday** 1 Peter 2 : 19 - 25  
**Wednesday** Mark 7 : 9 - 23  
**Thursday** Romans 2 : 1 - 11  
**Friday** Psalm 125  
**Saturday** Matthew 15 : 21 - 31

## From the Minister's Desk

Margaret Silf tells the story of attending a welcome service for a new vicar in an Anglican church. After the service, everyone was helping themselves to food spread out on tables in the hall. The food was getting polished off at high speed, except for one bowl which remained completely untried. The bowl contained a delicious looking rice salad, but it was being ignored and stood untouched at the end of the feast. Silf wondered why this was (and felt terrible for the person who had brought it!) Then she saw what the problem was - the salad didn't have a serving spoon - there was no way for people to serve themselves a helping.

Silf says that we sometimes experience this in the church. The church too is "sometimes like a bowl of salad, full of what people are so longing to receive, so hungry for. But where is the spoon? Do God's people have the means to eat the food he prepares for them, or is it wrapped up in the cling-film of doctrine and set high on the top shelf of theology? And are they too well-trained to dare to mention the problem?"

Silf says that the task of the church is not to make more food - the banquet is already set - our job is to provide spoons. A key part of our calling at WMC is to make disciples of Jesus and to help them grow by feasting at the banquet that God has laid on for us for this journey. Are you feeling frustrated for lack of a spoon? Some of the most effective spoons we offer are in the form of our small groups and service teams. Contact the office or have a look on our app or website for more details.



## Missions Team Refurbishment : DVDs and Videos available

The Missions Team has initiated a deep-clean of the church complex and each room is being cleared of clutter. One of the projects conducted in the past two weeks has been the revamp of the Lounge, Family Room and Church Foyer. There is a box full of DVDs and VHS videos that will be available during church services. Please feel free to look through the box and if there is any item you would like, please feel free to re-home it.



## Social Knit Wits

Please diarise :

The next Social Knitwits get-together will be from 09:00 to 12:00 on **Saturday 14 September** at WMC. Please join us for a fun and creative morning, over a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

**R.S.V.P. :** Wendy Theunissen on 082 3581593.



## Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre : Fundraiser

Come and enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment in support of a worthy cause. All proceeds go towards providing care and protection to orphaned and vulnerable children.

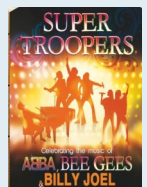
**Venue :** The Barnyard Theatre - Suncoast

**Date :** 6 September

**Time :** 18:00 for 19:00

**Tickets :** R220.00 per person

For bookings please contact 031 : 464 6555 / pro@ethelbert.co.za



## Properties Meeting

There is a Properties Meeting in the Lounge at WMC at **17:00 on Monday 2 September**. To maintain a building the size of Westville Methodist is an ongoing concern and we would love many eyes and energy to keep our property and His house in good condition. Please feel free to attend this meeting, we would love your input.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Derek Gallichan*

*Lynda Goosen  
Helene Herbst  
Sané Ndlovu*

*Lynese Morris*

*Roxanne Cappell  
Letitia Norris  
Horizon Farm  
James Dunford  
Raymond A. Blom  
Sue Carter*

*Cameron Smith  
Brandon Walker  
Shirleen Prydderch  
Dorothy Foster  
John Cave  
Zayden Govender  
Shelley Reed*

Atrial Fibrillation -  
Ongoing prayer  
Cancer - Treatment  
Tests  
Further treatment -  
Endometriosis  
Recovering - Hip  
Replacement Surgery /  
Cancer diagnosis : Pray for hope to be  
included in Clinical Trial  
Strength and Support Pregnancy  
Strength and Peace  
Financial Stability  
Cancer  
End Stage Dementia  
Ongoing health concerns - Upcoming  
shoulder surgery  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Effects of Long Covid  
Bipolar Treatment - Thank you for prayers  
Recovering from Surgery  
Cancer  
Kidney function Improvement  
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



**Friday 6 September**

**10:00**

**WMC - Lounge**

**All Ladies Welcome**



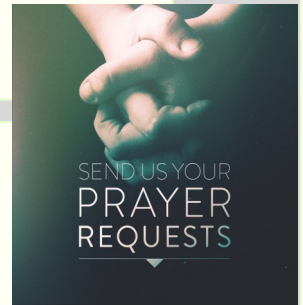
### Birthdays this coming week

**Jean Webber** Wednesday 4 September  
**Sibusisiwe Mancotywa** Friday 6 September  
**Roy Wienand** Friday 6 September

If your name should be listed here, or if there are any errors, please contact the church office.

### Ongoing Prayer

*Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker,  
Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan  
Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family,  
Sherwyn Sullivan.*



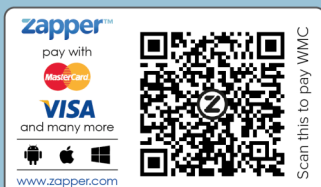
During the refurbishment of the Lounge area, this elegant cupboard was moved to the Family Room.

It is now home to a collection of bible study aids, both printed and electronic matter. If you would like to borrow resources for further study (for your individual or bible study group use), please look through this treasure trove of items.

*Stay Connected with Us.*

### Church Bank Details

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



### We ask you to please remember the finances of WMC.

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your giving, and where at all possible use electronic means to make your offerings and contributions to the church. EFT and Stop Orders can be done online and should you choose, Zapper is another option. Please contact the church office for further information about planned giving.



### Church Diary 2025

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with many morning and afternoon slots presently occupied by numerous community based activities. Please will all church groups and ministries confirm their dates, for using any rooms in the church complex for 2025, with the church office.