



We are Church

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

June 2024

Hi everyone,

Dates for your calendar

Here are some dates for your calendars

14 July - WAC 9am at Bellavista 21 July - SOCIAL - details to follow 28 July - WAC 9am at Bellavista

11 August - WAC 9am at Bellavista 25 August - WAC 9am at Bellavista

June 2024

Life is filled with paradox. And life at We are Church is no different. But as a community we stand together through the good and the bad. June 2024 will always be the month when we remember losing Nic and celebrating the arrival of Malachi.

Tragically Lerato's younger brother and Nqaba's precious Malume, Nic, aged 32, passed away suddenly on Thursday 6 June. Khanyi and Yaw welcomed baby Malachi on Wednesday 19 June. Thank you to everyone who rallied around Lerato and Khanyi.





June is also the month we acknowledge Youth Day and Pride.

Youth Day in South Africa commemorates the youth that suffered during the apartheid regime. It is a day that we reflect on the massacre of school children during the Soweto Uprising of 1976. Education in our country continues to be an area of desperate inequality. Please keep those in our community working in the education space, in your prayers, as they work towards a better future for our children.

June is Pride Month worldwide, commemorating

years of struggle for civil rights and the ongoing pursuit of equal justice under the law for the queer community. At WAC, we took sometime to recognise this. Remember, though, in JHB, the main Pride event will take place at the Wanderers Stadium on 26 October.

At WAC on 9 June, Ruth spoke about Why she is still a Christian. It was a very meaningful sermon that encouraged us to reflect on heaven and God's Kingdom. The recording will be up on the website soon. On 23 June I spoke on The Bible and LGBTQI Inclusion. We also held a youth social on 21 June - it was a fun evening of pizza and games with 15 (funny) young people. I felt old.

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)

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

Some of you may want to follow the readings that I often refer to. Here is the **Lectionary** link: https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=B