

# 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***



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The Grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

We are happy to let you know that our Church's laptop is now up and running. We apologise for the lack of communication over the past couple of months.

### **From the Minister's Desk:**

As I reflect on 2024, I think it was a year of unexpected change with the passing of Rev Paul Bester, Eastview's Shepherd for many years. I was certainly not expecting to be called back into ministry so soon after retiring, but God had other plans and Anthea and I find ourselves back in ministry again. I have been appointed as part-time minister at Eastview for 2025 (although I'm not sure what part-time means) and together with the Eastview leadership we will endeavour to discern God's plan for our congregation going forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who tithe faithfully every month to the ministry of Eastview. Your generosity in difficult economic times is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your continued support in 2025 as God unfolds His will for Eastview.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful festive season as we celebrate the coming of Jesus. May 2025 be all you hope it to be, and I want to invite all of us to make one of our goals for 2025 to get to know God better. Jesus said that if we do that then everything else will fall into place (Mt 6:33).

And so, as you continue to slide down the banister of life in 2025, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction.

Shalom!

Andrew

### **Eastview Christmas Programme**

- 22 December 2024 @ **9am** – Advent 4  
*Theme: Called to share God's transforming love.*
- 25 December 2024 @ **8am** – Christmas Day  
*Theme: Love made Flesh.*
- 29 December 2024 – Eastview closed  
**9am** - Combined service at The Glen Methodist Church

The Preaching Plan for January to March 2025 is attached.

## Eastview Methodist Church Outreach

We are planning outreaches to three organisations who are in need of help.

Please ensure that all contributions are labelled according to the outreach they will be intended for.

➤ **Bramley Children's Home** – here are some suggestions:

Grocery hampers  
Toys for children between 6 and 18 years of age  
Puzzles, games etc  
Handcream and nail polish (for the older girls)  
Vanity bags  
Toiletries / Body lotion  
Notebook with a pen

➤ **Doves Nest Home for Abandoned Babies** – here are some suggestions:

Disposable Nappies Sizes 3 to 5  
Baby Milk Formula 6 months to 2 years  
Baby Toys  
Baby Clothes 0 to 3 years  
Baby Blankets  
Baby Beanies

We were hoping to be able to hand over the contributions for the children and the babies in time for Christmas but they will only be able to collect the items and be with us at Eastview on Sunday, 12 January 2025.

➤ **Boere Gemeenskap** – this is a charitable organisation and they gratefully accept anything including old furniture, appliances, clothing, food parcels etc, in fact everything that you are not needing anymore. Here is an extract from the website - <https://boeregemeenskap.org.za/>:

**About us**

*"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."*  
Boere Gemeenskap Transvaal was started in the year 2015 with the mission of taking care of children and adults in squatter camps, who are trapped in this ongoing cycle of poverty and hardship. We dream of providing shelter and homely care to people in need and strive to minimize the burden on these people. We wish to bring hope and opportunities which is important in breaking the cycle especially for the next generation – the children.

We will be contacting them to arrange for the collection of all contributions early to mid February. Nothing is too big for them to collect!

At a recent Leaders' Meeting it was agreed that there are many folk who are unable to attend services and are shut-in. We would like to be able to visit them and we don't always get to know who they are. Please let us have the names and contact details of anyone you may know of who would be in need of a visit/communion/prayer. We will be in the process of drawing up a list of these folk and invite anyone who may be interested in sharing in this ministry to contact Rev Andrew Els on his Cell No 082 461 2641, or send an email to this email: [admin@eastviewmethodist.co.za](mailto:admin@eastviewmethodist.co.za).

**The Eastview WhatsApp Group** – We would like to start a WhatsApp group for the congregation to be able to send out information. Please send a WhatsApp message to Anthea on 076 548 2070 with your name and she will send you a link to the group.

**Contact numbers –**

Rev Andrew Els: 082 461 2641  
Anthea Els: 082 378 1715  
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**May the blessing and love of our Lord Jesus be with you all!**