



## Happening this Sunday

### *Advent Sunday*

Advent is a season of anticipation and reflection, a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. As we journey through the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we are reminded of the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings into our lives.

Advent is also a journey of the heart and soul. As we long for Christ's coming, we are invited to reflect on our own lives and the ways in which we can better align ourselves with God's will. We are called to repentance and renewal, to let go of the things that keep us from fully embracing God's love and grace.

So let us journey through this season with open hearts and minds, ready to receive the blessings that Christ brings, and let them draw us closer to God.

Welcome home! We hope to see you THIS Sunday at one of these onsite or online services.

**7.30am – NO Service**

**8.00am – Cantata – Church**

**9.30am – Cantata – (*also live streamed*) – Church**

**9.30am – Connect Service – Chapel**

– John Wessels

**11.30am – Vernacular Service – Church**

– Closing: Londeka Mabaso

**6.30pm – Carols by Glowstick**

– Kate Waterston

[You can find our 3 December Cantata 9.30am service livestream here](#)

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## ***Lectionary Readings***

**This Sunday – 3 December**

*First Sunday in Advent*

Isaiah 64:1–9

Psalms 80:1–7, 17–19

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Mark 13:24–37

**Next Sunday – 10 December**

*Second Sunday in Advent*

Isaiah 40:1–11

Psalms 85:1–2, 8–13

2 Peter 3:8–15a

Mark 1:1–8

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***'Tis the Season to invite family and friends!***

Watch our Advent Promo Video Here

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## ***Christmas Cantata***

Trinity Fusion Choir, directed by

Neil Bennett, presents...

**LOVE! A Christmas Cantata.**

This is always a huge highlight on Trinity's calendar, and you are invited to bring your family and

friends!

Sunday 3 December | 8.00am or  
9.30am



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## ***Carols by Glowstick***



On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December the 'Carols by Glowstick' evening will start with a church family picnic at 4.30pm, followed by a visit by Father Christmas around 5.30pm and the carols service will start at 6.30pm.

This is a lovely event to invite loved one to come and start to share in the joy of Christmas this Advent season.

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## ***Market Days***



Do some shopping while you visit Trinity's events.

There are 2 upcoming Christmas markets:

On Sunday 3 December there will be market tables at the picnic from 4.00pm

On Sunday 10 December there will be market tables after the 9.30am services

If you are interested in having a table, please connect with Dianne at 0118881740 or [reception@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za)

## Youth and Children

### ***Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12***



Jingle and Mingle!

Come and join us on Friday 8.00pm to 10.00pm, for a Christmas Party!

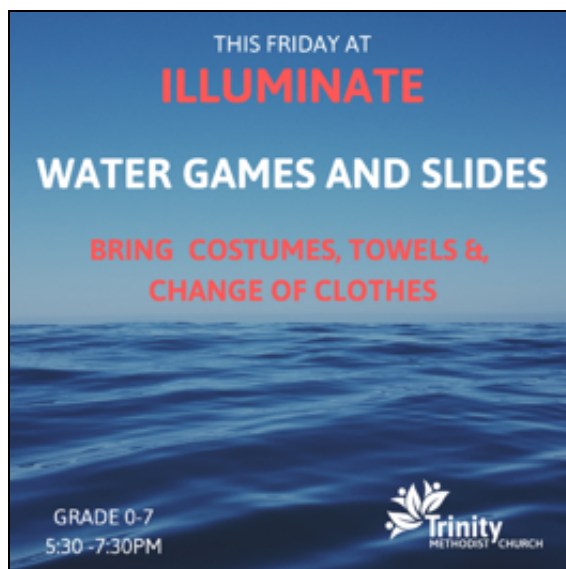
Please wear something Christmassy, and RSVP for catering purposes.

## ***Illuminate: Friday Night Kids – Gr 0 to Gr 7***

This Friday we will be the coolest people in the area! We will be having water games and slides. Bring your costume, towel, and a change of clothes.

5.30pm to 7.30pm

You are invited to join in the fun – and bring a friend!



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## ***Sunday Morning Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12***



This Sunday at youth we will be continuing our conversation about the meaning of advent, and what each tradition and ritual symbolises.

We meet at 9.30am in the youth hall.

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## ***Glow: Sunday Morning Kids – Age 2 to 13***

This Sunday morning during the 9.30am services at Glow we will learn about the importance of Christmas as we start making some fun decorations.

You are invited!



## Upcoming Events

### *Children's Christmas Party*

#### **The Place of Hope, Orange Farm, Children's Christmas Party**

You are invited to participate in our  
2023 Children's Christmas Party at  
Orange Farm.

**Date:** Saturday, 9 December

**Time:** We will leave together from  
Trinity at 9.00am and be back by  
1.00pm



You can participate in the following ways:

- Join us on the day.
- Donate an amount for us to purchase a gift for a child. We will be buying gifts for approximately 200 children and the gift value per child is R150. Any amount will be appreciated and donations can be made in the form of cash (put in the box at the table before or after services) or by EFT into the Trinity bank account using the reference



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- Volunteer to plan and entertain one age group of children on the day.
- Donate a pre-loved toy for The Place of Hope crèche (a loving gift to share with the children of the crèche).
- Donate a pre-loved Christmas tree decoration (any Christmas decorations are welcome) to decorate the tree for the children to enjoy.

Donations can be placed in the box at the table before or after services.

For more information or to let us know that you will be joining us on the day, please visit the table or contact Marlene on 082 553 3663.

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## ***Traditional Lessons and Carols***



On Sunday 10 December we will be having our Traditional Lessons and Carols services on Sunday 10 December at 7.30am and 9.30am.

Please join us for this festive occasion. You are welcome to invite friends and family.

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## ***Advent Retreat in a Bottle***

# ***Retreat*** in a bottle



To help you prepare for Christmas, we have prepared an Advent 'Retreat in a bottle'. This bottle contains material and aids for a 3 hour retreat on your own, at a time and place of your choosing.

They can be purchased on Sunday for R50. Stocks are limited so don't delay.

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### ***The Story Behind Trinity's Christmas Trees***

For the past few years, the team of Marinus Kort and Sue van Vuren have decorated the Church, Chapel, prayer chapel and surrounds at Trinity with Christmas trees and decorations. They also saw to it that all the decorations were then taken down and carefully packed away for next year.

At first Marinus adopted the role of the handyman – painstakingly cutting snowflake shapes from thin wood by using a laser. These shapes were then individually painted white by Sue. The next year it was cut out angels that adorned the tree.

Clearly enjoying the task, Sue recalls that she would be reminded each year by Marinus that it would soon be time to put up the Christmas decorations again. Then she would be told of his ideas for the forthcoming celebration. Each year something new. This included changes in the colours used and changes from a busy tree to a simply decorated one – all beautifully done, with much hard work – always accompanied with much laughter, joy and happiness.

Sadly Marinus passed away this year and his commitment, enthusiasm and inspiration will be missed by all. In his memory, his family has agreed to decorate the Christmas tree in the church this year. We thank then for doing so and pray that that this task will give them as much strength and joy, as Marinus found in it.

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the World – John 1:9*  
*A little child, a shining star,*  
*A stable rude, the door ajar, yet in that place so crude, forlorn,*  
*The Hope of the world was born.*  
– Anonymous



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## ***Advent Calendar***

### **Sunday 3 December – Advent 1**

- NO 7.30am Service
- Christmas Cantata | 8.00am and 9.30am | Church (live-streamed at 9.30am [here](#))
- Connect Service | 9.30am | Chapel
- Vernacular Service | 11.30am (Year-end Service) | Church
- Family Picnic & Visit from Father Christmas | 4.30pm | Church Gardens
- Carols by Glowstick Service | 6.30pm | Church

### **Sunday 10 December – Advent 2**

- Traditional Lessons and Carols | 7.30am and 9.30am | Church (live-streamed at 9.30am [here](#))
- Connect Service | 9.30am | Chapel
- Home Service | 6.30pm | Chapel

### **Sunday 17 December – Advent 3**

- Traditional Service | 7.30am | Church
- Fusion Service | 9.30am | Church (also live-streamed [here](#))
- Connect Service | 9.30am | Chapel
- Home Service | 6.30pm | Chapel

### **Sunday 24 December – Advent 4**

- Traditional Service | 7.30am | Church
- Fusion Service | 9.30am | Church (also live-streamed [here](#))
- Connect Service | 9.30am | Chapel
- Christmas Eve Carols Service | 6.30pm | Church
- Watchnight Communion Service | 11.15pm | Church

## Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

- 8.00am | Church
- 9.30am with Children's message | Church (also live-streamed [here](#))

## Sunday 31 December – New Year's Eve

- Traditional Service | 7.30am | Church
- Fusion Service | 9.30am | Church (also live-streamed [here](#))
- Connect Service | 9.30am | Chapel
- Home Service | 6.30pm | Chapel

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## *Is God Calling You Into Ministry?*

Applications are open for the position of Children's and Young Families Pastor.

Please contact Brett for more information:

[laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za) or

011 888 1740



**Applications open for  
Children's & Young Families Pastor**

Trinity Methodist Church in Linden, Johannesburg is looking for someone with strong Christian values and a deep love of children to help lead and develop the Children and Young Family's Ministry. This includes running our Friday night youth programme (Gr. 0-7), planning lessons for Children's Church on a Sunday morning as well as building a volunteer team to help run and co-ordinate these activities.

This position also involves planning and running of holiday clubs, camps, leaders training and workshops for families. It is at the heart of Trinity to provide pastoral care and support to the children and young families with which we are in contact; this is achieved through one-on-one pastoral meetings, the running of workshops and connecting with the families.

Alongside the usual weekly programmes, there is a requirement to plan family worship services, family days and other special services.

Please contact Brett Mordaunt at [laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za) or 011 888 1740 for a detailed spec and overview or more information.

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## *May we share the harvest with you?*

We'd love to bless you with a parcel if you find yourself or a family member in need at this time.

We will be distributing the parcels on Sunday 26th November and 3rd December.

Please collect your parcel on either of these Sundays between 10.30 and 11.30am at the manse (behind the hall).

Please contact Angela at 011 782 0367 for any further questions.

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## ***Pastoral Care Needs You in 2024!***



### **Pastoral Care 2024 needs YOU!**

**WE FEEL CALLED TO EXPAND OUR OFFERINGS IN 2024, AND THIS FORMS PART OF TRINITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN. WE NEED YOU TO MAKE IT WORK.**

If you are attracted to any of the areas listed, it possibly means that God is nudging you in that direction. Help us to grow the Care outreach within our community by sharing your skills to reach out in a strategic way.

We ask for a one-year commitment. We will be offering ongoing support and training.

Please contact Angela at  
[pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za) or  
011 782 0367 or 072 843 8452  
for more information



### **Pastoral Care 2024 needs YOU!**

**WE NEED CHAMPIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- Cancer/Chronic Illness Support – support to members who are journeying with illness
- Prayer ministry – joining the intercessory prayer ministry - praying for others
- Practical Care Team – co-ordinating practical care eg. Freezer meals in times of member's illness
- Bereavement Care – support to those who have been bereaved
- Care Conversations – to journey with members seeking individual care support (lay counselling). You will need to attend a 10 week (once a week) training course by Madz Deyzel in January. Cost is R1300 and sponsorship is available
- Leading a once off 'Let's Talk' group session around a life issue, eg. Living with chronic pain; Living through Divorce

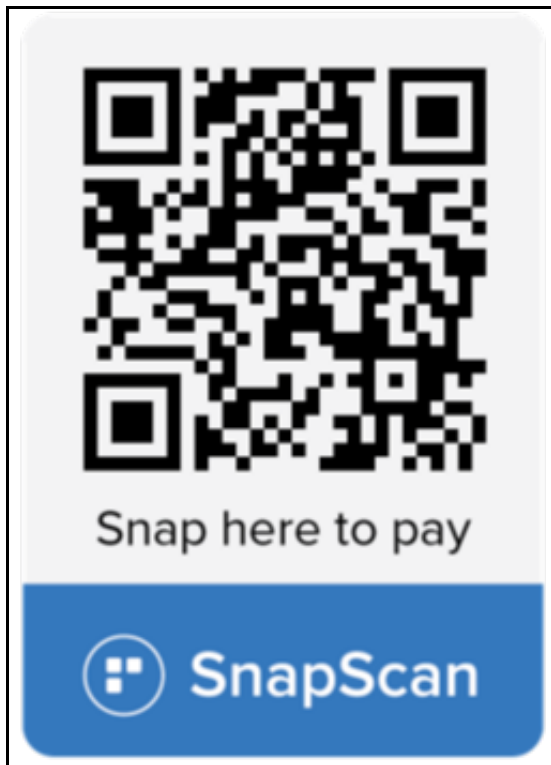
We feel called to expand our offerings in 2024, and this forms part of TMC's strategic plan for next year. We need YOU to make it work.

Please contact Angela at [pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za) or 011 782 0367 or 072 843 8452 for questions and further details.

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***Giving***



## Trinity Banking Details

Methodist Church of Southern  
Africa – Trinity Society  
Standard Bank  
Cresta Branch: 05-10-01  
Account no: 200111760

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## Connect With Us

### Office

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### Pastoral Care

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[pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za)

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## Pastoral Staff

### John Wessels

– Reverend

### Londeka Mabaso

– Reverend

### Brett Mordaunt

– Lay Pastor

### Bronwyn Delport

– Youth & Young Adults Pastor

### Kate Waterston

– Children & Young Families Pastor

### Angela Wessels

– Pastoral Care

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## Engage With Us On Social Media

You can find us on social media! Please like, follow, share, tag us, and engage.



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The Methodist mostly newsletter, the New Dimension, is no longer coming out in printed format. You can find the digital version, called 'Another Dimension' by [clicking here](#)

You can also subscribe to receive it in your inbox monthly by sending an email to [it@mco.org.za](mailto:it@mco.org.za)

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### ***Trinity Bulletin***

For other Trinity related news, find our weekly Bulletin by clicking [this link](#)

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