



Happening this Sunday

Find your call in their call

'Call Narratives' are particularly beautiful parts of our Bible – and for the person called it is the most defining moment of their lives. This week we read and reflect on two important call narratives. Samuel is called as a young boy, perhaps 12 years old. Nathaniel's life is changed when his own path to being a rabbi is redirected to becoming a disciple of Jesus. Come and be awoken to hear God calling you and our nation.

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

7.30am – Traditional Service – (Holy Communion) Church

– John Wessels

9.30am – Fusion Service – Church (*also live streamed*)

– John Wessels

9.30am – Connect Service – Chapel (Holy Communion)

– Brett Mordaunt

11.30am – Vernacular Service – Church

– On break

6.30pm – Home Service – Chapel

– John Wessels

[You can find our 14 January 9.30am service livestream here](#)



Lectionary Readings

This Sunday – 14 January

Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

Psalms 139:1–6, 13–18

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

John 1:43–51

Next Sunday – 21 January

Epiphany 3

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

Psalms 62:5–12

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

Mark 1:14–20

Reminder: Our Office Hours

As a Trinity staff group, we seek to serve out community to the best of our ability and to ensure good productivity within our working hours. To enable this, we have specific hours during which the reception office is open for face-to-face contact.

Reception:

Monday 11am to 1pm; and

Tuesday to Friday daily 8.30am to 1pm.

Contact outside of these hours until 4.30pm daily can be made by phone.

The pastoral staff are available throughout the week and on a Sunday during working hours. If you have an after-hours pastoral emergency, please phone 011 888 1740 where you will be directed to a contact number for the after-hours pastor on duty.

We appreciate your understanding.



Vacancy: Children and Young Families Pastor



**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.

Applications are still open for the position of Children's and Young Families Pastor. Is God calling you into this ministry?

Please contact Brett for more information:

laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za or
011 888 1740

Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Illuminate: Friday Night Kids – Gr 0 to Gr 7



We restart Friday night Illuminate and Youth on Friday 19 January. Watch this space for more info!

Illuminate is from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, and youth is from 7.30pm to 10pm.


Sunday Morning Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

This Sunday morning during the 9.30am services, we will continue in our insightful Nooma video series. This week's theme is 'Trees'.



You are invited to join us – and you can bring a friend!

*This Sunday
14 January
09.30 in the Youth Hall
Grades 8 - 12
NOOMA Series 003 -
Trees*



Glow: Sunday Morning Kids – Age 2 to 13

UNIT 1 - Uncovering the truth about LOVE

Lesson 1 - First love

Scripture: 1 John 4:14-19, God's Love

Meet outside the chapel for worship

This Sunday morning during the 9.30am services, we will start a year-long Bible scavenger hunt!

You are invited to join us – and you can bring a friend!



Upcoming Events

Seniors




For this month the meeting date for seniors is Wednesday 17 January.

You are invited to join us as we get together to start 2024 with communion and fellowship.



Join Pastoral Care This Year...

<p>Let's Talk: Journeying with Cancer</p> <p>Thursday 25th January 5pm to 7pm, Chapel</p> <p>Discussion led by Marjorie Graham, previous Hospice Nurse</p> <p>RSVP Dianne at 011 888 1740 reception@trinitylinden.org.za</p>	
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Part of our 2024 Strat Plan is to grow our Care Outreach by getting more volunteers on board and providing opportunities for volunteers to further equip themselves in their areas of ministry.

Here are some opportunities for you to get involved:

Strengthen your skills in supporting others:

Join us for a *free training session* on Saturday 27th January, 8.30am to 12.30pm. This is open to anyone whether you are supporting others within your area of ministry or in your personal life. We will seek to make it as practical and helpful as possible. Topics to be covered include: Good foundations in caring for others; Staying healthy while caring; Supportive skills and tools to facilitate change; 5 practical tools for coping with times of stress. This will be an interactive morning of learning together.

We also hope to implement a '**Care Conversations**' ministry this year (Lay Counselling). Volunteers will undergo training for this by Madz Deyzel who is a local Pastor offering Counselling training. The course starts on the 22nd January, 7pm to 9pm, and runs for 10 weeks via Zoom. We will do the course together as a group via Zoom at the church. Closing date for registration is Monday 15th January.

We are still needing **volunteers** for the following areas of pastoral care

- Cancer / Chronic Illness
- Prayer ministries
- Leading a 'Let's Talk' session – is there a life experience which you have faced that you would like to facilitate a small group discussion around eg. Living with chronic pain; Coping with unemployment etc.

Please do consider offering yourself for a one-year commitment in any of these areas.

Are you or a loved one currently journeying with Cancer? Consider joining us for an interactive group session to be led by Marjorie Graham (Nursing Sister with Hospice experience) on Thursday 25th January, 5pm to 7pm – '**Let's Talk about journeying with Cancer**'. This will be a safe space in which to hear some input and share your challenges. It will also help us as church to know how better to offer support.

Upcoming Dates:

THRIVE is a four-week interactive group experience focused on living well with Mental Health challenges. It will run on the four Sundays of February.

To book your space for any of the above, or for more information, please contact Angela at pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za or at 011 888 1740



Care Training Session

Saturday 27th January
8.30am to 12.30pm, Chapel
Open to all

Strengthen your skills in supporting others

Topics include:
Care in a healthy way;
Supportive skills and tools to facilitate change;
5 practical tools for coping with times of stress.

RSVP Dianne 011 888 1740 or reception@trinitylinden.org.za

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METHODIST CHURCH

Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden

- * Sunday 7 January to 11 February – **Epiphany Series: Jesus Takes Shape**
- * Sunday 14 January – Sunday morning Children and Youth starts
- * Wednesday 17 January – Seniors
- * Friday 19 January – Friday evening Children and Youth starts
- * Sunday 21 January – Vernacular Service Restarts
- * Sunday 21 January – Sacrificial Giving
- * Monday 22 January – Care Conversations (Counselling) Training
- * Thursday 25 January – Let's Talk About Living With Cancer
- * Saturday 27 January – Pastoral Care and Prayer Volunteers Training
- * Sunday 28 January – Covenant Sunday
- * Sunday 4 February – Vision Sunday (Combined Service)
- * Sunday 4 February – THRIVE
- * Sunday 4 February – Seekers (Confirmation) Information Sessions
- * Monday 5 February – ASM
- * Sunday 11 February – Teachers' Sunday
- * Sunday 11 February – Vision Sunday at Vernacular Service
- * Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday
- * Sunday 18 February – Leaders' Prayer and Commissioning

Praying for the 2024 Elections



Elections 2024 – Make sure that you are registered to vote!

Although you may not know who to vote for next year, don't let that stop you from making 100% sure that you are properly registered. When the elections come you will want to vote, and if you are not registered you will be turned away.

At this stage it is important to make sure that you are registered to vote.

There are two ways to do that:

A. The easiest way is to go onto the IEC website. Click here: <https://www.elections.org.za/>

B. You can register physically at community registration day on 3–4 February.

C. Tell your South African family and friends overseas that they can register to vote too. Find more information at <https://www.elections.org.za/>



At the end of last year our staff went on a picnic at The Wilds to

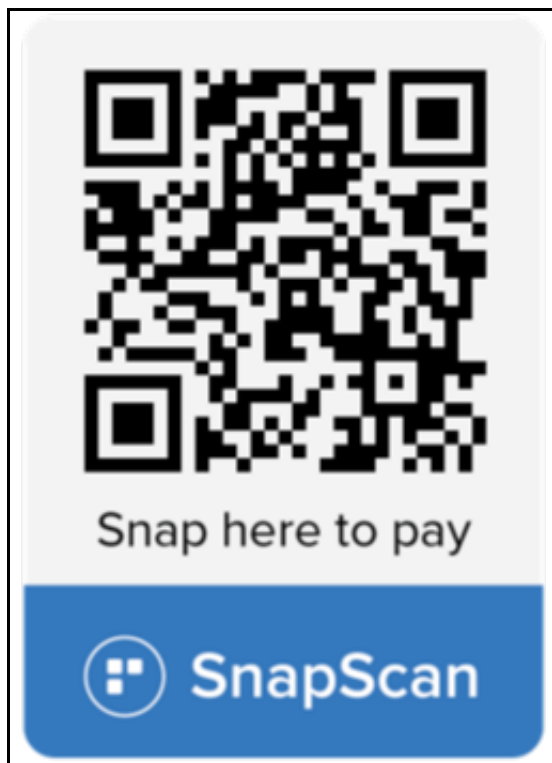


celebrate 2023.

The weather was perfect, the conversation was fun, the secret Santas were generous, the grass was lush, and the food was delicious!



Giving



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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](#)
