

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA  
EASTVIEW METHODIST CHURCH  
*Plot 86 Eastview Street, Zwavelpoort*



*"Put your trust in The Light...  
that you may become sons and daughters of Light*



**17 June 2021**

**Dear Family and Friends of Eastview**

**I greet you in the name of the Lord.**

**It feels as if the "cold snap" of winter has come a little earlier than expected. But nature has her ways and the sunny days have a special winter beauty.**

**We have had a very meaningful and successful outreach drive. There was a very generous response to our appeal for suitable items for our Dove's Nest outreach project. For those who are not familiar with the project, it is an outreach to a small NGO that is a place of safety and care for abandoned babies. On Sunday morning 16 May 2021, the corner of the chapel next to the sanctuary was filled with contributions from nappies to cots and baby food to provisions for the staff. Thank you to the pilot team, led by Wilma Cloete for steering the appeal. There was a special moment in the service where we were all moved to see the beautiful little knitted blankets that had been made by our dear friend Marie. Marie had passed away on the Saturday, but her blankets were at the sanctuary on the Sunday. There were other very special stories behind some of the gifts, but all of them were given with the love of the Lord for the little children.**

**Our services continue every Sunday morning at 09h00. We are allowed 50 persons indoors under the present regulation. If you would like to check that there is enough space to accommodate you, feel free to contact Gill on 082 417 6562 or Paul on 012 3488 661 to confirm. If numbers grow, I will introduce a second service if necessary.**

**Attached is a plan of our services up to the end of September.**

**Our thanks goes to Derek Stafford, who has completely refreshed our website. The services are recorded on that site. It also gives you direct access to the Youtube channel.**

**We will hold a Leader's meeting in a few weeks time and will report all the content of the meeting to you in due course.**

**Minister: Rev Paul Bester : [admin@eastviewmethodist.co.za](mailto:admin@eastviewmethodist.co.za) : 012 3488661**

**In the meantime, we are blessed to be able to say we are holding our own. Our community is as intact as it can be under the circumstances and the love and faithfulness of the Lord continues to bind and strengthen us. We are also experiencing the preciousness of community, perhaps far more deeply than we did before the pandemic. That of course, just reflects our human nature. We so often take for granted the most precious things about life and relationships during the “good times”.**

**My dear friends, I pray for the Lord’s continued protection on each one of you, your home, your loved ones, your friends and for the courage to stand firm. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you each day, more and more.**

**Grace and love to you all.**

**Paul**