



# We are Church

**A progressive, inclusive Christian faith community for all of God's people to be safe, seen and celebrated.**

April 2024

Hi everyone,

## Dates for your calendar

Here are some dates for your calendars

12 May - WAC 9am at Bellavista

19 May - SOCIAL - details to follow

26 May - WAC 9am at Bellavista - SPARK ACTIVISM & IGNITE TRUST

10 June - WAC 9am at Bellavista

24 June - WAC 9am at Bellavista

We are Church has had a busy month. We started the month, 14 April, with a lively discussion on the verse from Luke 24:36-48 where Jesus speaks about our minds being opened to understand the scriptures. In essence, Luke 24:45 reminds us that spiritual understanding is not static but dynamic and transformative. It calls us to open our minds, embrace inclusivity, and empower ourselves and others to engage deeply with our faith and the world around us.

Kevin writes: On 21 April we were hosted by Olivia and Ruth at the magnificent Lonehill Village Estate. The venue was very accommodating and as the cliché says, "a good time was had by all".

The food was plentiful and very yummy, especially the home made chilli sauce (thanks Olivia), which complemented the other dishes. Another special mention must go to Christopher, who slaved over the fire for us, and cooked the meat to perfection. He should enter the next Justin Bonello braai competition, so his talent can be universally recognised...

And then of course, the company of very special WAC people made the day memorable.

Nigel's prowess at the card game, Spot it, was a highlight, and we were no match, but we gave it our all. He is a man of many talents.

This is proper church, and a big thanks to our special hosts for making this day warm and cuddly.

Then, together with Be True 2 Me, Kopanang Africa Against Xenophobia, Neighbours, Addulum Art and Media Monitoring Africa, WAC participated in a workshop on 26 April at Constitution Hill. It was aimed at Mobilizing Against Disinformation and Hate in the Build-up to the 2024 Elections.



This is a picture of Gogo Regina Kumwenda, Velaphi's mom, who shared her story on the day. Nigel & Laurel ensured she had a new outfit for the occasion. What a fabulous collaboration this was!



On Sunday 28 April, WAC was privileged to host the marriage blessing of Bernice and Xenobia. Long time friend, fellow activist and pastor, Xana McCauley, facilitated this special occasion. Our little faith community is truly becoming a space of REAL inclusion and diversity. #LOVEWINS

## Finance Update

- Our Investment account continues to grow.
- We continue to give a set amount per month to 'Be True 2 Me' and 'Neighbours'.
- We give R500 to the teens to distribute to causes they deem important.

### Banking details

If you would like to make a contribution to We are Church, here at the details:

FNB Current Account

Account Name: We Are Church

Account Number: 6302 7817 569

## General Notices

If you would like to get involved by serving at WAC please get in touch ([jane@codrington.biz](mailto:jane@codrington.biz))