



# WE ARE CHURCH

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## October 2025

Hi everyone,

## Dates for your calendar

- 9 November - WAC at Bellavista 9am
- 23 November - WAC at Bellavista 9am

30 November - 5th Sunday Workshop - Meditation Morning with Nicola (details to follow)

Carols with MUNEYI will be 7 December - this will be our last service for the year!

## Community Update



In October Jane preached on being ‘Queer & Christian: Re-examining the ways that our beliefs contribute to the marginalisation of minorities’. It is an important message for us who are in a church that swims upstream in how we interpret the Bible progressively, inclusively, and in the name of holy justice.

Here is the link: [https://youtu.be/u\\_KaRS3C-Xc](https://youtu.be/u_KaRS3C-Xc)

Vincent (centre of this pic) was released after months of imprisonment. To God be the glory! I am so often taken to the parable of the sheep and the goats by the work in this community.



(Matthew 25:31-46) Thank you to

those who were actively involved and to all those who prayed for Vincent’s safety.

We went to Joburg Pride to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community in Joburg but also within our WAC space. As a straight cis-gendered woman I was deeply moved by the beauty and diversity of people proudly declaring



proudly, ‘This is who I am, and I will not hide it from the world’. Thoughts from two of our members whose lives have been deeply affected by ‘LGBTQIA+phobia’, perhaps matter more:



Xenobia was asked, ‘How does it work? I gave up on church and God a long time ago’ while holding the queer and Christian placard. Xenobia told the man who approached her that God loves him and hasn’t given up on him.

And from Lee-Anne on the specific nature of Pride as protest: ‘Yes, we need dialogue, but we must also show a united stance. We all need to stand together to show that we are valid, we exist, we are loved, and we love. Today we marched in Joburg, shared love to others. Let us find ways not to be divided, but united. Call out issues, but do not allow ourselves to be erased or forced to hide.’

## Finance Update

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.

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