



Happening this Sunday

When the Crown is a Cross!

This Sunday, Christians around the globe celebrate *Christ the King*. Imagine a world truly shaped by this confession — a world that takes its cues from Christ's way of leading. Would it change anything? It might change everything. Yet here lies the startling truth: the King we follow is revealed not through splendour, but through the shame, love, and self-giving power of the cross (Luke 23:33–43; Colossians 1:11–20).

We will explore how this upside-down enthronement recentres our faith, reshapes the kind of people we become, and calls us into lives of mercy, humility, courage and solidarity.

Bring someone with you – and see you all here.

What God Wants From Us

God's faithfulness in fulfilling ancient promises



www.trinitylinden.org.za **23 November**



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

– Londeka Mabaso

11.30am Church – Kopanang Service with Holy Communion

– Londeka Mabaso

6.30pm Church – Home Service

– Londeka Mabaso

After all our services there will be someone available to pray with you.

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

**Find our Sunday 23 November 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.

What God Wants From Us Series Page

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday – 23 November

Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1–6
and Luke 1:68–79

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and Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11–20

Luke 23:33–43

Next Sunday – 30 November

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1–5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11–14

Matthew 24:36–44



Upcoming Events

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

We are praying for...

At least 15 women are murdered and 117 women report rape cases to the police every day in South Africa.

Every. Day.

As a church, Trinity has spent a lot of time this year in prayer for women and children, and the scourge of gender-based and sexual violence. And on Friday we will be joining in with the Women for Change movement, as we spend 15 minutes at noon in prayer and silence, in solidarity with the many women in our congregation, on our staff, in our community, and in our country, who have experienced violence.

We will be posting a prayer on our Facebook and Instagram and WhatsApp channels. In our office, some of us will be participating by spending 15

minutes in dedicated and intentional prayer and silence. Many of us have turned our profile pictures purple, and we will be wearing black. We are inviting you to join us as we do this.

Our prayer chapel is also open and available for you to join us there in prayer, and you are welcome to pop in.

We will be praying for the women in South Africa. We will be praying for the women in our community. We will be praying for ourselves. We will be praying for you.

You can find more information, a petition to sign, WhatsApp groups to join, and ways you can join in and participate with @womenforchangesa on their social pages and website here: <https://womenforchange.co.za/g20-women-shutdown/>

Will you join us?



Prayer written by Bronwyn Delport:

God of justice, healing, and compassion,

we bring before You the women and children of our country
whose lives are overshadowed by fear, trauma, and violence.
We hold before You every survivor of gender-based violence,
every person who carries deep wounds in silence,
and every family grieving the loss of a loved one.

Lord, in Your mercy —

Hear our prayer.

We pray for protection for the vulnerable in our nation,
in our city,
in our church,
and in our own homes.

You see every story, every fear, every moment of pain.
Surround them with Your strength and Your tenderness.

*Lord, in Your mercy —
Hear our prayer.*

We lift up all who work for justice and healing —
counsellors, social workers, shelters, support groups,
advocates, first responders, and organisations like Women for Change
who speak on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.
Give them stamina, wisdom, courage, and protection.

*Lord, in Your mercy —
Hear our prayer.*

We pray for men and boys throughout our country.
Shape hearts with gentleness, empathy, and respect.
Break cycles of harm.
Raise up generations who honour the dignity of every person
and reflect Your character in their relationships.

*Lord, in Your mercy —
Hear our prayer.*

We pray for our leaders — in government, communities, and churches.
Give them courage to act, humility to listen,
and determination to protect those most at risk.
Let justice roll like a river, and righteousness like a never-failing stream.

*Lord, in Your mercy —
Hear our prayer.*

And we pray for Your Church, including this one.

Make us a place of refuge and healing,
a community that protects the vulnerable,
that tells the truth,
that listens with compassion,
and stands with survivors in love and solidarity.
Teach us to follow Jesus in how we treat one another —
with dignity, honour, and respect.

*Lord, in Your mercy —
Hear our prayer.*

God of hope,
we trust that violence is not the final word.
Bring comfort where there is grief,
strength where there is fear,
and healing where there is deep hurt.
Renew our nation with Your peace and Your justice.

*In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.*

Mens' Retreat

	<p><i>Mens' Retreat</i></p> <p>Saturday 22 November 9.00am to 3.00pm</p> <p>Cost: R100</p> <p>Venue: 1st Victory View, Scout Hall, Emmarentia Dam</p> <p> Trinity METHODIST CHURCH www.trinitylonden.org.za</p>
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Trinity's Mens' Retreat – a day of boating, input, wors braai, and fellowship
– is happening.

Open to men of all ages.

Saturday 22 November | 9.00am to 3.00pm

Cost: R100

Venue: 1st Victory View, Scout Hall, Emmarentia Dam

Numbers are limited, so please sign up soon.

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

Sign up at the table after the services, or by contacting Brett at the office at 011 888 1740, or by using the email button below:

Email Brett

An invitation...

A promotional banner for 'Care Conversations' at Trinity Church. The banner features a green background on the left with white text and a blue and white logo on the right. The logo consists of two stylized figures holding hands, forming a heart shape, with the text 'Trinity METHODIST CHURCH Care & Counselling Centre' below it. The text on the banner includes: 'A Safe Space to unburden, be heard, and receive support', 'Schedule a session or contact the Care Centre:', '011 782 0367', 'pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za', 'www.trinitylinden.org.za/prayer-care-counselling', 'Care Conversations', and 'We offer a free once-off conversation or up to 6 sessions'.

An invitation to visit the Care Conversations table.

This Sunday | 23 November

The end of the year and Christmas season can be a challenging time. It may help to meet with someone for a supportive chat and prayer over this time.

Visit the Care Conversations table after the service to hear how support through conversation is offered at Trinity.

Pastoral Care and Prayer Volunteers



Our Pastoral Care and Prayer volunteers are getting together for an end of year review and appreciation tea.

Sunday 23 November | 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Please let Angela know you are coming, by emailing her using the button below.

[Email Our Pastoral Care Centre](#)

Last Leaders' Meeting of the Year



You are warmly invited to our final Leaders Meeting of the year — an important time to put on our discerning caps as we finalise Trinity's Strategic Plan and Calendar for 2026.

Monday 24 November | 7.00pm | Chapel

This gathering is vital for all leaders, as your insight, input, and shared ownership of the plans for the coming year are essential to our collective mission. Each of you carries oversight for a particular area of Trinity's life, so this is also an opportunity to discern how your ministry's plans complement and connect with the wider vision.

During the meeting, we will also receive a financial report on this year's finances, as well as a report from our Executive Chairperson on how the Executive has served the Leaders Meeting since we last met.

All are welcome, and you are urged to attend!

Divorce Support Group



Divorce Support Group

Thursday 27 November
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.

Thursday 27 November | 6:00pm to 8:00pm

We will be meeting every second week.

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?

Christmas Musical (Cantata)



The Fusion Choir – led by Neil Bennett – presents...

A Thrill of Hope

A Christmas Musical by Joel Raney.

Sunday 30 November | 8.00am & 9.30am

(Please note that there will be no 7.30am service on this Sunday)

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

Thriving Mental Health Support Group



Our Thriving Mental Health Support Group meets for the last time for the year, and the theme continues from last time – Boundaries.

Sunday 30 November | 3.00pm to 5.00pm

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

The Place of Hope, Orange Farm

Family Christmas Party



As Christmas approaches, it brings with it a wave of joy and a unique opportunity to extend warmth and kindness to the people from The Place of Hope, Orange Farm.

This event holds a special place in our hearts at Trinity as we embody the true spirit of Christmas – giving and sharing.

This year we plan to do it differently. We would love for the whole family to

benefit from the gift of a food hamper donated by the generous donors at Trinity.

Due to the cost of clothing and toys we decided to change our giving this year and focus on feeding the families. We hope to raise enough funds to cover the cost of 80 food hampers at R250.00 per hamper. The more we raise, the more families we can feed during the festive season.

Saturday 6 December | 8.00am to 1.00pm

Depart from Trinity at 8.00am (arrive at Orange Farm 9.00am)

Depart from Orange Farm at 12.00pm (arrive at Trinity at 1.00pm)

How you can get involved?

- Donate food items. These items can be handed in at the tables after the services during November or leave them at the Office marked OFCP
- Monetary donations of any amount – payable at the table after the services or you could EFT to Trinity with the reference of OFCP (Orange Farm Christmas Party)
- Volunteer to partake on the day of the Christmas Party. You can sign up to volunteer at the tables after the services.

Each day is a gift, a chance to reflect on God's goodness, and share that joy with others.

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

Join us on Sunday 7 December

On Sunday 7 December we will be having an afternoon and evening of fun and joy and kids and Christmas spirit.

We kick off with a family picnic,

with Father Christmas, and an evening market.

Sunday 7 December | 4.30pm



We will end off the evening with a family carols service and a special nativity play put on by our Children's Ministry.

Sunday 7 December | 6.30pm

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

Kopanang Service

Our last Kopanang service will be on Sunday 7 December, and we will reopen on Sunday 18 January.



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



You are invited to join our kids on Fridays!

Friday 21 November | 5.30pm to 7.30pm

The theme is 'Walking With Jesus', and this week we are talking about 'Thankful Hearts'.

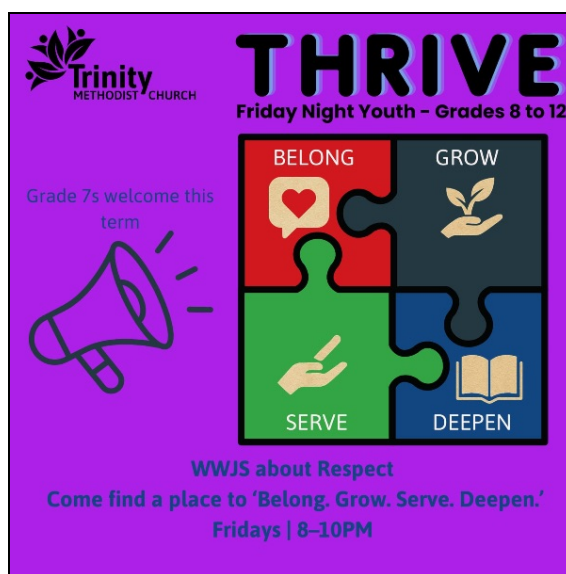
All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth meets again, and this term Grade 7s are welcome! This week our theme is 'WWJS about Respect'.

Friday 21 November | 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 23 November at 9.30am.**

The theme for this term is 'Fruit of the Spirit', and this week we are talking about 'Kindness'.



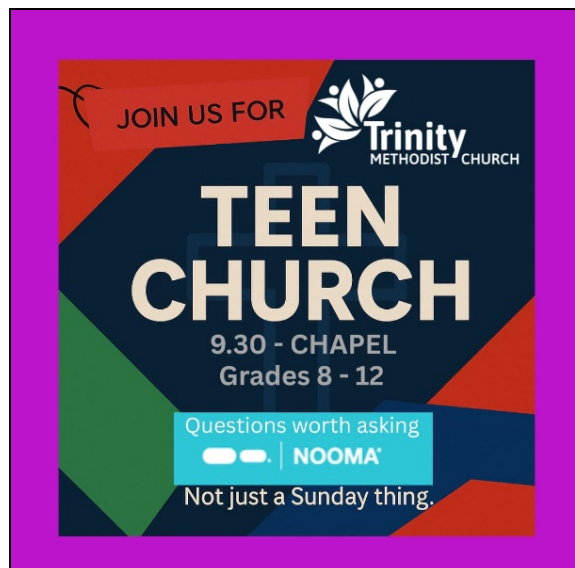
All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 23 November at 9.30am** for Teen church!

Our video is called 'Matthew', and the theme is 'Grief and Presence'.

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13

Join us on **Sunday morning 23 November 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?

- * Saturday 22 November – Mens' Retreat
- * Sunday 23 November – Prayer and Care Volunteers Get-Together
- * 5 October to 23 November – Sermon Series [What God Wants From Us](#)
- * Monday 24 November – Leaders Meeting
- * Thursday 27 November – Divorce Support Group
- * Sunday 30 November – Advent Sunday
- * Sunday 30 November – Sermon Series [Unexpected Guests](#)
- * Sunday 30 November – NO Market Sunday
- * Sunday 30 November – Thriving Mental Health Support Group
- * Saturday 6 December – Orange Farm Family Christmas Party

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

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden this Advent and Christmas?

*** Sunday 30 November – First Sunday in Advent**

8.00am: Christmas Musical (Cantata)

9.30am: Christmas Musical (Cantata)

9.30am: Connect Service

11.30am: Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

*** Sunday 7 December – Second Sunday in Advent**

7.30am: Traditional Service with Communion

9.30am: Fusion Service

9.30am: Connect Service

11.30am: Last Kopanang Service

4.00pm to 6.00pm: Family Picnic, Market & Father Christmas

6.30pm: Family Carols Service and Kids' Nativity Play

*** Sunday 14 December – Third Sunday in Advent**

7.30am: Traditional Service with Communion

9.30am: Fusion Service with Communion

9.30am: Connect Service with Communion

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service with Communion

*** Sunday 21 December – Fourth Sunday in Advent**

7.30am: Lessons & Carols

9.30am: Lessons & Carols (no Communion)

9.30am: Connect Service

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

*** Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve**

6.00pm: Christmas Eve Family Service

*** Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day**

8.00am: Christmas Service with Children's Address

9.30am: Christmas Service with Children's Address

*** Sunday 28 December**

7.30am: Traditional Service

9.30am: Fusion Service

9.30am: Connect Service

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

New Sermon Series

*** Sunday 4 January**

7.30am: Traditional Service with Communion

9.30am: Fusion Service

9.30am: Connect Service

NO Kopanang Service

6.30pm: Home Service

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

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Ways to Serve Our Community

We Need YOU On Our Team in 2026!

Do you feel called to serve on any of the following teams for the year of 2026?

It would be good for us to know that now already, so that we can slot you in. There are many different ways to serve within each area of ministry.

- Praying with and for others
- Care for our Seniors
- Hospital visiting team
- Helping run the Divorce Care programme
- Food pantry
- Serving on the Cancer Care team
- Helping us to run a Marriage Enrichment weekend

We would love to have you join one of these teams.

Please email me below to sign up or to find out more. Looking forward to hearing from you.

[Email To Volunteer For Pastoral Care](#)

We would like to call for musicians to join our various music ministries:

Contemporary worship

Calling:

- Guitarists (acoustic/electric, lead and backing)
- Drummers
- Bassists
- Pianists
- Vocalists (lead and backing)
- Sound engineers
- Projectionist and AV volunteers

Traditional and Fusion Service:

- Choristers, singers, vocalists of all levels
- Any other instruments

Kopanang service:

- Choristers, singers, vocalists of all levels

To join our team, please contact Brett at 011 888 1740, or email using the button below:

[Email To Volunteer For Worship](#)

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.

A Place to Sit and Stay Awhile

As our church family grows, we'd love to make our shared spaces even more welcoming!

We're looking to add a few **wingback chairs** for the foyer, a **couch** for reception, a few **matching chairs** for the chapel, and some **extra trestle tables** for our busy ministry life.

We so appreciate everyone's generosity, but we **can't accept furniture directly** as we don't have storage or transport capacity.

If you'd like to help, a **donation towards this project** would be the best way to bless the space.

Please use the reference "**Chairs**" when giving.

Thank you for helping us make room for everyone — and for the love that fills every seat!

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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"*

WA Diaries



We have a limited number of WA diaries available to sell.

The cost is R50, and they will be available on Sundays after the morning services, or from our office during the week.

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Even the rain doesn't stop us from

having our services, and our congregation from coming – as this pic shows.

These past weeks we have been blessed with lovely rain, and we are so thankful for it.



Ordination Anniversary

We join John Wessels as he celebrates his 31st Ordination anniversary today.

Let us all take a moment to appreciate God's call in our lives, and the joy of serving God.

WA Christmas



Our Women's Auxiliary had their Christmas party last week, and they celebrated a busy and good year.

We meet again in 2026!



It is tradition at our WA Christmas breakfast that our WA ladies donate peaches and custard.

It was decided this year our donation would go to a retirement village where we have a few Trinity members living there.



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✓ **Step 1:** Save 071 089 9694 as a contact on your phone. Call it 'Trinity WhatsApp'. Or scan this QR code

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Stay connected.
Sign up today!*



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!

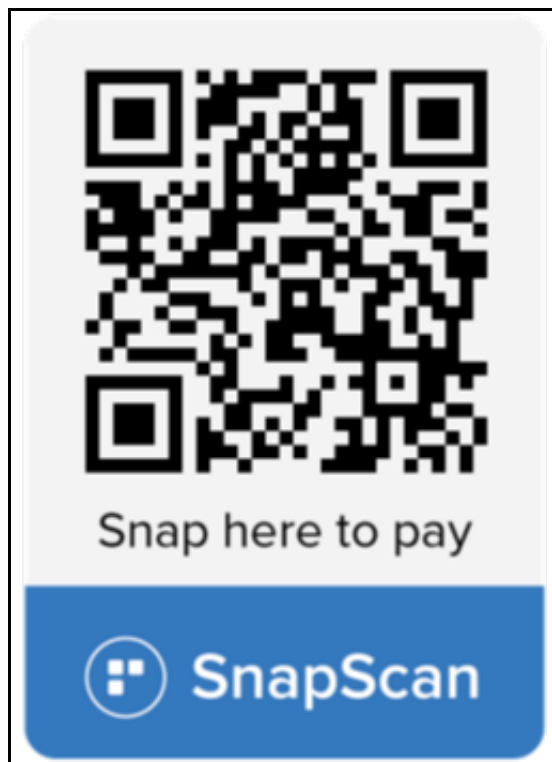
And don't worry – you can unsubscribe any time.

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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