



## Happening this Sunday

### ***Our Story – and our birthday service!***

In God's Kingdom, His desire is for every nation, tribe, people and tongue to be doing life together. As Christians we have an opportunity to make sure people in our church – and those beyond our church – feel invited to be part of a loving community, regardless of their age, language or background. We've accepted the challenge to build the kind of church that makes people feel welcomed, accepted, heard and connected. It's really not that hard or complicated – it starts with one simple question: "What's your story?"

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the culmination of our What's Your Story series and our Trinity Birthday service. We celebrate together 73 years of ministry and worship in and through Trinity Methodist Church in Linden.

What's Your Story of God's saving work in a world of division? In what way is

our Trinity story contributing to a ministry of togetherness and healing from division?

Join us as we celebrate our 'One Heart and Many Voices'.

Reading: Galatians 3:28 – 4:7

See you at our combined birthday service on Sunday!



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

**9.30am Church – Combined Birthday Service** with Holy Communion (also live-streamed)

– John Wessels, Londeka Mabaso, Alice Mugglestone

*Please note that this is our only service this coming Sunday, and that it is likely to take a bit longer than normal.*

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

[Find our Sunday 28 September 9.30am Birthday 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.

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*Please note that due to our birthday service, there will be NO other services, NO evening service, NO Thriving mental health support group, and NO market day.*

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## ***What's Your Story? – Sermon Series***



### **What's Your Story Week 4: What's OUR Story?**

Thank you for joining us on our What's Your Story? journey this past month. We hope that you have been inspired, encouraged, and equipped to take active steps to hearing the stories of others and telling some of your own.

Our challenge from last Sunday's sermon is: identify a privilege which you have, and how you may be called to share that with others.

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.

### **What's Your Story – the journey continues:**

- 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.

- 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.

Thank you for joining us on this special journey!

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## Upcoming Events

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

### ***Combined Birthday Service and Heritage Day Bring-and-Share***



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 encourage you to dress up in a way that celebrates your unique heritage or traditional dress.

You are also invited to bring something to eat that showcases your heritage, so we can share with each other after the service.

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?*

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### ***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:

Saturday 4 October:

- Rise Against Hunger: Food packing
- Uzima, Soweto: A 'Thank You' Tea Party with talks for the Leaders of Uzima

Saturday 11 October:

- 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
- Zandspruit: A new project for Trinity – A few hours spent playing games with the youth, presentations to mom's with regards to social aspects of daily living and prayer with moms and a prayer walk
- Tshepo: Join us in helping the children enjoy the water at the Windsor Public Pool (based next door to the Community Centre) as they learn to swim

You can find many more details, and a form to sign up, on our website here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/community-service-day/>

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

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### ***Pop-Up Play Place***

<p><b><i>Pop-Up Play Place</i></b></p> <p><b>FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>Monday 6 to Friday 10 October 9.00am to 12.00pm</p> <p><b>Ages 4-13</b></p> <p><b>Trinity</b> METHODIST CHURCH <a href="http://www.trinitylinden.org.za">www.trinitylinden.org.za</a></p> <p><b>Parents or Caregivers must accompany children at all times!</b></p>	
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Do you know of any children between the ages of 4 and 13? Invite them to join us for our FREE Pop-Up Play Place!

We will have all sorts of entertainment and activities, including a magician and a mobile farmyard.

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

- Monday, 6 October – magician & balloon animals
- Tuesday, 7 October – sports games
- Wednesday, 8 October – movie day
- Thursday, 9 October – yoga
- Friday, 10 October – mobile farmyard & face painting

All children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver (aunts, uncles, grandparents, nannies, or family friends). There will be a coffee station available for parents.

If you are over the age of 16, and you would like to get involved and volunteer, even if it's not for the whole week, you can chat to Ally.

You can find more information and registration

here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/church-life/reachout/pop-up-play-place/>

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## Seniors



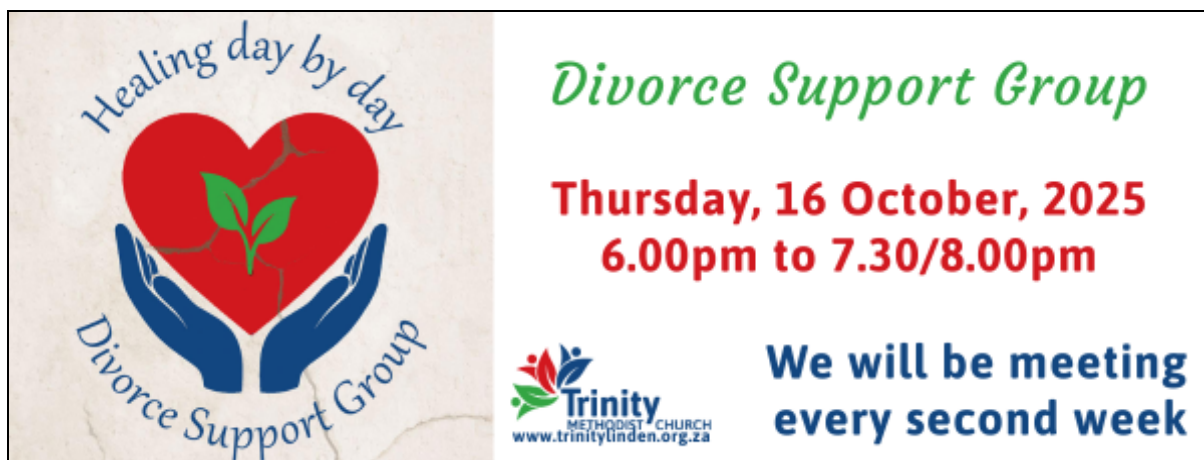
When our vibrant seniors ministry meet again in October, and Isobel Coetzee will be singing.

**Wednesday 15 October | 9.30am**

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

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## ***Divorce Support Group***



Going through separation or divorce is never easy. It touches every part of life, our emotions, our families, and even our faith. In times like these, it can make all the difference to walk alongside others who truly understand.

Our Divorce Support Group is a safe, caring place where you don't have to carry the weight alone. Together, we'll share stories, listen with compassion, and encourage one another as we each take steps toward healing and wholeness.

**Starting: Thursday, 16 October, 2025 | 6:00pm to 7:30/8:00pm**

We will be meeting every second week.

Whether you are newly separated, still in the middle of a painful process, or have been divorced for years but feel the need for support, you are warmly invited. Come just as you are, with your questions, your hurts, and your hopes.

Let's journey together, finding strength in God's love and in the community He provides.

For more information, please contact Lorraine on 083-292-1401 or Kerry on 083-794-3133.

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

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## *Prayer For Trinity's Ministries*



Please join us in the chapel to pray for our ministries and portfolios, and our strategic planning for 2026.

The ministries we are praying for are:

- Education and Training
- Fellowship
- Home Groups and Class Meetings

**Saturday 18 October | 9.00am to 10.00am**

*All are welcome! Who will you be inviting?*

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## *Women's Auxiliary*



At our next Women's Auxiliary meeting we will be learning a fun way to

make ribbons and bows.

You are invited to come and join us for a morning with Juliet Manning.

**Saturday 18 October | 9.30am | Chapel**

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

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### ***Blood Drive***



The SANBS will be at Trinity for a blood drive.

**Sunday 19 October | 8.00am to 1.30pm**

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

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### ***New Members and Information Evening***

New Members and Information Evening  
Thursday 23 October  
7.00pm to 9.00pm

# YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Would you like to become a member of Trinity? Or maybe you have been attending our services forever, but you would like to learn more about the life and ministries of Trinity.

You are invited to attend our New Members and Information Evening – and hear all the stories of what God is doing in and through Trinity.

**Thursday 23 October | 7.00pm to 9.00pm**

*All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?*

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## Youth and Children

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 end-of-term party.

**Friday 19 September | 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

Please bring your favourite cupcake toppings to share.



*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 end-of-term party. There will be an ice cream bar, games, and more!

**Friday 26 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 28 September at 9.30am**, for Sparkling Kids Club.

We will be celebrating Trinity's birthday with a fun kid's party!

*All are welcome. Who will you be*

inviting?



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## ***Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12***

Join us on **Sunday morning 28 September, at 9.30am** for Teen Church!

We will joining the rest of Trinity in the sanctuary for the birthday service.

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



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## ***Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13***

Join us on **Sunday morning 28 September at 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.

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



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## *Save the Dates*

*What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?*

- \* Sunday 28 September – Combined Birthday Service
- \* Sunday 28 September – Heritage Day Bring-and-Share
- \* 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
- \* Thursday 16 October – Divorce Support Group
- \* Saturday 18 October – Trinity Prayer
- \* Saturday 18 October – Women's Auxiliary
- \* Sunday 19 October – Blood Drive
- \* Thursday 23 October – New Members and Information Evening
- \* Saturday 26 October – Group Link
- \* Sunday 26 October – Market Sunday
- \* Sunday 26 October – Thriving Mental Health Support Group
- \* Monday 27 October – Ministry Cluster Meeting

## ***Vacancy in the Trinity Office***

We are sad to inform the congregation that Lorna Steel will not be continuing with the current fixed-term contract as Bookkeeper at Trinity. She will be missed in the church office.

Her last working day will be 4 November 2025.

Applications for the position of Church Bookkeeper are now open. Please share the information with your network, friends and family.



**Applications open  
for  
Church Bookkeeper**

Trinity Methodist Church look forward to receiving suitable applications for an experienced half-day Church Bookkeeper who is comfortable and accepting of Methodist theology and ethos.

The individual must be a self-starter and able to work to deadlines. The main objectives of the role are to support the Finance & Stewardship Portfolio by processing payments and exercising controls, preparing financial statement information and other documentation, managing payroll as well as other financial requirements.

A detailed spec and overview of the position is available on request. Please contact [laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za) or 011 888 1740 for more information, or to send a CV with covering letter.

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## ***We are praying for...***

During our 'What's Your Story?' sermon series we have been asking our congregation to share parts of our story with each other.

This is to inspire and support people to get to know a little more of each other's stories and make it a habit – by engaging with people who are the same as us, and those who are not. Particularly where we meet together, such as in our families, or places of work, study, play or worship.

This week we pray that by asking, listening and telling our stories, we can embark on a process of deepening our relationships. We pray that our relationships grow in understanding, acceptance, empathy, respect and love, and they become a powerful treasure, for us and our wider communities.

# We're praying for...



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



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### *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"*

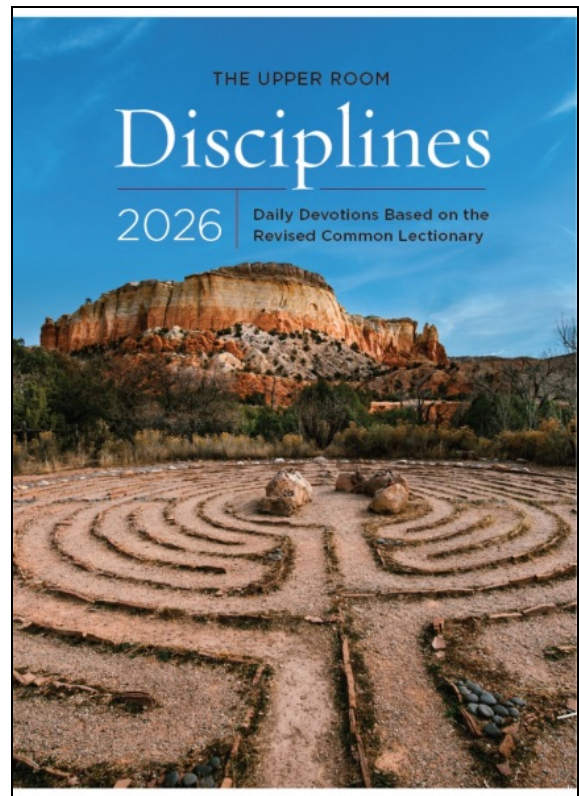
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### *Disciplines Daily Devotions Book*

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](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za)



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## ***Ways to Serve Our Community***

### **Do you have chairs for us?**

We have some spaces where we need some extra seating. Do you have any gently-loved armchairs or dining room chairs for us?

Please contact the office to let us know.

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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](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za)

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*One Heart, Many Voices*

**Who are we?**  
**Homegroup: Family and Friends**  
**Wednesday Evening Prayer Chapel**



The Wednesday evening home group at Trinity shared their heritage story with us in this 'One Heart, Many Voices' video.

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## *Seniors*



Our seniors met in September, and Rev John Wessels held a communion service.

Afterwards there was much conversation over tea and coffee and eats.

They meet again on Wednesday 15 October – and all are welcome!



## *Women's Auxiliary*

At our WA meeting on 13 September, Carol Ratcliffe (2nd from left) presented our longest serving ladies in Trinity's WA with a gift – Heather Clarke, Nel Allan and Elizabeth Innes.

We meet again on Saturday 18 October.



Below are Rev Alice Mugglestone and Leigh Beukes WA President. Rev Alice gave a inspirational meditation on 'Celebrating Spring – A Season of Birthing'.

Vicky Kente did the devotions and the prayer.



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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.

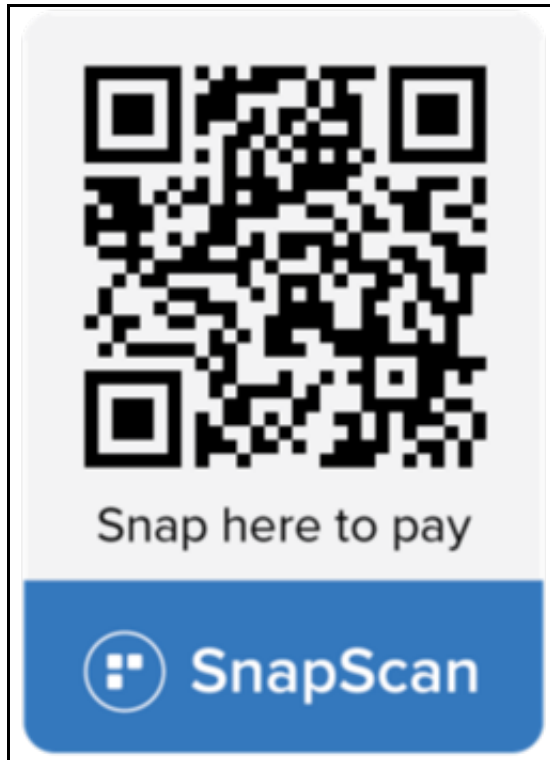
It's that simple!

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

We'd love to stay connected with you!

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## ***Sacrificial Giving***



### **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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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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