



# We are Church

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

July 2024

Hi everyone,

## Dates for your calendar

Here are some dates for your calendars:

11 August - WAC 9am at Bellavista (Old Eds race)

25 August - WAC 9am at Bellavista (Wanderers Race)

These races may affect travelling to WAC. I will post further details.

8 September - WAC 9am at Bellavista

22 September - WAC 9am at Bellavista

The social dates have not yet been set but keep an eye on the WA group for further info.

## July 2024

So first, you may be wondering what the picture on page one of this newsletter is - well is an original, painted by our very own Shadic! He gifted it to me and Graeme and we are very proud to have hung it in our dining room.

Nicola preached on 14 July around the text describing the be-heading of John the Baptist. Here is the link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNM\\_YPvPd6E&t=862s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNM_YPvPd6E&t=862s)

This sermon address the Kingdom of God and its attributes. Nicola also shares her thoughts around being in the wilderness, which can sometimes be a lonely but necessary experience.

On Sunday afternoon 21 July around 22 of us went across to Centurion for our monthly social at Christopher and Nicola's place. The weather was wonderful and we enjoyed some laughs, delicious soup and the most delicious Malva Pudding together.



On 28 July, Graeme preached from Psalm 23 and John 6:1-21. He encouraged us to consider our life journey and how the ups and downs have shaped our characters. Here is the link <https://youtu.be/5RT-wBWYtUA>

Thanks to Lee-Anne we've created a private Instagram account and we'd love for you to join us @wearechurchsacom! This is over and above our public social media presence.

Send a request to follow and we'll add you in. Remember, this is not public—please don't distribute others' content without consent. Join link: <https://www.instagram.com/wearechurchsacom>

After Pride month and my research around the use of the word homosexual in the NIV, I have switched to using the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition in my personal studies and I will also try and use it at WAC. This is what is being said about the translation: 'With new textual evidence, historical insights, and philological understandings, the NRSVue brings greater precision in interpreting Scripture today.'

Finally I wanted to quote a couple of lines from Sarah Bessey's book, "Field Notes for the Wilderness". In Chapter 11 she is discussing the idea that we need community and should be expanding our practice of belonging. She says 'we don't go to church, we *are* the Church.'

This was very affirming for me, I hope it is for you too. X

## 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))

## Some helpful resources

This is the link to the "We are Church" **YouTube Channel**. This is where the recordings of our talks are kept. Please go there and subscribe. Once we have 100 subscribers we will be able to name it "We are Church".

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzK3t1lg1v-ADNAd3\\_rQ-zA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzK3t1lg1v-ADNAd3_rQ-zA)