



Happening this Sunday

What's Your Story? – Let's Build a Bridge

Let's Build a Bridge – Building Relational Bridges

To successfully love God, love people, and love our nation, we are invited to follow our biblical mandate of reconciling people to God and to each other. This calls for us to become bridge builders who are able to create spaces for people to talk about difficult issues and find new ways to talk, think and act together. Jesus is our bridge builder. This Sunday we learn about bridge-building from Jesus as he interacts with the Samaritan woman at the well.

We will hear that bridge building has four phases:

1. Clearing away the obstacles that obstruct access to the other side – Jesus shows us how he goes about clearing obstacles.
2. Building the bridge so that both sides are reachable – Jesus models for us how to build bridges.

3. Anchoring the keystone, to ensure the bridge stays stable and secure – the stability of our bridge should come from a deep and meaningful walk with God.
4. Maintaining the structure – it's not enough to build the bridge – we need to use it by walking across it from both sides.

And we will be treated in each service to hearing a bridge-building story from a Trinity member.

Reading: *John 4:1–26 – Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well.*

Please do join us!



If you're planning to join us this week, these are the preachers and services you can look forward to:

7.30am Church – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

– Bill Webster

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

– Bill Webster

9.30am Chapel – Connect Service (NO Communion)

– Londeka Mabaso

11.30am Church – Kopanang Service

– Londeka Mabaso

6.30pm Church – Home Service (NO Communion)

– Londeka Mabaso

All our services are family friendly. All are welcome. Who are you inviting?

After each service someone will be available to pray with you at the rail.

[Find our Sunday 14 September 9.30am Fusion Service livestream here.](#)

All our livestreams remain available on YouTube as videos after our services. You can access them at any time using this link.

What's Your Story? – New Sermon Series



What's Your Story? Let's Build a Bridge – Building Relational Bridges

We invite you this month to join our story-telling journey which will help each one of us further along the journey of our 2025 theme – 'One Heart, Many Voices', creating space for us to share their stories, connect across difference, and celebrate the common thread that unites us: our shared identity as children of God and members of the Trinity community.

This series is based on material that has been developed by Heartlines (South African NGO) for the purpose of helping us to build understanding, empathy and a stronger sense of community.

This series is very practical, but it also needs to be 'put into practice' for it to be effective for each one of us as well as for our church community. We have wonderful ways in which you can do this. Please see further down for more information on how to get involved.

How to make the most of this series for yourself and others:

- Download your sermon-based curriculum booklet from the website for free here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/whats-your-story/> This booklet is full of interesting questions to guide you in applying what you heard in the Sunday sermon. You can also find our sermon videos here, and audios when they become available.
- If you are not yet in a home-group, there are two options:
 1. Join us on Wednesday 17 September and Wednesday 1 October, 6.00pm to 8.00pm, to journey through the material together with others as a small-group experience. Sign up here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/registration-form/>
 2. Work through the material on your own and find someone (either within or outside of Trinity) to share your experience of this with.
- Have your photo taken this Sunday at church to add to our photo display – ‘Our Faces, Our Faith’.
- Get an insight into our children’s stories by visiting the Prayer Request canvas inviting you to hold our children in prayer.
- Our challenge this past week was ‘Ask, Listen, Tell’ – whose story will you ask about and listen to this week and who will you tell some of your story to? Have you been able to do this? How did it go?

Thank you for joining us on this special journey.



Upcoming Events

These are the stories of God's work in and through our Trinity community.

Women's Auxiliary



At our next Women's Auxiliary meeting we have Rev Alice Mugglestone as our speaker. The topic she'll be presenting is: 'Celebrating Spring – A Season of Birthing'.

Saturday 13 September | 9.30am

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

Cancer Support Tea



Our Christians in Action for Cancer ministry meets again in September.

They meet to encourage people who are going through cancer, and they are open to everyone: caregivers, family, supporters, cancer patients and cancer survivors.

Saturday 13 September | 11.00am to 1.00pm

All are welcome. You do not have to attend Trinity to join us. Who will you be inviting?

Youth Mental Health Series



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS...

TO US

TO OUR CHURCH

TO GOD

Sanctuary Youth Series on Mental Health

Sundays, from 14 September to 2 November

MENTAL HEALTH Awareness Month

SANCTUARY Mental Health Minister

Trinity METHODIST CHURCH
www.trinitylinden.org.za

For youth age 13 and up

We are excited to run the Youth Series on Mental Health!

Sundays, from 14 September to 2 November | 4.30pm to 6.00pm

WHO IS THE SERIES FOR?

Youth age 13 and up, who:

- have questions about mental health
- live with mental health challenge
- support family and friends with mental health challenges

WHAT THEMES DOES IT COVER?

- Mental health and mental illness
- Theology of mental health
- Emotions
- Stigma
- Recovery
- Friendship
- Self-care

To join us, please register here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/form/>

For more information, contact Bronwyn by WhatsApp at 0645013709 or email at youth@trinitylinden.org.za

All are welcome. You don't have to attend Trinity to join us. Who will you be inviting?

What's Your Story? Small Group Experience



You are invited to join in with the What's Your Story? Small Group Experience.

This can happen in your regular small group, or in the special open group that has been created for this. We will meet at Trinity.

You can get the sermon-based curriculum booklet for a donation, or download it for free from our website here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/whats-your-story/>

You can also find the videos of our sermons, and sermon audios when they become available, on the same page.

Wednesday 17 September and Wednesday 1 October | 6.00pm to 8.00pm

You can register here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/registration-form/>

All are welcome. Will you be joining us?

Strategic Planning



Strategic Planning Retreat

This is where we take time out to reflect on where we are, and what our goals are going to be for 2026

You are invited - everyone is welcome!
RSVP – reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Chapel | 8:30am – 1:00pm
Saturday 20 September



At Trinity we take planning very seriously, and our process for 2026 has already started. During this time we are intentionally discerning where the Holy Spirit is leading us, and what is best for our congregation and community in this time.

This is most effective if as many of our Trinity family attend as possible. This means that YOU are invited – even if you are not in leadership, and even if you have not attended any of these sessions before.

Saturday 20 September | 8.30am to 1.00pm

If any of these streams interest you, please come and help shape them — we need your voice:

- Addressing our income challenge
- Continuing the Appreciating Differences journey
- Evangelistic and disciple-making ministry to and with under-resourced communities and individuals

Format of the morning: a brief plenary, then three facilitated groups (90 minutes each) to co-create draft strategies. By the end of the morning we'll agree on draft proposals to be developed further.

All members of Trinity are welcome, and you are encouraged to participate.

Combined Birthday Service and Heritage Day Lunch



Our 'What's Your Story?' sermon series culminates in our Trinity birthday service, where we celebrate OUR story.

Combined Birthday Service | Sunday 28 September | 9.30 – 11.30am

On this Sunday, all services will come together for one combined service, and it will be hosted in the Sanctuary. This festive service is about 2 hours long, and includes Holy Communion and Children's Church.

Because it is also the week of Heritage Day, we will dress up in a way that celebrates our unique heritage or traditional dress.

Afterwards there will be a bring-and-share of lunch that will be served in the hall. In this we can also celebrate our culture.

When we share our food and our heritage stories with each other, we celebrate our story!

On this day, there will be NO Market Sunday, NO Thriving Mental Health Support Group, and NO other services or evening service.

All are welcome. You do not have to attend Trinity to join us for this joyous occasion. Who will you be inviting?

Community Service Day



REACH OUT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

This year our community service initiative will take place over 2 weeks.

Saturday 4 October and Saturday 11 October

Volunteers can start signing up on Sundays at the tables after the services, and get more information on the activities and involvement required from the volunteers.

Our 2025 initiatives are:

- Rise Against Hunger food packing
- The Place of Hope, Orange Farm – A 'Thank You Tea Party' with talks for the Leaders of The Place of Hope
- Montgomery Haven Retirement Village Sing-A-Long with the Trinity Choir
- Uzima, Soweto – A Thank You Tea Party with talks for the Leaders of Uzima
- Zandspruit – A new project for Trinity – Activities to be confirmed
- Tshepo – Activities to be confirmed

Watch this space for more information.

All are welcome. You are encouraged to participate where you can!

Pop-Up Play Place



It's almost time for our FREE Pop-Up Play Place!

Bring your kids and grandkids, and invite the kids of your neighbours, friends, and colleagues too!

Monday 6 to Friday 10 October | 9.00am to 12.00pm

Parents or caregiver must accompany children at all times. There will be a coffee station available for parents.

All are welcome. You do not have to attend Trinity to join us. Who will you be inviting?



At Trinity we celebrate our young people.

This is where you are invited to join us this weekend:

GroovyCrew | Friday Night Kids – Gr 0 to Gr 7

Join us this Friday for our minute-to-win-it showdown!

Friday 12 September | 5.30pm to 7.30pm



All are welcome. Who are you inviting?

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth meets again. We are having a worship night!

Friday 12 September | 8.00pm to 10.00pm

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

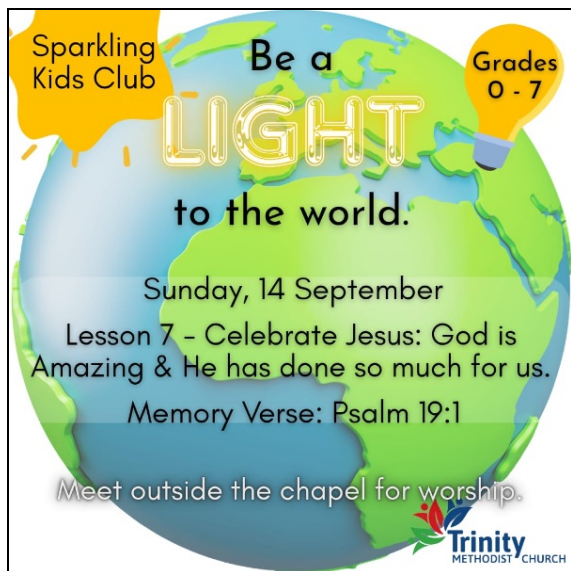


Sparkling Kids Club | Sunday Morning Kids – Age 2 to 13

Join us on **Sunday morning 14 September at 9.30am**, for Sparkling Kids Club.

Our series is called 'Be a light to the world', and this week we are talking about 'Celebrate Jesus'.

All are welcome. Who will you be



inviting?

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 14 September, at 9.30am** for Teen Church!

We will joining the rest of Trinity on the 'What's Your Story?' journey, with a special youth focus.

All are welcome. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13

Join us on **Sunday morning 14 September at 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.

All are welcome. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * Saturday 13 September – Women's Auxiliary
- * Saturday 13 September – Cancer Support Fellowship Tea
- * Sunday 14 September – Youth Mental Health Series
- * Wednesday 17 September – What's Your Story? Small Group Experience
- * Saturday 20 September – Strategic Planning Day
- * Wednesday 24 September – Heritage Day
- * Sunday 28 September – Combined Birthday Service
- * Sunday 28 September – Heritage Day Lunch
- * Sunday 28 September – NO other services other than Birthday Service
- * Sunday 28 September – NO Market Day
- * Sunday 28 September – NO Thriving Mental Health Support Group
- * 7 to 28 September – Sermon Series: [What's Your Story?](#)
- * Wednesday 1 October – What's Your Story? Small Group Experience
- * Saturday 4 October – Community Service Day 1
- * Sunday 5 October – New Sermon Series
- * 6 to 10 October – Pop-Up Play Place
- * Saturday 11 October – Community Service Day 2
- * Wednesday 15 October – Seniors

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

We are praying for...

The courage to cross divides and build bridges with others, particularly those outside of our 'norm',

– for God's Spirit to break down walls of hostility, foster empathy, and create spaces of peace,

– for boldness to reach out across cultural, racial, generational, or ideological divides,

– for healing of relationships fractured by misunderstanding, prejudice, or hurt,

– that our churches and communities are safe places of hospitality and mutual respect and bridge-building between people.

We're praying for...



...women and children to be treasured - not targeted

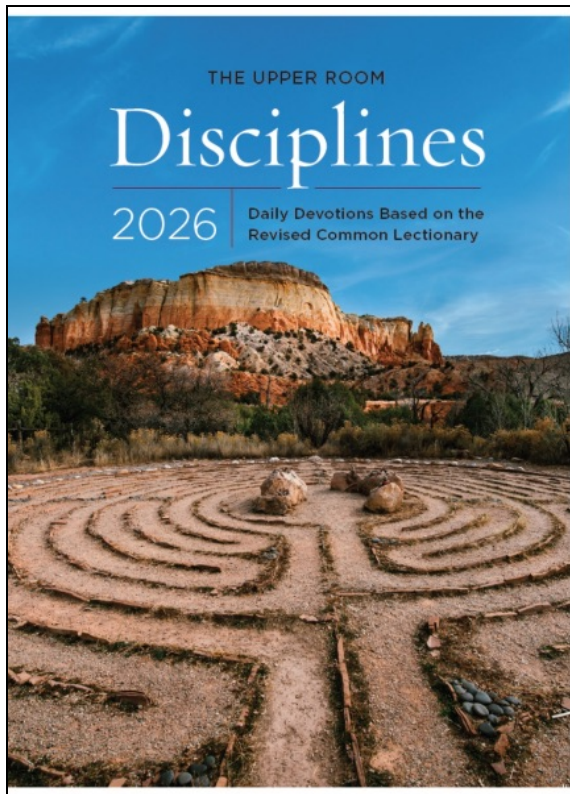


The Charge

On Sundays, at the end of our services, we pray the following together as a community:

*"Loving God,
we go from this time of worship
into a fractured world,
to be bridge builders in society.
Although we are many voices,
help us deepen our community life together here;
partnering with Your healing ways in the world.
Amen"*

Disciplines Daily Devotions Book



We will be ordering 15 'Disciplines – Daily Devotions Based on the Revised Common Lectionary' books for 2026.

They sell for R220 each, and it will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, and payment will confirm your order.

Contact Nomphele at 011 888 1740 or reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Ways to Serve Our Community

Our **Soup Kitchen** is in need of volunteers.

If you are able to commit to an occasional Saturday morning from 7.30am for about an hour or so, we would love to have you on the team!

You don't have to commit to a regular assignment, just ask Nomphele when she needs someone and try it out.

For more information, or to put your name down, contact Nomphele at the office at 011 888 1740 or email reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Spring Clean for a Cause!

We are starting to feel some hints of spring in the air – the perfect time to declutter those cupboards and closets!

As you do your clean-out, consider setting aside used clothing, household

items, books, or bric-a-brac to support the **Women's Auxiliary Jumble Sale**.

Why donate? Every item sold helps raise funds that feed our community, touches children's lives, and shares the love of Christ in practical ways. Your giving goes further than your clutter ever could, and every contribution makes a difference!

Drop-offs can be made in the baskets around the church or the Donation Hub room by the office kitchen.

Let's turn excess into impact!



Gently Used Garden Equipment

Our ReachOut ministry works with an NPO called 'Let's Work', where homeless people clean up parks and then get remuneration in order to give them an opportunity to earn income and be more self-sufficient.

They are running seriously low on equipment to do their work.

If you have any unused gardening equipment – forks, spades, etc, please consider dropping them off at Trinity. We will make sure they go to where they are needed!



Truly listening to someone's story extends a message of respect and we come to see the human behind the 'other'. Telling others our own story can be a gift to both ourselves and to others.

What's Your Story?

this is part of ours...

Family
School
Friends
Church
Community

I miss my dad
I hope mom will work again
I miss my dog
I miss my friends
I miss my church
I miss my community

Trinity Childrens Ministry Prayer Requests

If you like, you can add your prayer to theirs, and pray right now, where you are, for the kids and their requests.

You are invited to share a word that describes your walk with God. You can participate after our services on Sunday, or join us digitally. If you add a photo of yourself, we can print it and add it to the boards too!

You can send your photo and word to our WhatsApp number at 071 089 9694, email it to digital@trinitylinden.org.za, or leave a comment on our What's Your Story? posts on Facebook or Instagram.



Women's Auxiliary Connexional Conference

Last week Trinity hosted the Women's Auxiliary 2025 Connexional Conference.

Ladies from across South Africa attended. It was so well done and presented. Thank you to Marj and her team, Wayne, and everyone else who spent several days making it all run so smoothly.

There are too many photos to share here, but here is a snippet of what all happened.



Here are Trinity's very own W A Presidents – Beth Kok (WA General President) and Cheryl MacDonald (Executive President).

In the photo below are outgoing President Di Pretorius and the new President – our very own Beth Kok.





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Want to stay in the loop with what's happening in the life of our church?

Get our weekly newsletter straight to your WhatsApp – it's the easiest way to stay updated with upcoming events, special services, and what's new in our community.

Here's how to join:

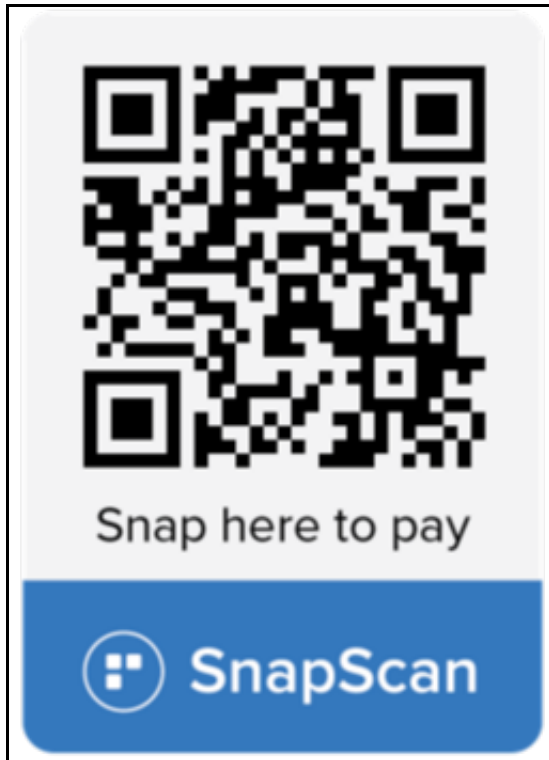
1. Send us a WhatsApp message that says "Please add me" + your name to 071 089 9694.
2. Very important! Save that number in your contacts – otherwise, WhatsApp won't deliver the messages.

It's that simple!

And don't worry – you can unsubscribe any time.

We'd love to stay connected with you!

Sacrificial Giving



Trinity Banking Details

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

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Did you miss last Sunday's service? Or would you like to hear it again?
Would you like to share it with a friend?

You can find us on YouTube

here: <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylinden>

You can find us on Spotify

here: <https://open.spotify.com/show/7AHv2GfYyywCXgKD7PYsKb?si=a702iB8QTMirjO4XIb6cGA>

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Trinity Bulletin

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