



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**

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PREACHER'S NOTE

14 DECEMBER 2025



Every year in September, we make our way north to the West Coast National Park, when they open the top section for the flowers. It is always a day of slow driving and walking with wide-eyed wonder, to see a normally bland landscape now splashed with colour as fields of flowers stretch as far as the eye can see.

I always find myself wondering where all these flowers come from? I think of all those seeds, lying in the ground, waiting for the right conditions. Enduring searing heat and icy cold, months of no moisture, waiting, just below the surface. Then the rains come, the sun warms the ground just enough, and flowers bloom everywhere, overnight, transforming the landscape.

Our reading this week comes from Chapter 35 of the book of Isaiah, where the author uses these scenes of flowers in the desert to illustrate to us the blossoming of the kingdom of God. He paints a picture of beauty to come: "even the wilderness and desert will rejoice in those days; the desert will blossom with flowers. Yes, there will be an abundance of flowers and singing and joy."

The world is often bland, weary, a place where hopes are dashed, and people are sceptical. But the seeds of the kingdom are everywhere, waiting. When the conditions are right, the kingdom blooms, even in the most unexpected places. Let's sow kingdom seeds into people's lives in the places we live, in the places we work - God says He is working to make the conditions right for life to be as beautiful as fields of wild flowers. Let's live with joy in our heart that we can share with others. Let's not get desperate, even when things look bleak. Beautiful things are coming - the Great Artist is preparing his canvas, and readying His paintbrush. Blessings, Andrew.

READINGS:

Isaiah 35: 1-10, 1 Peter 3:15

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

Sunday School and Youth are finished for the year. We wish all our children and their families a wonderful, blessed and safe Christmas Holiday. We pray for travelling mercies for those of you who are going away. Sunday School will be back in session on 18 January 2026.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER - Bill Martin

Kindly inform the office of members who have been admitted to hospital. Tel. 021 976 0598.
Please contact the office if you have any prayer request.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

CHURCH FLOWER ROSTER 2026 - Is available at the help desk.

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERTORY

Will be in aid of The Methodist Homes for Children.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

CHRISTMAS, BIRTHDAY and OTHER GREETING CARDS

Available at the office. Christmas cards R15.00 for a pack of 5. The cards are R5 each. Funds go to FIA.

LEAVE DATES for STAFF 2025/2026

5 - 19 December 2025 - Vuyelwa Ntshinga.
19 December 2025 - 12 January 2026 - Caroline.
19 December 2025 - 8 January 2026 - Jeffrey.
23 December 2025 - 8 January 2026 - Sandra.
30 December 2025 - 13 January 2026 - Yvonne.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish you God's Richest blessings as you celebrate your special day

Marie Bissett	14 December
Reece Julius	14 December
Gert Kotze	14 December
Norma Schalkwyk	14 December
Theunis Esterhuizen	15 December
Roy Lureman	16 December
Claire Kleynhans	17 December
Barbara MacDonald	17 December
Nicholas McKinley	17 December
Agnes Stainton	17 December
Annette Coetzee	18 December
Johann Botha	20 December

SUNDAY SERVICE - 14 DECEMBER 2025

PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS at DMC

ONCE A MONTH SUNDAY EVENING REFLECTION SERVICE - Will be held on Sunday 14 December at 18h00.

Wednesday - Christmas Eve Service at 23h00.

Thursday - Christmas Day Service at 09h00.

Sunday Service 28 December at 09h00.

Sunday Communion Service 4 January 2026 at 09h00.

THE CHURCH OFFICE - will be closed from 24 December and will reopen on 8 January 2026. Vuyelwa will be accessible to provide care and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any Pastoral concerns.

CAR GUARD - We would like to give Patrick a small bonus at the end of the year. If you would like to donate something please speak to Yvonne.

Sacrificial giving can be done via EFT: MCSA DURBANVILLE SOCIETY - Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code 051001, Account Number 07 199 869 1. Thank you for your generosity. Through your giving we are able to continue our various ministries.

Please see the new Snapscan QR code for you to use. If you are contributing via EFT, Cash or weekly Offerings, you can continue to do so - these payment methods will remain in place.

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