

# Trinity Methodist Church

LINDEN, JOHANNESBURG



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

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*The Lamb... will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.  
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

Revelation 7:17

You say “*it’s impossible*”.

God says “***The things impossible with men are possible with God***”

Luke 18:27

You say, “*I can’t go on*”.

God says that ***He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.***

Proverbs 3: 6

You say, “*I’m not able*”.

God says, “***I am able***”

2 Corinthians 9:8

You say, “*I can’t forgive myself*”.

God says, “***I forgive you!***”

1 John 1:9

You say, “*I’m afraid*”.

God says, “***Do not be afraid little flock***”

Luke 12:32

You say, “*I’m so worried*”.

God says, “***Give all your worries to me***”

1 Peter 5:7

You say, “*I feel so alone*”.

God says, “***I will never leave you or forsake you***”

Hebrews 13:5

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***Come to the Well...*** if you are ill, stressed, anxious, depressed, grieving, or having to cope with various problems. ‘**The Well**’ is a weekly healing service, held every Thursday from 17:45 to 18:30 at Trinity Methodist Church

**WE PRAY FOR:**

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

**JOY VD KLIS (husband Willem)** admitted to hospital on Wed with a collapsed lung after having fluid drained from her lungs. Joy saw a specialist on Thursday re her swallowing problems, only to be diagnosed with cancer in both lungs. We pray strength for Joy & Willem and wisdom for the doctors as they embark on this new journey.

**DAPHNE SCHRIEDER** has been diagnosed with a broken pelvis caused by a fall ±3 weeks ago. We give thanks to our God that her pelvis is starting to heal.

**CORRIE JURGENS** fell & hurt her neck 2 years ago. The neurologist she is now consulting thinks her shoulder problem could be linked to her neck injury.

**KERRY (Val Wallis's granddaughter)** has lost the use of her leg, she saw specialist Thursday who wanted her to have a myelogram before making a decision.

**GLEN PARNELL (Mandy Caulder's mum)** the results of her 5<sup>th</sup> angiogram showed all clear, now at home on medication.

**WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

**EILEEN LOCK** (husband Neville) was recently hospitalized for an angiogram.

**TREVOR (Libby Spies son in law - Australia)** has been retrenched from his IT job. He is deaf & battling to find another job, we pray he will be successful.

**WAYNE (Deloris son)** has been diagnosed with full blown Aids and TB, he & his wife Michelle live in PE. Please pray for them both.

**ELLA WATERSTON (7 - mum Kate)** there has been some improvement since her meds were increased. We pray for healing for her & peace for Kate and family.

**STUART DIXON (on our cancer list - wife Lyn)** scope showed that his insides are completely raw & inflamed from reflux acids. He is very ill; Lyn is considering terminating chemo, needs prayerful direction in her decision making.

**DAWN DRANE** is now on medication, she is feeling much better and her memory is returning. She is not so confused and thanks everyone for their prayers.

**FLEURETTE POULTNEY** Thurs was her first really good day since op 4 weeks ago; low blood pressure may have been the cause of her feeling not so well. Family give thanks for God's healing grace.

**CANDICE DE BEER** 18 weeks pregnant with a girl, Karli. Blood results have shown a high risk for Downs Syndrome. Results from Amnio are due in a few weeks' time. Candice believes God is healing Karli even now & asks for our 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), *Pat Mostert* (heart problems), *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).

**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*, *Stuart Dixon*, *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*.



### LIFE ON THE TRAIN



A while back, I read a very interesting book that compared life to a train ride *Life is like a train ride*, it read. *We get on. We ride. We get off.*

We get back on and ride some more. There are accidents and there are delays & at certain stops there are surprises. Some of these will translate into great moments of joy; some will result in profound sorrow.

When we are born and we first board the train, we meet people whom we think will be with us for the entire journey. *Those people are our parents!*

Our parents are with us for as long as we absolutely need them.

*They too have journeys they must complete.*

We live on with the memories of their love, affection & their ever presence.

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There are others who board the train and who eventually become very important to us, *these are our brothers, sisters, friends and acquaintances, whom we will learn to love, and cherish.*

Some people consider their journey a jaunty tour & will go merrily along. *Others* will encounter many upsets, tears, losses on their journey & *others still*, will linger on to offer a helping hand to those in need.

*Some people on the train will leave an everlasting impression when they get off ...* Some will get on and off the train so quickly that they will hardly leave a sign that they ever travelled with you or even crossed your path...

We will sometimes be upset that some passengers, whom we love, will choose to sit in another compartment and leave us to travel on our own. *That's okay ...everyone's journey will be filled with hopes, dreams, challenges, setbacks and goodbyes.*

We must constantly strive to understand our travel companions and look for the best in everyone. *Remember that at any moment during our journey, any one of our travel companions can have a weak moment and be in need of our help.* We, too, may hesitate or even trip ...hopefully we can count on someone being there to be supportive and understanding...

***The bigger mystery of our journey is that we don't know when our last stop will come.*** Neither do we know when our travel companions will make their last stop. Not even those sitting in the seat next to us.

***Personally, I know I'll be sad to make my final stop.... I'm sure of it!*** My separation from those friends and acquaintances I made during the train ride will be painful. *Leaving all those I'm close to will be a sad thing.*

***But then again, I'm certain that one day I'll get to the main station only to meet up with everyone else.*** They'll all be carrying their baggage... most of which they didn't have when they first got on this train.

I'll be glad to see them again and to have contributed to their baggage... and to have enriched their lives, *just as much as they will have contributed to my baggage and enriched my life.*

***We're all on this train ride together.*** *Above all, we should all try to strive to make the ride as pleasant and memorable as we can, right up until we each make the final stop and leave the train for the last time.*

**All aboard! Safe journey!!**

