

# Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



*Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.*

*8 November 2015*

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day)**

**Psalm 91** is called the Soldiers' Psalm. We are told that in World War I, the soldiers of the 91st Brigade recited the 91 Psalm daily. This brigade engaged in three of the war's bloodiest battles. Other units suffered up to 90% casualties, but the 91st Brigade did not suffer a single combat-related death. God is willing and able to keep His words of covenant promise.



He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say of the LORD, "*He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.*"



He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.  
You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,  
A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.

If you make the Most High your dwelling  
— Even the LORD, who is my refuge- then no harm will befall you.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;  
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.  
He will call upon me, and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.  
With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Psalm 91 - selected

**WE PRAY FOR:**

**STUART DIXON** sadly passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Pray for Lynn and family.

**GARY WOODBURN** had surgery on Wednesday; he is out of hospital and recovering well. Thanks for all the prayers.

**GRACE WATERSTON** contracted bad dose of tonsillitis while on holiday but is now improving. Pray for a complete recovery.

**RON EDMUNDS** is currently recovering from a stroke at Milpark Hospital where he is also receiving treatment for a chest infection. Pray for him and wife, Mavis.

**CAROL MICHEL**'s new grandson, Austen, is having feeding problems due to a tongue-tie. He has had the procedure to release the tongue but is still battling to feed. His mom is sick as well so please pray for mom and baby Austen.

**MATTHEW MARTINS** 18 years old, Parktown Boys, advanced stages of leukemia.

**COLLEEN DANIEL** would like to move to Jhb from Durban in order to be closer to her family. Pray for guidance and an opening in a suitable retirement home.

**SARAH BROWN** is facing major problems with her ex-husband; we pray strength and wisdom for Sarah, healing & peace for the children: Caleb, Josh and Abby.

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

**MATRICES** we pray God's guidance and strength for them as they continue writing their exams. Pray peace and calm for the parents.

**AMBER ADAMS (husband Thomas)** baby Alanna was born to Thomas & Amber on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Amber and Alanna are doing well & are now home. The family is so thankful for all the prayers during the past few months.

**CORRIE JURGENS** is due to have an MRI scan and a lumber puncture on Tuesday November 17th. Corrie needs a shoulder replacement and also has a lot of pain on the left side of her neck, hence the investigations.

**JENNA (Rob & Wendy Smith's granddaughter)** juvenile arthritis still causing pain & discomfort, the meds are not yet working.

**BARBARA VAN DER VEENHUYSEN (husband Alan)** Recovering from her stroke. Alan and Barbara are now staying together in Springs.

**RHONA (Roger's mom, his Dad Gene owns the pool shop opposite Trinity)** has started with radiation treatment which will continue for the next four months. She is struggling to tolerate the treatment.

**DEON (Chris & Lorraine Bussey's son)** recovering well, thanks for prayers.

**DUDLEY MIDDLETON (wife Angela)** is out of hospital and slightly improved.

**EILEEN LOCK (husband Neville)** Triple bypass and valve replacement op went well. Eileen faces a long recovery period, her family is thankful for the prayers.

**WAYNE (Deloris son)** is in hospital undergoing antibiotic treatment for TB & Aids. He is battling to eat. Deloris has gone to East London to be with him.

**JOY VD KLIS (husband Willem)** undergoing extensive tests next week to determine the type of cancer.

**CANDICE DE BEER** we praise our Lord that baby Karli does not have Downs Syndrome. Thanks to all for the prayers.

**CHRONIC LIST:** *Gloria McPherson* (emphysema), *Denese Pieterse* (severe pain), *Thembile* (back problems), *Anna Wadsworth* (90 – very weak), *Woolf Schulze* (dementia), *Sean* (schizophrenia), *Reef* (USA - on-going problems), *Omar* (kidney problems), *Peter Clarke* (back problems), *Steven Basson* (Atrial fibrillation), *Lanie* (Marie Palmer’s godchild - domestic problems), *Val Tyler* (heart fibrillation), *Louis Brugman* (heart problems), *Duncan Edwards* (stroke), *Pat Levins* (very ill), *Julian Squires* (skin grafts), *Audrey Newberry* (confined to bed, with low blood pressure), *Sue* (hip replacement), *Sumi* (depression), *Harold Adams* (frail), *Miguel Moco* (13 - rugby injury), *Henrietta Small* (breathing problems), *Patti Price* (recovery from surgery), *Zelma’s sons* (home on bail), *Willa Retief* (frail), *Ella Waterston* (7 - chronic anxiety disorder), *Sebastian Msimang* (prostate), *Kerry* (severe back pains), *Grace Wilson* (fractured femur), *David* (heart problems), *Jean Thompson* (heart problems), *Tobias Steyn* (lungs & heart problem), *Bishop Peter Witbooi* (back problems), *Bob Douglas* (VP shunt), *Frances Simpson* (broken hip), *Slade Hodge* (motorbike accident), *Elaine Vermaak* (in pain), *Jancsi* (missing) *Jean & Doug Cole*, *Baby Bella*, *Marjorie Baird* (partial mastectomy), *Denise Hill* (fracture of pelvic bone), *Madeleine* (unemployed & depressed), *Greg & Rebecca* (difficult times), *Daphne Schrieder* (broken pelvis), *Kerry* (leg problem), *Fleurette Poultney* (low blood pressure), *Trevor*.

**CANCER LIST:** *David Edwards*, *Anton Marais*, *Nola Dodds*, *Hilda Louter*, *Val Warren*, *Dudley Middleton*, *Marguerite*, *Peter*, *Myrren* (18), *Diane Turner*, *Maureen Lupton*, *Martin vd Merwe*, *Russell Jones*, *Ursula Ryder*, *Lesley Steyn*, *Don Carneson*, *Louise Shaw*, *Brian K*, *John Sandison*, *Cindy Saunders*, *Marina van de Ruit*, *Brian Tromp*, *Elizabeth Innes*, *Greg Cleeve-Edwards*, *Joanna*, *Joy*, *John Clarke*, *Bill Coulle*, *Rev Hans Visser*, *Colleen*, *Gordene*, *Maureen Booth*, *Marie Vosloo*, *Nick Breytenbach* (leukaemia), *Elaine Orpen*, *Geoffrey Waters*, *Mykel*, *Brenda Hulshoff* (leukemia), *Ingrid Ingram*, *Clive Glover*, *Eric*, *Ulrich Bracht*, *Brian* (leukemia), *Jaco Barnard*, *Deidre Standsfield*, *Nan Tippett*, *Trevor Bartlett*, *Terry*, *Michael De Roos*, *Heather* (John Simmonds sister), *Chris Matthews* (“B cell lymphoma”), *Everard*, *Marjorie Baird*.

### **RAVENSBRUCK PRAYER**

The following was written on a piece of wrapping paper found near the body of a dead child in Ravensbruck where 92,000 women and children died in the Holocaust.

*O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of evil will.*

But do not remember all the suffering they have inflicted upon us; remember the fruits we have borne thanks to this suffering - our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity, the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this; **and when they come to the judgment, let all the fruits that we have borne be their forgiveness.**

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

***At 11.00 on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918*** the guns on the Western Front fell silent. The carnage of the war to end all wars came almost quietly to a close, leaving millions dead and even more suffering the effects of the war.

And in the bare wastes of the battlefields grew the poppy, carpeting the graves of the fallen. *It was Lord Macaulay who first drew attention to this strange symbolism and it was he who first suggested that the poppy should be known as the flower of sacrifice and remembrance.* What more natural than that it be chosen to remember all those who died in that war.

Colonel John McCrae, a medical officer who witnessed the slaughter of thousands of men in the battles of that war, first wrote of it:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

Although often stated that he died of wounds, John McCrae succumbed to pneumonia. Before he died in he penned another verse, the last lines being:

*If ye break faith with us who die  
we shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields*

***The red poppy is now an international symbol for peace and remembrance and the 11th day of November has become the day of remembrance for all the dead of both world wars, and in South Africa, those of the Korean War, the Border War and the internal conflict.***



***In South Africa***, Poppy Day is not a public holiday. It takes place on the Saturday nearest to Remembrance Day but in Cape Town a Remembrance Service is still held on 11 November each year.

The two largest commemoration ceremonies to mark the event in South Africa are held in Pretoria, at the Voortrekker Monument at the Cenotaph and at the War Memorial at the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

Many high schools hold Remembrance Day services to honour the past pupils who died in the two World Wars and the Border war.