



Happening this Sunday

Is a sinless world even possible?

This Sunday we linger with a daring line from John's Gospel: "*Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*" (John 1:29–42).

It sounds beautiful – but also wildly unrealistic. Can the sin of the world really be taken away? Not just forgiven, not overlooked, but actually removed? And if that were possible, what would it mean for human freedom, responsibility, and choice?

Come expecting thoughtful preaching, honest wrestling, and a hope that reaches further than we often dare to imagine.

We look forward to seeing you here!



Lectionary **Preaching** **18 January**

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

– John Wessels

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

– John Wessels

9.30am Chapel | Connect Service

– Brett Mordaunt

11.30am Church | Kopanang Service

– Bronwyn Delport

6.30pm Church | Home Service

– Brett Mordaunt

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 18 January 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.

Lectionary Readings

This Sunday – 18 January

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:1–7

Psalms 40:1–11

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

John 1:29–42

Next Sunday – 25 January

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 9:1–4

Psalms 27:1, 4–9

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Matthew 4:12–23



Upcoming Events

Communion in January

Please note, as the Covenant Service takes place on 25 January the communion services for the Fusion, Connect and Home services will all move to that Sunday. The Traditional Service will continue to have communion every Sunday.

Women's Auxiliary



Women's Auxiliary

Saturday 17 January
10.00am to 12.00pm

AGM and Communion

 Trinity
METHODIST CHURCH

You are invited to the Women's Auxiliary AGM, and Communion Service led by Rev John Wessels.

Saturday 17 January | 10.00am to 12.00pm

Prayer and Care Volunteer Training



Pastoral Care and Prayer Volunteers

**Prayer and Care volunteers
get-together and training**

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**Sunday 18 January
2.00pm to 5.00pm**


You are invited to attend this session where we will look at the topics of safeguarding (making sure we offer ministry that is safe to all) and resourcing (what are the resources we can make use of in caring).

This is open to all.

Sunday 18 January | 2.00pm to 5.00pm | Chapel


If you are feeling called to join in this ministry, please connect with Angela at pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za

Divorce Support Group



Divorce Support Group

**Thursday 22 January
6.00pm to 8.00pm | Chapel**

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**We will be meeting
every second week**

Our Divorce Support Group meets every second week.

Thursday 22 January | 6.00pm to 8.00pm | Chapel

Cancer Support Group



Christians in Action for Cancer

Fellowship Tea
Saturday 24 January | 11.00am to 1.00pm

Open to people living with cancer
and family members
RSVP Eunice 083 259 5724



You are invited to join our Cancer Support Fellowship Tea, open to people living with cancer and their family members.

Saturday 24 January | 11.00am to 1.00pm

Covenant Sunday



Covenant Service

Sunday 25 January
All services



At the start of the New Year Methodists make a distinctive resolution. Methodists hold an annual Covenant Service, at which we celebrate all that God has done for us, and affirm that we give our lives and choices to God.

This Service is at the heart of Methodists' devotion discipleship, and dedication to working for social justice.

In the service, the Church joyfully celebrates God's invitation to all people to be in partnership with God in the work of the church. Christ is the example of this relationship that we look to.

What God offers is a loving relationship.

The Covenant is not a contract in which God and human beings agree to provide particular goods and services for each other! It is not something that we have to do to create a relationship with God. God has freely and graciously already made it possible.

Rather, the Covenant is our gateway to accepting the invitational relationship and the reminder throughout the year to sustain it. It is not so much about acquiring a relationship with God, but living within the loving relationship that God has already offered us.

This is a glorious offer... and at the same time a glorious challenge. If God is committed to us, are we prepared to accept that as reality and commit ourselves in return to God? Even if we do choose to accept it, how can we live out that commitment well?

The New Testament gives a suggestion: we respond to God's invitation and take the first steps of relationship. When we do this with others, like a church family, the Holy Spirit begins to bubble up in us as individuals, encouraging and guiding us to live out our side of the relationship (i.e. "Keep company with [God] and learn a life of love." as Ephesians 5 describes the Covenant).

At the heart of the service is the Covenant Prayer:-

'I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will,

rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you,

or laid aside for you,

exalted for you, or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.'

The traditional Covenant prayer makes it very clear that accepting this invitation to walk the year with God is serious. It embraces the whole of our life, nothing is left out. Most people find it quite tough to say, and really mean it. But the prayer is so central to the Christian life that we cannot let a year pass without committing to it again.

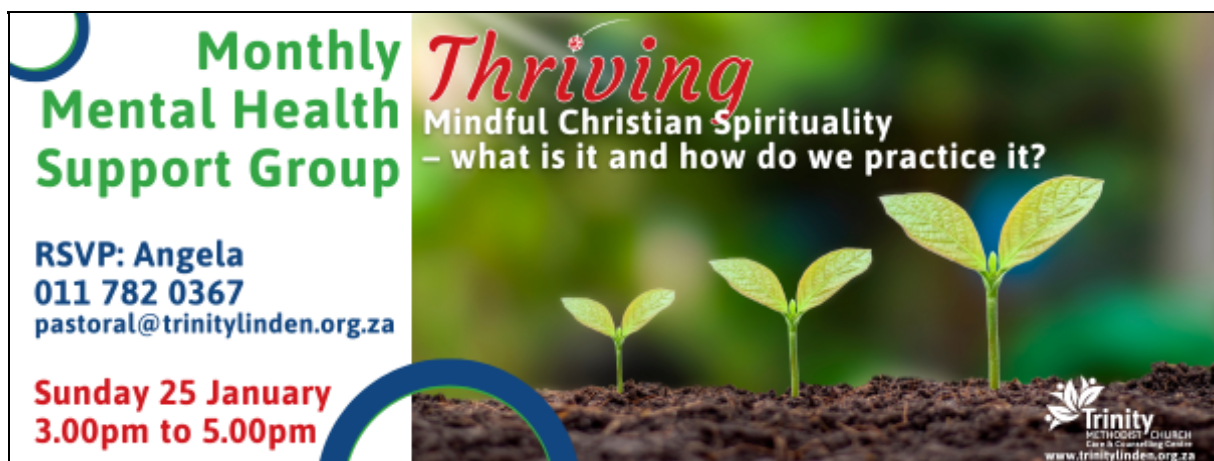
In our culture we tend to prize our ability to make decisions and choose our own path in life. It can feel very hard to give that up. But this prayer is like a love poem. It is about surrendering to God in love and joy.

The Covenant service is a gift, not a demand!
And God will give you the grace to do it all.
You are not alone!

Sunday 25 January | 7.30am Traditional | 9.30am Fusion | 9.30am Connect | 6.30pm Home

Sunday 2 February | 11.30am Service in Randburg

Thriving Mental Health Support Group



Our Thriving Mental Health Support Group meets again, and the theme is "Mindful Christian Spirituality – what is it and how do we practice it?"

Sunday 25 January | 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Trinity Prayer & Workshop

Prayer for Trinity's Ministries

**Join us at our Trinity Prayer Morning and
'Learning How to Pray' Workshop**

Saturday 31 January | 9.00am to 12.30am

**We will hear about and pray for some of the specific
needs and the people involved in our church**



Join us at our Trinity Prayer Morning, and 'Learning How to Pray' Workshop, as we pray for God's presence and guidance in our ministries and portfolios, and God's work in and through Trinity in 2026.

Saturday 31 January | 9.00am to 12.30am

We will be praying for the following ministries: Prayer & Spirituality, Pastoral Care, Reachout, and Homegroups.

Vision Sunday



Trinity has been on a journey since August last year to seek and hear God's voice for us as a church. On Sunday 1 February Rev John Wessels will share the Vision we believe God has called us to as a church.

This is an important service and we encourage all members to attend.

Sunday 1 February | All services

Market Sunday



If you would like to book a stall, please contact Nomphele in the office at reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Sunday 1 February | From 8.30am

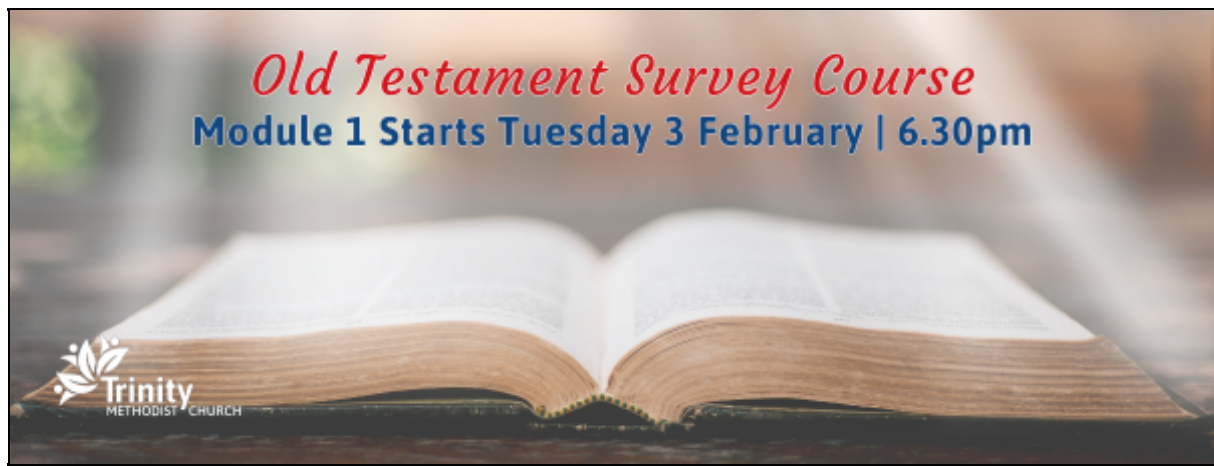
Annual Society Meeting



All members, Portfolio Heads, Society Stewards, Leader, Home Group Leaders, Class Leaders, Organisation heads are invited to the Annual Society Meeting. On the evening we will present the proposed budget for the year, ratify leaders, prepare and pray for the year ahead.

Monday 2 February | 7.00pm

Old Testament Survey Course



After the success of the New Testament Journey, we are hosting an Old Testament Survey course in 2026.

Tuesday Evenings | Starting on 3 February | 6.30pm

Appreciating Differences Workshop

Save the date for our next Appreciating Differences Workshop. More information to follow.

Saturday 7 February

The Bereavement Journey

<p>Grief is hard. Death can impact all of life.</p> <p><i>The Bereavement Journey</i> a place to talk</p> <p>7 Sessions of films and discussion for anyone bereaved anytime</p> <p> Trinity METHODIST CHURCH www.trinitylinden.org.za</p>	<p>Starting Sunday 8 February</p> <p>2.30pm – 5.00pm</p> <p>R250 per person</p> <p>Topics include: Attachment, separation and loss The impact and pain of bereavement Adjusting to change Anger and guilt Coping with others' reactions Moving on healthily Faith Questions</p> <p>Angela: 011 782 0367 pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za</p>
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The Bereavement Journey® is a 7 Session programme which assists bereaved people to process their loss.

Sunday 8 February to 22 March | 2.30pm to 5.00pm

Cost: R250 (includes guidebook)

Participants do their own grief work.

Each Session comprises two video clips of input, followed by discussion in a small group.

The team have their own lived experience of processing loss and in course facilitation.

Please fill in the details by clicking the button below, and we will get back to you with more information.

[Register for the Bereavement Journey](#)

Shrove Tuesday



You are invited to join us as we share in some pancakes as a community.

Tuesday 17 February | 6.00pm

We are asking for people to please help us by baking and dropping off pancakes on the day. They can be baked in advance and frozen too.

Please let Nomphele know if you can help, and how many pancakes you can help us with, at reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Ash Wednesday



Our Lent Journey starts with our Ashing services.

Wednesday 18 February | 9.30am and 6.30pm

Divorce Care Course

We will be hosting a Divorce Care Course in 2026.

Starting Thursday 19 February

More information to follow.

Youth and Children

At Trinity we celebrate our young people.

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

Parent Connect

Come and learn more about how youth ministry works at Trinity, connect with other parents, and

explore how you might get involved.

Friday 16 January | 8.20pm



PARENT CONNECT 

Supporting teens | Growing Together | Building community

Come and learn more about how Youth Ministry works at Trinity, connect with other parents, and explore how you might get involved.

-  Friday, 16 January
-  8.20 PM
-  Trinity Methodist Church

BECAUSE LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

GroovyCrew | Friday Night Kids – Gr 0 to Gr 7



Faith, Friends and Friday Fun!

GROOVY crew

FRIDAY NIGHT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This term:
GOD'S GOOD way
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Friday, 16 Jan
Title: God First!
Exodus 20:3

Friday Nights
5.30pm - 7.30pm
Ages 5-13

You are invited to join our kids aged 5–13 on Fridays!

Friday 16 January | 5.30pm to 7.30pm

We will be learning about 'God's Good Way' – the 10 Commandments, and this week we will be talking about 'God First'.

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth are back!

Friday 16 January | 8.00pm to 10.00pm



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



Join us on **Sunday morning 18 January | 9.30am.**

The theme for this term is 'Living God's Way', a series on the 10 Commandments, and this week we are talking about 'No other Gods/No Idols'.

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 18 January | 9.30am** for Teen church!



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13



Join us on **Sunday morning 30 November | 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.

Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * Friday 16 January – GroovyCrew Kids Restarts
- * Friday 16 January – Thrive Youth Restarts
- * Saturday 17 January – Women's Auxiliary
- * Sunday 18 January – Sparkling Kids Club Restarts
- * Sunday 18 January – Kopanang Service Restarts
- * Sunday 18 January – Kopanang Kids Restarts
- * Sunday 18 January – Pastoral Care and Prayer Volunteer Training

- * Thursday 22 January – Divorce Support Group
- * Saturday 24 January – Cancer Support Fellowship Tea
- * Sunday 25 January – Covenant Sunday
- * Sunday 25 January – Thriving Mental Health Support Group
- * Saturday 31 January – Trinity Prayer & How To Pray Workshop
- * Sunday 1 February – Vision Sunday
- * Sunday 1 February – Market Sunday
- * Monday 2 February – Annual Society Meeting (ASM)
- * Tuesday 3 February – Old Testament Survey Course
- * Saturday 7 February – Appreciating Differences Workshop
- * Sunday 8 February – The Bereavement Journey
- * Tuesday 17 February – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day
- * Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday
- * Thursday 19 February – Divorce Care Course

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

We are praying for...

The world is currently navigating a period of profound geopolitical upheaval, marked by a shift away from international cooperation toward unilateral "America First" policies. The central tension is between power and sovereignty: while large nations exert their will through military interventions (Venezuela) and economic pressure (tariffs and summits), smaller and middle-income nations are struggling to maintain their dignity and the safety of their people.

Key Areas for Prayerful Reflection:

- **Discord Among Leaders:** The U.S. boycott of the G20 in South Africa (November 2025) and its withdrawal from climate frameworks represent a "breaking of bread" at the global table. Pray for a spirit of reconciliation and for leaders to prioritize the "common home" of our planet over political posturing.
- **The Cry of the Oppressed:** Highlighting the Sudan war's expansion, the Iranian uprising triggered by economic hardship, and the instability in the Sahel (Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger) brings focus to

the human cost of conflict. These are not just political events; they are millions of individual lives facing hunger, displacement, and fear.

- **Sovereignty and Peace:** The direct U.S. intervention in Venezuela and the military drills in the Taiwan Strait raise the spectre of "might makes right." You may wish to pray for the protection of national borders and the wisdom of the UN Security Council as it seeks to uphold international law.
- **The "Good News":** The Ethiopia–Somalia Rapprochement (11 January 2026) provides a vital reminder of God's work in the world and an answer to prayer. It serves as a real-world example that even the most bitter "explosions" of tension (like the 2024 port deal dispute) can be healed through dialogue and diplomatic restoration.

We're praying for...



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



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.

Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you into serving his people next year.

Ways to Serve Our Community

Reach Out Portfolio:

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

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.

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 at pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za to find out more.

Pastoral Care:

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

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 Angela at pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za to sign up or to find out more. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Children's Ministry:

WANTED: Awesome humans who love kids, fun, and Jesus!

Our Children's Ministry is looking for new volunteers, and we'd love to have you on the team!

If you feel God nudging you to serve, enjoy being around kids, or just want to try something meaningful and fun, this might be your moment. Contact Ally at children@trinitylinden.org.za

WANTED

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

*GroovyCrew
(Friday Nights)*

- Registration Team
- Kitchen Team
- Curriculum Planners
- Game Planners
- Lesson Teaching
- "Week-of" Prep Team

*Sparkling Kids Club
(Sunday Mornings)*

- Registration Team
- Curriculum Planners
- Game Planners
- Children's Church Teachers
- "Week-of" Prep Team



For more info or to get involved,
contact Ally
children@trinitylinden.org.za

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 at laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za

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 at reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Clearing Out?

Table Talk:

We would love to have your old – but still presentable – items for the next Table Talk, that we are hoping to run for the un-churched

We expect to serve lunch and teas for 120 people.

Paper Plate holders

Margarine holders

Plastic knives, forks, teaspoons

Community in Orange Farm.

Please drop the items off at the Church, clearly marked "TT OF", or phone Lorna (079 645 1647), should you require us to pick the items up. Any other queries, please email Liesl on lieslmaryhendry@gmail.com.

Serving spoons

Water heaters

Urns

Table Cloths for Trestle Tables

Coffee Mugs

Drinking Glasses

Bread knives

Milk jugs

Water jugs

Missing Jesus News



Hi, Missing Jesus Reader!

We are excited to share that Missing Jesus? is a content provider on the YouVersion Bible App.

The Bible Plan, "**Kingdom Faithful Resolutions for 2026**", has been officially published! You can find it in the Bible App, in YouVersion Connect, or on the website by clicking here: <http://bible.us/r/H Cv>

You can follow John Wessels on YouVersion by using this link: <https://www.bible.com/organizations/23e0ca75-741a-4b26-b9d7-29487dc275db>.

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released: <https://www.bible.com/organizations/23e0ca75-741a-4b26-b9d7-29487dc275db>

We are grateful for the opportunity to reach everyone, everywhere, every day with God's Word. We're so excited to see how God will use this content to encourage and challenge the YouVersion Community to experience deeper intimacy with God!

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"*





Our Seniors ministry kicked off the year with a get-together on Wednesday.

John Wessels led communion and birthdays were celebrated, before there was conversation and catch-up over coffee and tea.

Our seniors meet again on Wednesday 11 February.





Hospitality Team



These are a few of our wonderful ladies and gentleman always willing to serve tea.

Thank you for choosing this ministry to serve God and our community!

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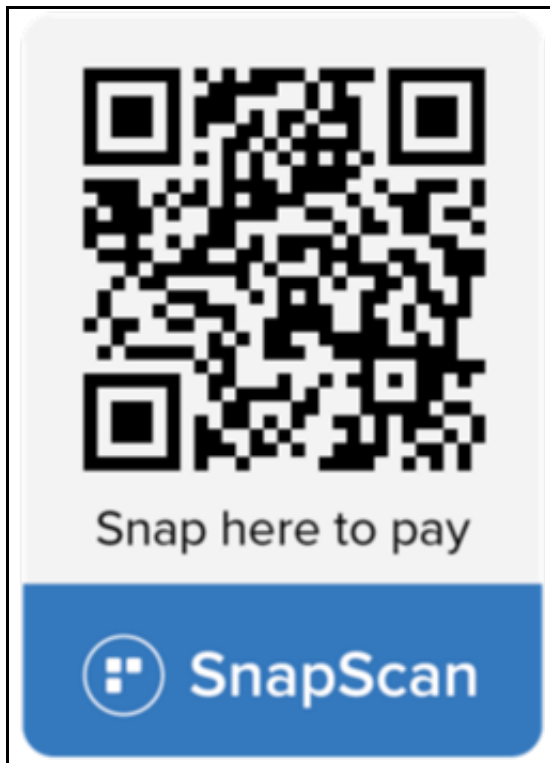
Get our weekly newsletter straight to your WhatsApp – it's the easiest way to stay updated with upcoming events, special services, and what's new in our community.

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.

We'd love to stay connected with you – but you can unsubscribe at any time!

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

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 www.trinitylinden.org.za

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