



Happening this Sunday

Second Sunday in Advent

In life there needs to be a time where we move from a place of lament to longing for the good news of God. There needs to be a time of believing that our salvation is near. God's people should come to terms with their inability to save themselves, and have hopeful anticipation.

While we wait for our salvation, here are a few things to remember:

- God declares comfort and tenderness for God's people.
- God calls us to prepare a highway in the desert, a highway for God, whose glory would be revealed publicly (40:3-5).
- God's word, unlike the fading and temporary, stays standing forever. It is the word that is the basis of hope and certainty (40:5).
- The church should serve as a herald, as the evangelist of God's coming (40:9-11).

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

7.30am – Lessons and Carols – Church (*NO Communion*)

– Brett Mordaunt

9.30am – Lessons and Carols – Church (*also live streamed*)

– Brett Mordaunt

9.30am – Connect Service – Chapel

– Londeka Mabaso

11.30am – Vernacular Service – Church

– Closing: Londeka Mabaso

6.30pm – Home Service – Chapel

– Londeka Mabaso

[You can find our 10 December Lessons and Carols 9.30am service livestream here](#)

Lectionary Readings

This 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

Next Sunday – 17 December

Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 61:1–4; 8–11

Luke 1:46b–55

1 Thessalonians 5:8–11

John 1:6–8; 19–28

We are saying farewell to Kate!

If you haven't heard the sad news yet, Kate Waterston, Trinity's Children's & Young Families Pastor is stepping down from her role to pursue exciting opportunities in counselling. She will still be and serve at Trinity for the rest of December, but this **Sunday, 10 December after the 9.30am**

Services we will have a farewell tea for her.



If you would like to join in, please bring a plate of eats and meet in the Hall after the service. It is not goodbye forever, but an opportunity to celebrate all that Kate has done and means to Trinity.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

'Tis the Season to invite family and friends!

Watch our Christmas Services Promo Video Here

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.

Market Days



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

Youth and Children

Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12



Join us for 'Record Breakers', and have your name in lights!

Friday 8.00pm to 10.00pm – anyone is welcome!

This is our last youth gathering for this year.

Illuminate: Friday Night Kids – Gr 0 to Gr 7

This Friday will be our final

Illuminate for the year, we will be all dressed up and having a party to celebrate the amazing year we have had together!

5.30pm to 7.30pm

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please come dressed in your Christmas outfits, and bring some party snacks for us to share.



Sunday Morning Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12



Join us This Sunday morning at 9.30am for a yummy pancake breakfast under the tree outside the youth hall.

We meet at 9.30am.

This will be our last youth gathering for this year!

Glow: Sunday Morning Kids – Age 2 to 13

Sunday morning we will be sharing in our end of year party. It will be wonderful to have as many of you there as possible to celebrate with us!

Please come dressed in your

Christmas outfit, and bring some party snacks for us to share.

During the 9.30am services.



We will continue to have a Children's Church holiday programme until the 24th December during the 9.30am services.

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 OFCP.

- 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.

Advent Calendar

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

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 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 or 011 888 1740 for a detailed spec and overview or more information.

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 Sundays between 10.30 and 11.30am at the manse (behind the hall).

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

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 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 or 011 782 0367 or 072 843 8452 for questions and further details.



Feedback

Carols by Glowstick

This past Sunday we had our family picnic, followed by the 'Candles by Glowstick' service.



It was a truly moving event,
enjoyed by children of all ages!

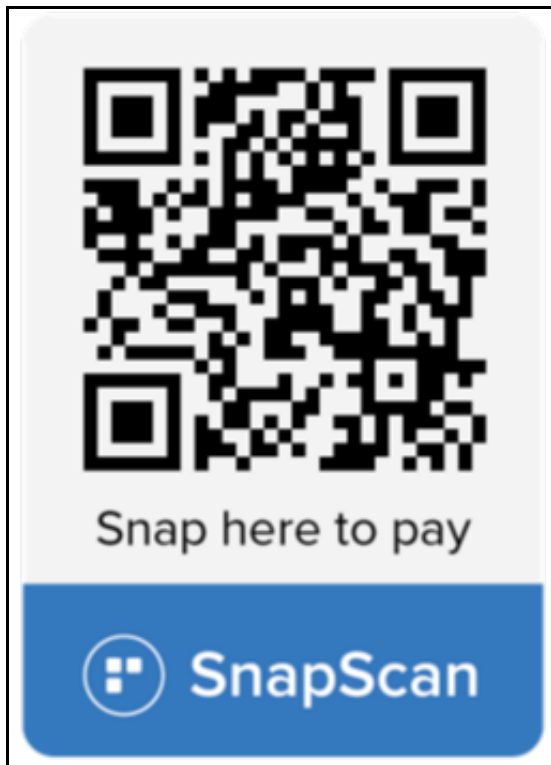
If you love singing carols, you are
invited to join us at 6.30pm on
Christmas Eve!



Giving

Trinity Banking Details

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Cresta Branch: 05-10-01

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– Lay Pastor

Bronwyn Delport

– Youth & Young Adults Pastor

Kate Waterston

– Children & Young Families Pastor

Angela Wessels

– Pastoral Care

Engage With Us On Social Media

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



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

Trinity Bulletin

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