



Happening this Sunday

Grace That Sounds Like Nonsense

Sometimes it feels like Jesus is speaking a language we don't understand, even when the words are in simple English. That happens when the world he invites us into feels so different from our own that we can't quite hear it.

This Sunday's Gospel shines a light on a servant who works tirelessly, expecting no thanks, and ends with Jesus' striking words: "*So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'*" (Luke 17:10).

Curious what Jesus means? Join us on Sunday and explore this together!

What God Wants From Us

Taking God at his word



5 October



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*

– John Wessels

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

– John Wessels

9.30am Chapel – Connect Service

– Bronwyn Delport

11.30am Church – Kopanang Service

– Londeka Mabaso

6.30pm Church – Home Service

– Bronwyn Delport

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

Find our Sunday 5 October 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 the link above.

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday – 5 October

Next Sunday – 12 October

Ordinary Time

Lamentations 1:1–6
and Lamentations 3:19–26
or Psalm 137
Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4
and Psalm 37:1–9
2 Timothy 1:1–14
Luke 17:5–10

Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7
and Psalm 66:1–12
Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c
and Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8–15
Luke 17:11–19

New Sermon Series

What God Wants From Us



5 October to 23 November 2025

A "What God Wants From Us" sermon series can explore various aspects of God's desires for humanity, including love, faith, obedience, and living a life that reflects His will. It can delve into themes of justice, kindness, humility, and the importance of trusting in God's plan. Ultimately, such a series aims to guide individuals toward a deeper understanding of God's purpose for their lives and how to align their actions with His desires.

Thomas A. Tarrants from the C.S. Institute [wrote](#):

"Have you ever wondered what God wants from you? I don't mean wondering for a few minutes and then coming up with a quick list of do's and don'ts like go to church, give money, read the Bible, pray, do good works, help the needy, and don't commit any of the really bad sins like adultery or murder.

No, I mean seriously and prayerfully seeking God, and asking, "What do You want of me? How do I live the new life You have given me? How do I please and

serve You?"

This is one of the most important questions a believer can ask after coming to salvation"

The "What's Your Story?" sermon series surely triggered, inspired and provoked us to demonstrate love and perform good deeds.

I hope the series : "What God Wants For Us" will help us move towards the goals God has for us, namely: To be transformed into Jesus' image.

You can find the series notes, service videos and audios, when they become available, on our website.

What God Wants From Us



Upcoming Events

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

Community Service Day

Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging

Saturday 4 October 2025 | 9.00am to 10.30am

Venue: Trinity Methodist Church Hall

The Trinity Volunteers will work together for a start-to-finish meal assembly experience by combining rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a pack of 20 vitamins and minerals into life-changing meal.

- 36 Volunteers = 6 480 meals packed in 1 Hour
- 54 Volunteers = 9 720 meals packed in 1 Hour
- 72 Volunteers = 12 960 meals packed in 1 Hour

Please click on the link below to register.

Who are you bringing with for us to reach 72 or more Volunteers?



REACH OUT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAYS

This year our community service initiative will have 3 opportunities to serve:

Saturday 4 October | Saturday 11 October | Saturday 18 October

Volunteers can sign 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 at Trinity

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

Saturday 18 October:

- Uzima, Soweto: A 'Thank You' Tea Party with talks for the Leaders of Uzima

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

[Find More Information and Sign Up Here](#)

Pop-Up Play Place

The poster for the Pop-Up Play Place Holiday Programme features a white background with red and blue text. It includes a green 'FREE' stamp, the dates Monday 6 to Friday 10 October from 9.00am to 12.00pm, and the age range 4-13. The Trinity Methodist Church logo and website are at the bottom left, and a note about parental supervision is at the bottom right. To the right of the text is a photo of a smiling child wearing blue goggles and star-shaped hair clips.

Pop-Up Play Place
FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Monday 6 to Friday 10 October
9.00am to 12.00pm
Ages 4-13
Trinity METHODIST CHURCH
www.trinitylinden.org.za
Parents or Caregivers must accompany children at all times!

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.

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

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Seniors

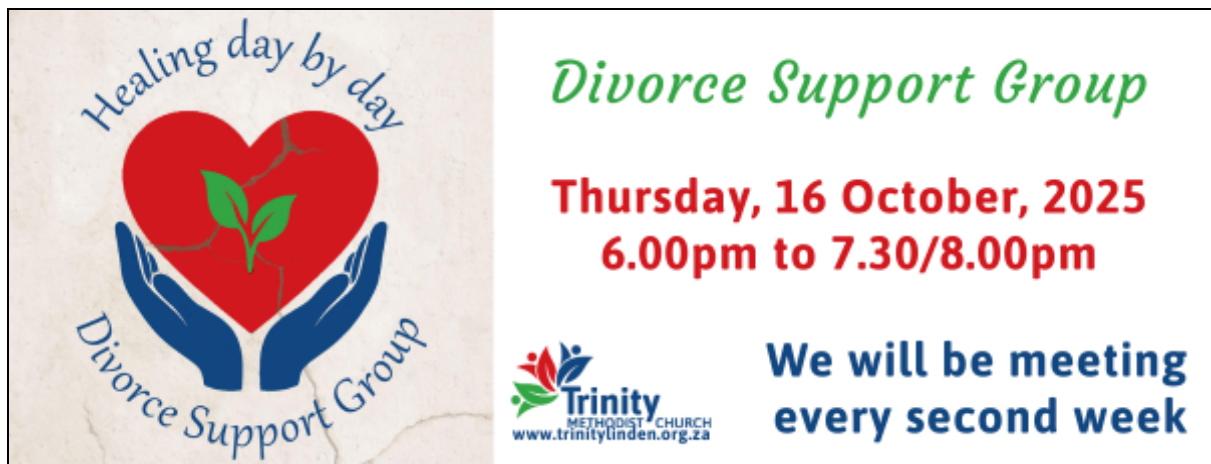


Our vibrant seniors ministry will meet again in October, and Isobel Coetzee will be singing.

Wednesday 15 October | 9.30am

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

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 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 God 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?

Prayer For Trinity's Ministries

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Please join us in the Chapel to pray
for our ministries and portfolios,
and our Strategic Planning for 2026

Saturday 8 October | 9.00am to 10.00am

We will hear about and pray for some of their specific
needs and the people involved in these 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?

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?

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?

New Members and Information Evening



Would you like to become a member of Trinity? Or maybe you have been attending or 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?



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



Trinity Children's Ministry
School Holidays:

GroovyCrew (Friday Nights):

- Starts up again - 17 Oct

Sparkling Kids Club (Sunday Mornings):

- Holiday Program - 5 Oct & 12 Oct

Pop-Up Play Place:

- 6 - 10 October

It's not too late to sign up for Pop-Up Play Place - visit our website

 Trinity
METHODIST CHURCH

Our Friday evening children's ministry is on a break for the holidays.

We will meet again on Friday 17 October.

It's not too late to [sign up for Pop-Up Play Place](#).

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth is on a break for the holidays.

We will meet again on Friday 17 October.



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

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Join us on **Sunday morning 5 October at 9.30am**, for Sparkling Kids Club.

There will be a holiday programme.

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 5 October, at 9.30am** for Teen Church!

We will continue with our series, 'What's Your Story?'

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



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13



Join us on **Sunday morning 5 October at 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.

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

Email Our Children and Young Families Pastor

Email Our Youth and Young Adults Pastor

Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * Friday 3 October – No GroovyCrew and Thrive
- * Saturday 4 October – [Community Service Day 1](#)
- * 5 October to 23 November– Sermon Series: [What God Wants From Us](#)
- * 6 to 10 October – [Pop-Up Play Place](#)
- * Friday 10 October – No GroovyCrew and Thrive
- * Saturday 11 October – [Community Service Day 2](#)
- * Wednesday 15 October – Seniors
- * Thursday 16 October – Divorce Support Group
- * Friday 17 October – GroovyCrew and Thrive start again
- * Saturday 18 October – Trinity Prayer
- * Saturday 18 October – Women's Auxiliary
- * Saturday 18 October – [Community Service Day 3](#)
- * 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

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

Connect With Our Office Via Email

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 or 011 888 1740 for more information, or to send a CV with covering letter.

Email For More Information And Applications

We are praying for...

This Sunday we are praying for the Madlanga Commission, focusing on the commission's work, its outcomes, and the protection and courage of whistle blowers. Let's also pray for the important work of the Madlanga Commission – a commission tasked with uncovering truth, restoring justice, and upholding the integrity of our nation. Let us take a moment to still our hearts and minds as we come before God in prayer.

We pray not only for the commissioner and all those involved in the inquiry, but also the brave whistleblowers those who have courageously spoken out against wrongdoing. Cover them with protection, Lord. Give them strength, peace, and assurance that their voices are not in vain. We pray for them be honoured, not silenced; uplifted, not forgotten.

We also bring Lieutenant-General Nhlanhla Sibusiso Mkhwanazi, serving diligently as the Provincial Police Commissioner of KwaZulu-Natal. We thank God for his integrity and leadership, and for his bold stand against corruption. May God strengthen him and his team as they work to restore justice and safety in our communities. Uphold them with wisdom and courage as they confront the forces that threaten peace and order.

We ask for wisdom, courage, and protection. May this process be held with

integrity, may it lead to accountability, the end of corruption, healing, and transformation to our society.

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"*

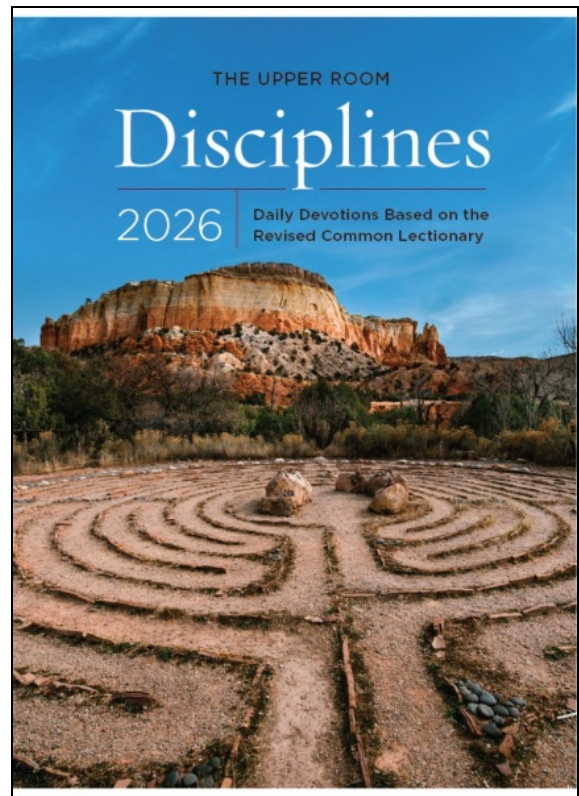
Disciplines Daily Devotions Book

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 by email.



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Ways to Serve Our Community

Do you please 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.

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

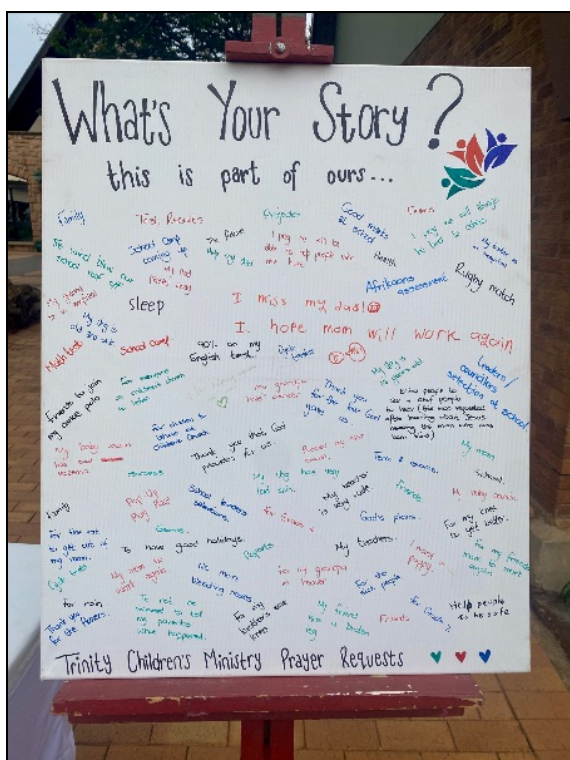
If you are able to commit to an occasional Saturday morning from 7.30am for about an hour or so, we would love to have you on the team!

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 by email.

Connect With Our Office Via Email



What's Your Story?

It's a wrap! We have completed our sermon series journey through What's Your Story?, but your own individual journey continues ...

Here's a reminder of our weekly invitations:

- 'Ask, Listen, Tell' – whose story will you ask about and listen to and who will you tell some of your story to?
- With whom do you feel called to start building a bridge? How are you going to do this and how are you going to cross that bridge once it has been built?

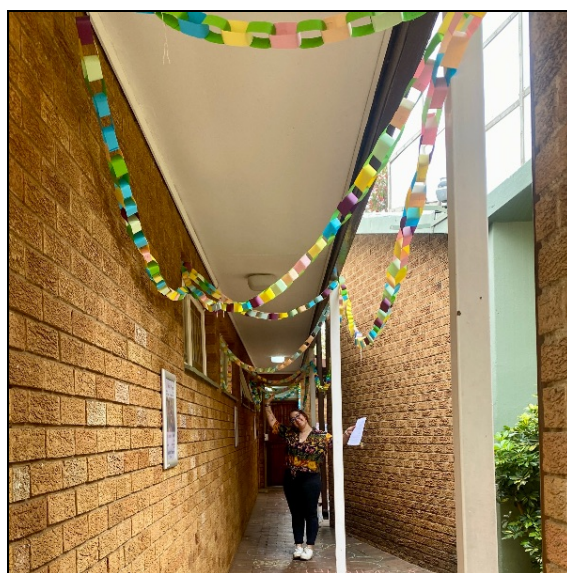
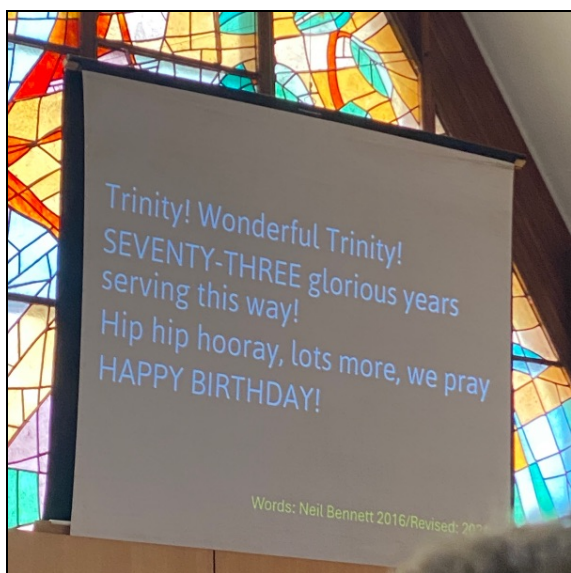
- Identify a privilege which you have, and how you may be called to share that with others.

This week we invite you to give thought to how you would like to take this journey further. As a staff group, we will be sharing a bit about our stories with one another in our Monday morning devotion time, to get to know each other better.

We also invite you to share an impact or outcome of this journey for you with us. Please feel free to send us a quick email by responding below.

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Our 73rd Birthday Service



This past Sunday we had our combined Birthday Service. The church was full, the atmosphere was festive, and the eats were great!

Because it was a combined service, we had a Fusion/Kopanang choir and a worship team, and our door, offering and communion stewards, and readers, also came from across our services.

We asked our congregation to dress in something that represents their heritage, and Trinity did not disappoint – it was all so colourful!

More photos to follow next week!





If you would like to receive one or more of the original photos, please email Jackie and I'll send them to you. Please be specific about which photo/s you are asking for.

[Connect With Jackie Via Email](#)

Trinity Team

At our Monday morning walk around meeting, our staff took a moment to celebrate the feedback from our vibrant birthday service.



(Not pictured, but also very valued:
Lorna, Carah, Petty, and Jackie)

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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:

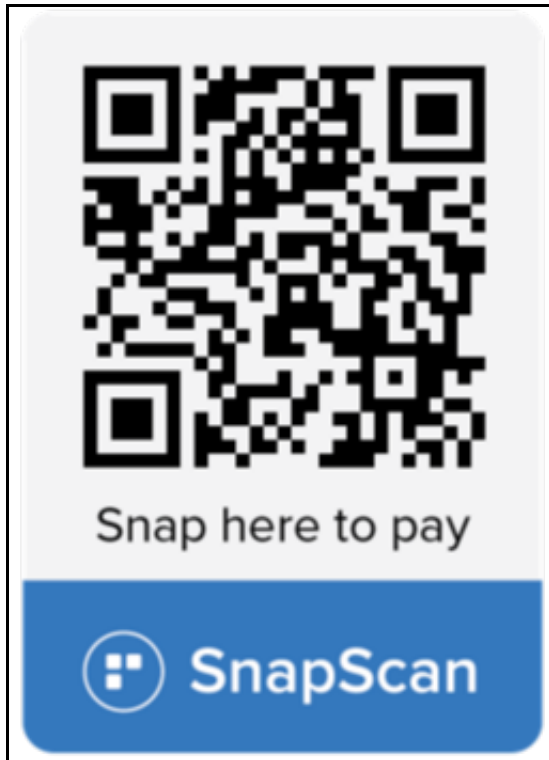
1. Send us a WhatsApp message that says "Please add me" + your name to 071 089 9694.
2. Very important! Save that number in your contacts – otherwise, WhatsApp won't deliver the messages.

It's that simple!

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

We'd love to stay connected with you!

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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?

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