



Happening this Sunday

The Guest Who Speaks From The Wilderness

What hinders you from living a life of holy living and faithfulness?

It is important that we answer this question because true repentance involves confession, making restitution, and turning from sinful life to one of righteousness and submission to God. There is urgency of making our life right with God. Good news for us all is found in Jesus who calls us to make space for grace.

Would you commit to listening to the voice that calls from the wilderness — challenging, calling, or redirecting you toward what really matters? Repentance and peace doesn't come by avoiding the tough stuff but by learning to listen in the midst of it.

As John the Baptist prepared God's people for the Messiah, so he prepares us, in this Advent season, to receive God's reign in a deeper way.

See you on Sunday!



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

– Londeka Mabaso

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

– Londeka Mabaso

9.30am Chapel – Connect Service

– John Wessels

11.30am Church – Kopanang Service

– Londeka Mabaso

6.30pm Church – Family Carols Service with Kids Nativity Play

– John Wessels

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 7 December 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.

Sermon Series – Unexpected Guests

30 November to 25 December 2025

You can find a downloadable sermon-based curriculum booklet, as well as sermon audios and videos as they become available, on the series page on our website.

[**Unexpected Guests Series Page**](#)

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday – 7 December

Second Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1–10

Psalms 72:1–7; 18–19

Romans 15:4–13

Matthew 3:1–12

Next Sunday – 14 December

Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1–10

Psalms 146:5–10 or Luke 1:46b–55

James 5:7–10

Matthew 11:2–11



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

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?

Festive Celebrations!

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?

Christmas Evening Market



There will be NO market after our morning services this Sunday, but there will be an evening Christmas market together with our festivities next week.

Sunday 7 December | from 4.00pm

If you would like to have a table, please connect with our reception at 011 888 1740 or by email.

Secondhand Books

Need something to read over the festive season?

Check out our selection of good second hand adult and children's books at the Evening Market this Sunday.

All books are priced at R10 – cash only please – and all proceeds go towards buying new books for Trinity's library.

Lessons & Carols



You are invited to join us for our traditional Lessons and Carols service.

Sunday 21 December | 7.30am & 9.30am

This is a very special traditional telling of the nativity story through Bible readings and the singing of carols.

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a regular attender of Trinity to join us!
See you there!*

Christmas Eve



You are invited to join us for our festive Christmas Eve service.

Wednesday 24 December | 6.00pm

This is a very special family service, filled with kids and joy and singing and light!

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a regular attender of Trinity to join us!
See you there!*

Christmas Day Services



You are invited to join us for our special Christmas Day service.

Thursday 25 December | 8.00am & 9.30am

This is a very festive family service with a special children's address.

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a regular attender of Trinity to join us!
See you there!*

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



Our Groovy Crew Friday evening kid's ministry is on a break!

We will restart again on Friday 16 January.

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth is having their end-of-year Christmas dinner.

Friday 5 December | 6.30pm to 9.00pm | R80pp

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?



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



Join us on **Sunday morning 7 December at 9.30am.**

The theme for this term is 'Fruit of the Spirit', and this week we are talking about 'Faithfulness and Self-Control'.

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 7 December at 9.30am** for our last Teen church for the year!

All are welcome. Who will you be inviting?



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13

Join us on **Sunday morning 7 December 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 5 December – Last Thrive Youth for the year
- * Saturday 6 December – Orange Farm Family Christmas Party
- * Sunday 7 December – Last Kopanang Service
- * Tuesday 16 December – Day of Reconciliation
- * Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve
- * Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day
- * Friday 26 December – Family Day
- * 30 – 25 December – Sermon Series [Unexpected Guests](#)
- * Thursday 1 December – New Years Day
- * Tuesday 6 January – Epiphany
- * Wednesday 14 January – Seniors Fellowship Tea
- * Friday 16 January – GroovyCrew and Thrive Restarts
- * Sunday 18 January – Sparkling Kids and Teen Church Restarts
- * Sunday 18 January – Kopanang Service Restarts

- * Saturday 24 January – Cancer Support Fellowship Tea
- * Sunday 25 January – Covenant Sunday
- * Sunday 25 January – Thriving Mental Health Support
- * Sunday 1 February – Vision Sunday
- * Monday 2 February – Annual Society Meeting (ASM)

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

Christmas Services - All Are Welcome!	
24 DECEMBER	6.00pm Christmas Eve Family Service
25 DECEMBER	8.00am & 9.30am Christmas Day Service with Children's Address



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

*** 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?

Connect With Our Office Via Email

We are praying for...

This Sunday we will be lighting the advent candle for peace, a candle that represents Jesus as the prince of peace.


In your intercessory prayer for peace, please involve praying for peace for others, for the world, asking for calm in chaotic situations, guidance for leaders, and an end to conflict. Please acknowledge the challenges people have, i.e. emotional distress, worry and anxiety, external pressures, interpersonal issues, etc. Pray for inner peace for individuals and peace within the families, asking for God's intervention, guidance, and solace.

We're praying for...

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



Invitation to Join a Home Group



Would you like to find a
Home Group?

Connect with us.
We'll help you find one

One of the greatest joys of being part of a church family is knowing that we do not walk this journey of faith alone. God designed us for fellowship — to encourage one another, pray together, and grow deeper in His Word side by side.

This is why I am so excited to invite you to be part of a small group.

Trinity has 22 home groups and 10 classes which you can be part of. Whether you're new to our church or have been with us for years, there is

a place for you to belong, connect, and be strengthened in your walk with Christ.

We're hoping to help you get into a home group before the end of the year so that by January next year you will be ready to start a year with new friends.

Please contact Londeka for more information.

[Email To Join a Home Group](#)

We Need YOU On Our Team in 2026!

As people who worship God, we are also called to serve God and our community, in ways that honour God.

One of the ways you can do this, is to volunteer in one of Trinity's many active ministries. There is something for anyone and everyone, no matter what your gifts or passions or life-season or the amount of time you are able to give.

In the next few weeks our ministries will be assessing their people needs for 2026, and we will be sharing those ministry 'vacancies'. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you into serving his people next year.

Ways to Serve Our Community

Pastoral Care:

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 In Pastoral Care

Reach Out Portfolio needs you in 2026:

The Reach Out portfolio is sadly losing three of its members at the end of this year. They are all members who have served the portfolio faithfully for 8 to 10 years. We celebrate all that they have given of themselves in this time (a proper thank you will still take place 😊).

But that does mean that the portfolio desperately needs new members. We will structure it in a way in 2026 that allows for various levels of involvement. Please give thought to whether this may be where you would like to serve in 2026.

Options:

1. Serve on the portfolio (planning and decision-making engine) – we need a new secretary and financials person.
2. Serve on a working group linked to one of the Reach Out ministries and get involved in a 'hands on' way with the ministry.

In 2026 the ministries we will focus on are:

1. Orange Farm – building the youth ministry and a Table Talk

- evangelism event as well as ongoing support.
2. Zandspruit – a disciple-making event as well as looking for ways to support this growing church in this area.
 3. Tshepo – a focus on connecting with the Lesedi aftercare facility.
 4. Uzima – determining ways of offering helpful support to this community headed by Carol Dyantji.

These are really exciting ways of serving the broader community in and through Trinity.

Please email Angela to find out more.

[Email To Volunteer For ReachOut](#)

Worship:

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!

Connect With Our Office Via Email

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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Care Conversations

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

We offer a free
once-off conversation
or up to 6 sessions

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.

Connect with the Care Conversations ministry to hear how support through conversation is offered at Trinity.

Email To Connect With Pastoral Care



Feedback

Cantata

This past Sunday the Fusion Choir, directed by Neil Bennett, held our annual Christmas Cantata at 8.00am and 9.30am.

It set the tone and got us in the mood for this festive season! Let the Christmas celebrations commence!





Unexpected Guests



On Sunday we started our advent series, 'Unexpected Guests'.

Our unexpected guests this week attended the 9.30am service in the chapel, and they were such good puppies!

Which guest will you be bringing with you this week?

Staff Retreat

On Monday we had our last staff retreat for the year, where we looked back on 2025, and checked and finalised our planning for 2026.

We started the day by spending some time as a team together at Emmarentia Dam, walking, reflecting, and connecting with each other.



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

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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.

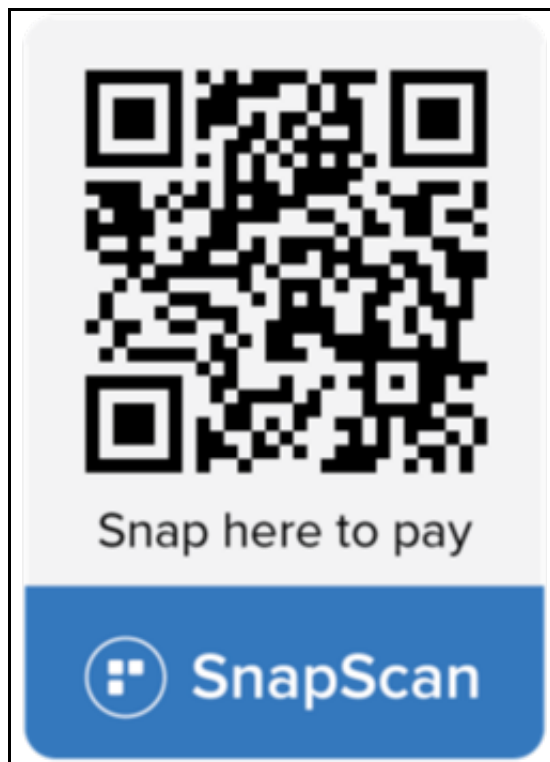
We'd love to stay connected with you!

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