



## Happening this Sunday

***Are you ready to write God's way on your heart?***

Whenever we step forward to follow the way of Jesus, we respond to God as Jesus did – as a loving relationship of God as our parent – and we share that relationship with Jesus. Our relationship with God reminds us of all the ways the Spirit is bubbling up in different parts of our lives, encouraging and enabling us to live out our side of the relationship. The book of Jeremiah describes it as "writing God's ways on our hearts".

This Sunday at Trinity we celebrate Covenant Services. In the Methodist Church we say and sing and shout that God invites us into devotion, discipleship, dedication, and to work towards social justice. At Covenant Services we can give words and actions to God's invitation as a congregation. As we look forward to the year that unfolds before us, fully aware that God already promises to be with us each step of the way, would you prepare your heart before the services this week, hear again God's promise to us all: "I will be their God and they shall be my people".

What God offers is a loving relationship (this prayer is not a contract!), one that is already freely and graciously at hand. We are invited to experience grace as we settle into our relationship with God through the Covenant and living into it! This is also the challenge of God's invitation: God is committed to our relationship, will you say the words of the Covenant Prayer as a way of acknowledging the relationship and stepping into it?

All are welcome. None are excluded.

### The Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but Yours.

Put me to what You will,

rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing,

put me to suffering;

let me be employed for You

or laid aside for You,

exalted for You

or brought low for You;

let me be full,

let me be empty,

let me have all things,

let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to Your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am Yours.

So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

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

**7.30am – Traditional Service – (Holy Communion) Church**

– Londeka Mabaso

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

– Londeka Mabaso

**9.30am – Connect Service – (Holy Communion) Chapel**

– John Wessels

**11.30am – Vernacular Service – (Holy Communion) Church**

– Londeka Mabaso

**6.30pm – Home Service – (Holy Communion) Chapel**

– John Wessels

*All are welcome. Who are you inviting?*

There will be communion at all services this Sunday at our Covenant Sunday celebration.

[You can find our 28 January 9.30am service livestream here](#)



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## ***Lectionary Readings***

**This Sunday – 28 January**

*Epiphany 4 / Covenant*

Mark 1:21–28

1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Psalms 111

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

**Next Sunday – 4 February**

*Epiphany 5 / Vision Sunday*

Isaiah 40:21–31

Psalms 147:1–11, 20c

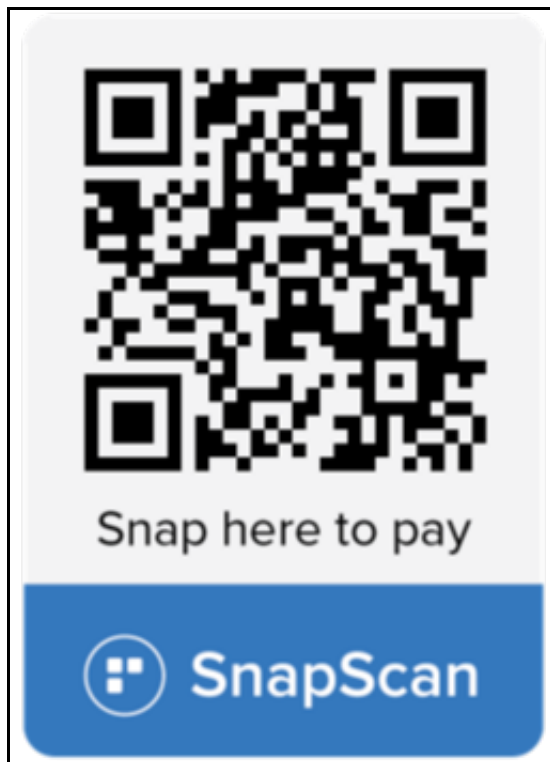
1 Corinthians 9:16–23

Mark 1:29–39

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## ***Sacrificial Giving***

Thank you for your positive response to our conversation about sacrificial giving! For those who have asked – here is our banking information.



### Trinity Banking Details

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

You can read more about sacrificial giving [here](#)

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### ***Lost Property***

We found 2 rings on our church property. If they are yours, please contact Dianne on 0118881740 or [reception@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za)



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

This Friday evening, 26 January, our youth will be exploring 'the struggle is real'.

No need for a Finsta, your real story is worth sharing!

*Anybody is welcome. Who are you*

*inviting?*



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



On Friday evenings our younger kids, Gr 0 to Gr 7, meet for fun, learning, and play. This Friday we are having a sports evening.

*All are welcome. Who are you inviting?*

## ***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 'Noise'.

*All are welcome. Who are you*


*inviting?*

 **NOOMA**

This Sunday  
28 January  
09.30 in the Youth  
Hall  
Grades 8 - 12  
NOOMA Series 005  
Noise



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

 **THE YEAR LONG BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT**

Grades  
0 - 7

UNIT 1 - Uncovering the truth about LOVE

Lesson 3 - False love

Scripture: Judges 16:4-22

**Meet outside the chapel for worship**

This Sunday morning during the 9.30am services, we will continue our year-long Bible scavenger hunt! This week's theme is 'False Love'.

*All are welcome. Who are you inviting?*

## ***Seekers | Confirmation***

**Seekers | Confirmation  
2024**

**INFORMATION EVENING  
FOR PARENTS AND TEENS**

**Sunday 4 February | 5pm  
Office Boardroom**

**For teens turning 16 and up**

*Live like you're loved*







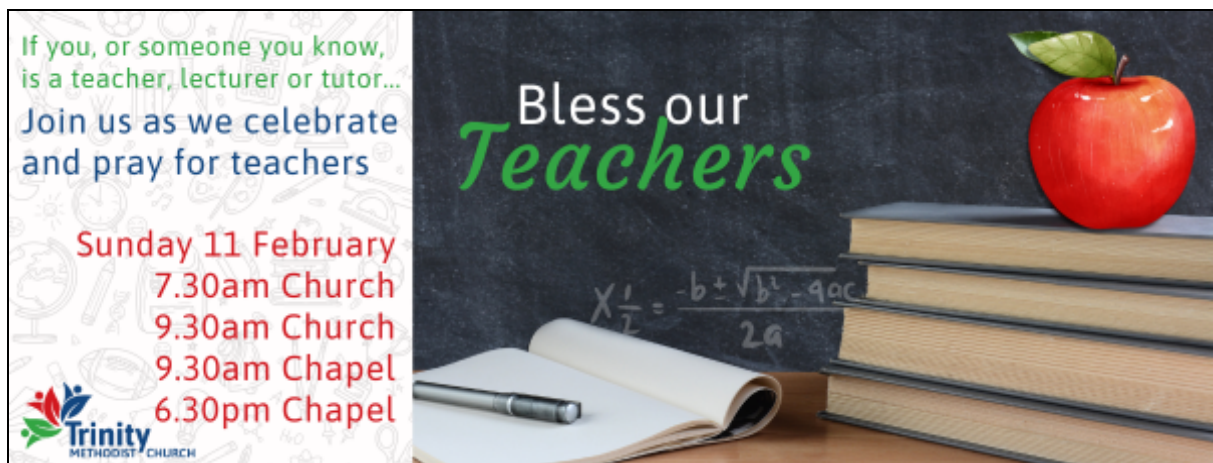
Are you interested in confirmation (called 'seekers') in 2024?

If you are 16 years old or older, and you are considering making a commitment to God this year, you are invited to come and speak to Bronwyn, our youth and young adult pastor, in the boardroom of our offices at 5pm on Sunday 4 February.

*All are welcome. Who are you inviting?*

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## ***Teachers' Sunday***



Join us on Sunday 11 February, as we celebrate our teachers, lecturers, educators, and tutors, and pray for them.

This will be done at our 7.30am Church service, 9.30am Church service, our 9.30am Chapel service, and 6.30pm Chapel service.

You are encouraged to invite the educators in your life. Your children can invite their teachers.

*All are welcome. Who are you inviting?*

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## ***Vision Sunday***



Vision Sunday is always a highlight! We share with you our exciting news as we unveil our prayers and plans for 2024.

Join us next week, Sunday 4 February.

## ASM



You are encouraged to join us at our Family Meeting.

Our Annual Society Meeting is at 7pm in the church on Monday 5 February, and the entire congregation is invited.







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.

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RSVP Dianne 011 888 1740 or [reception@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za)

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## ***Grocery Support***

Our Practical Care Ministry is very aware that January can be a financially challenging month. If you are in need of grocery support, please contact Vicky Kente on 076 118 0157

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## ***Thriving***



Monthly Mental Health  
Support Group

'Living with a Mental Health Diagnosis and Caring  
for our Physical Selves' (input and discussion)

Sunday 18th February | 3pm to 5pm | Educare Centre

RSVP: Angela | 072 843 8452  
[pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za)

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You are invited to join us for  
'Thriving', a monthly mental  
health support group.

This month the theme is 'Living  
with a mental health diagnosis  
and caring for our physical selves',  
and it takes the form of some input  
and a discussion.

**Sunday 18 February | 3pm to 5pm | Educare Centre**

RSVP Angela: 0728438452 or [pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za)

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# Upcoming Events

## *Ash Wednesday*



On Ash Wednesday we host special services where our ministry team uses ash to make a mark of the cross on your forehead as a solemn reminder of our human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

Join us on Wednesday 14 February at 9.30am or 6.30pm. The 9.30am service will be live-streamed [here](#).

*All are welcome. Who are you inviting?*

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## ***Table Talk***

We are so grateful for the impact that Table Talk had on those who were involved or attended one of the offerings in 2023 and are looking forward to continuing with Table Talk this year. Our hope is to reach as many people as possible and to bring about a turning and returning to Jesus!

We are hoping to grow our planning/organising team this year. Do you have a passion for evangelism and being involved in helping people enter into a relationship with Jesus? Do you have a gift for or enjoy organising things? Are you perhaps looking for new areas to serve

at Trinity in 2024? If you answered yes to any of the questions, then maybe this is an area you'd like to get involved in.

If you would like to join the team, or find out more about what getting involved would entail, please contact Liesl Hendry  
083 995 3433 or [lieslmaryhendry@gmail.com](mailto:lieslmaryhendry@gmail.com)

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## ***Save the Dates***

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden

- \* Sunday 7 January to 11 February – [Epiphany Series: Jesus Takes Shape](#)
- \* 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
- \* Sunday 4 February – Preachers Prayer at the Rail
- \* Sunday 4 February – Seekers (Confirmation) Information Sessions
- \* Monday 5 February – ASM
- \* Sunday 11 February – Teachers' Sunday
- \* Sunday 11 February – Vision Sunday at Vernacular Service
- \* Tuesday 13 February – Shrove Tuesday
- \* Wednesday 14 February – Seniors
- \* Wednesday 14 February – Ash Wednesday
- \* Sunday 18 February – Leaders' Prayer and Commissioning
- \* Sunday 18 February – Launch of 'Thriving' Mental Health Support
- \* 25–30 March – Holy Week
- \* 25–28 March – Holiday Club

***All Trinity services and events are open to all. Who are you inviting?***

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## ***Intercessory Prayer***

Intercessory prayer for peace in Palestine–Israel, and for Christian Unity

Lord, You said “Peace, be still,” and the storm was stilled.

We confess that at times, we feel overwhelmed by the storm. But today, we lift our eyes to you — the Maker of heaven and earth. And we ask for a miracle... let your peace fill Israel and Gaza.

We lift our prayer to you,  
Lord, hear us.

God, let violence cease in the region. Let there be no more bloodshed. We know your heart breaks for those killed and those left behind — for the orphaned child, the injured elderly, those abducted and families desperate for safety. Lord, speak into this crisis.

We lift our prayer to you,  
Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have lost loved ones. Let your peace and love wash over them. Please protect and provide for those who have been abducted and bring them home safely. Let them be reunited with their loved ones — let them feel the comfort of their embrace.

We lift our prayer to you,  
Lord, hear us.

God, we pray that you open doors that allow food, essentials and medical supplies to reach those in need. May first responders be able to rescue the injured, comfort the grieving and help rebuild many lives.

We lift our prayer to you,  
Lord, hear us.

God, we pray for your peace and reconciliation to overcome conflict. We ask that you give wisdom and discernment to our global leaders and those in positions of power who have the ability to impact the course of this war. Help us to be bold advocates and agents of peace in our own communities.

We lift our prayer to you,  
Lord, hear us.

We pray for people scattered around the globe whose friends and family members have been caught in the crisis. We know you are with them. Help us to express your love to those affected in our communities, churches and workplaces.

We lift our prayer to you,  
Lord, hear us.

Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to you, and pray for those suffering. We ask that you provide peace in this crisis, and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted.

We lift our prayer to you,

Lord, hear us.

Amen.

United in Your Love

Almighty God, who are mother and father to us all,  
Look upon your planet Earth divided.  
Help us to know that we are all your children,  
That all nations belong to one great family,  
And that all of our religions lead to you.

Multiply our prayers in every land  
Until the whole Earth becomes your congregation,  
United in your love.  
Sustain our vision of a peaceful future  
And give us strength to work unceasingly  
To make that vision real.  
Amen

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## ***Praying for the 2024 Elections***



**Elections 2024**

The Voters Roll could be closed very soon. The voters roll closes when

the President announces the date of the elections and we don't know when he will do that, but it is most likely in the 'State of the Nation' address of 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. Therefore time is fast running out.

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/>

*You can read a letter from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa encouraging our participation in the national elections [here](#)*

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## ***Tshepo – Farming God's Way***

You are invited to join Tshepo for their 'Farming God's Way' training.

Learn basic agricultural skills, and how to set up a vegetable garden and compost heap.

You are encouraged to pass this information on to anyone who



**Farming God's Way Training**  
Presented at Tshepo Community Development Initiative

Tuesdays  
February 6, 13, 20, 27  
and March 5 and 19th  
From 8:00 - 14:00

FGW training equips individuals through biblical principles to come out of poverty by learning basic agricultural skills  
Learn how to set up your own vegetable garden and make your own compost heap

Training costs R300 for all the days

- this includes coffee/tea
- Some seedlings for your garden
- Your contribution also helps someone less fortunate
- please bring along your own lunch

**RSVP with Alet on 0845706653  
or alet@tshepo.org.za**

 **TSHEPO**  
C/O Pendoring and Weltevreden roads,  
Northcliff

may benefit!

## Welsh Male Voice Choir

The Welsh Male Voice Choir is visiting Trinity on Saturday 2 March at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost R150pp, and booking can be done with Ann Brunette at 0829404597 or [bookings@cmcda.co.za](mailto:bookings@cmcda.co.za)

**The Welsh Male Voice Choir of South Africa**  
presents its annual  
**ST DAVID'S DAY CONCERT**  
Saturday, 2 March 2024 at 2:30pm



WITH SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS  
ADRIAN AND EMMA-JEAN GALLIARD

Trinity Methodist Church  
cnr 5th Ave & 5th St, Linden  
Tickets: R150pp

Bookings & Enquiries:  
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## ***Pastoral Staff***

### **John Wessels**

– Reverend

### **Londeka Mabaso**

– Reverend

### **Brett Mordaunt**

– Lay Pastor

### **Bronwyn Delport**

– Youth & Young Adults Pastor

### **(Vacant)**

– 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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