



Covenant Service

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 to 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 1 February | 11.30am Service in Randburg



*Covenant
Service*

Sunday 25 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 with Holy Communion

– Londeka Mabaso

9.30am Church | Fusion Service with Holy Communion (also live-streamed)

– Londeka Mabaso

9.30am Chapel | Connect Service with Holy Communion

– John Wessels

11.30am Church | Kopanang Service with Holy Communion

- Heather Zikhale

6.30pm Church | Home Service with Holy Communion

- 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 25 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 - 25 January

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Next Sunday - 1 February

Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12



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.

Divorce Support Group



Healing day by day

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

Thriving Mental Health Support Group

Monthly Mental Health Support Group

RSVP: Angela
011 782 0367
pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za

Sunday 25 January
3.00pm to 5.00pm

Thriving
Mindful Christian Spirituality
– what is it and how do we practice it?



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



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**Sunday 1 February
All Services**



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 host a stall, please contact Nomphelo in the office at reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Sunday 1 February | From 8.30am

Annual Society Meeting



Annual Society Meeting

YOU are our church!
Join us as we present our vision
and ratify our budget and leaders

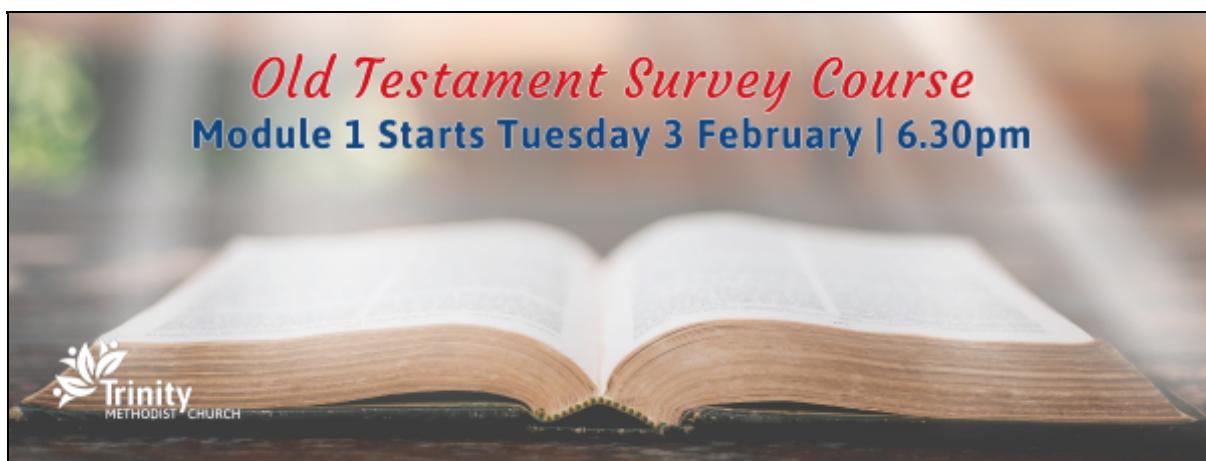


**Monday 2 February
7.00pm in the church**

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



Old Testament Survey Course
Module 1 Starts Tuesday 3 February | 6.30pm

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

Find detailed information and registration on our website
here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/old-testament-survey-course/>

Courageous Conversations | Appreciating Differences



Courageous Conversations

FOSTERING DIVERSITY AND INTEGRATION
AMONGST OUR MEMBERS

Saturday 7 February
9.00am to 12.00pm

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS – FOSTERING DIVERSITY AND INTEGRATION AMONGST OUR MEMBERS

Saturday 7 February | 9.00am to 12.00pm

Courageous conversations in the church context refers to intentional, often difficult, and honest dialogues about diversity and inclusion, intended to move beyond "false harmony" toward true, biblical unity. Addressing diversity requires moving beyond surface-level interactions to explore deeper cultural values and systemic issues.

The focus for our first session will be: '*Reflection on Our Personal Understanding, Knowledge and Behaviour Towards Others Who Are Different from Ourselves – and To Embrace the Differences in Trinity Methodist Church*'.

The aim of this journey is to help members understand, embrace, and faithfully practice biblical imperatives of diversity and inclusion, reflecting Christ's love across culture, race, gender, age, ability, and background.

- It is hoped that those in attendance will gain an increased understanding of Biblical foundations for diversity, inclusion and integration.
- Secondly, that members will appreciate, gain knowledge and understanding of the MCSA's theology, doctrine, ethos, positions, policies, resolutions, statement, etc. that address diversity, inclusion and integration.
- Lastly, that we will begin a journey as individuals to apply our new insights to better understand and accept fellow members.

This session will be facilitated by Rev. Jenni & Ivan Samdaan

The Bereavement Journey



Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

7 Sessions of films
and discussion
for anyone bereaved anytime

Starting Sunday 8 February
2.30pm – 5.00pm
R250 per person

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

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pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za

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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

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Tuesday 17 February
6.00pm

You are invited to join us
as we share in some
pancakes together



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

Ash Wednesday



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Ashing Services:
Wednesday 18 February
9.30am
6.30pm



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.



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 aged 5-13 on Fridays!

Friday 23 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 'No Pretend Gods'.

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth are back. Join us this week for a fun games night!

Friday 23 January | 8.00pm to

10.00pm



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



Join us on **Sunday morning 25 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 'Honouring God's Name and Day'.

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 25 January** | **9.30am** for Teen church!

This Sunday we will be part of the Covenant Service.

You are welcome to attend whichever service your family goes

to, or join us in the Chapel for the Connect Service.



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13



Join us on **Sunday morning 25 January | 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.



What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * Thursday 22 January – Divorce Support Group
- * Friday 23 January – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Saturday 24 January – Cancer Support Fellowship Tea
- * Sunday 25 January – Covenant Sunday

- * Sunday 25 January – Thriving Mental Health Support Group
- * Friday 30 January – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * 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
- * Friday 6 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Saturday 7 February – Courageous Conversations | Appreciating Differences
- * Sunday 8 February – The Bereavement Journey
- * Friday 13 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Tuesday 17 February – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day
- * Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday
- * Wednesday 18 February – Lent Begins
- * Thursday 19 February – Divorce Care Course
- * Friday 20 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth

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



We hold in our hearts those who are grieving:

Our condolences go to the loved ones of **Pumla Nogcantsi**.

Pumla was a member of the Trinity congregation, and a member of the Young Women's Manyano.

Her funeral was held at Sapukanduku, Mount Aylif, on 17 January.



Condolences to the loved ones of **Peter Ronald Gordon, Helen Greathead, Denise Dally, and Nita Maria De La Harpe.**

May you find rest and peace in God's presence.

We are praying for...

This week we pray for the first time this year for **our Police**.

Remember our banner on the corner is telling the community that we are praying for policing that protects and restores trust. This is something we prayed for a few times in 2025 and remain committed to pray about.

We pray around four key points:

First, the severe shortage of detectives — pray for wisdom and resources to fill the more than 2,300 vacant detective posts so that serious crime can be effectively investigated and communities can feel safer. The Minister of Police has acknowledged this national shortage.

Second, the Madlanga Commission of Inquiry — pray for the hearings that are set to resume on 26 January 2026, that truth would be heard, corruption exposed, and pathways to accountability and reform clarified.

Third, morale and encouragement — pray for officers and staff who remain committed to serving South Africa; ask that they find renewed strength, support, and a sense of vocation amid frustrations and setbacks.

Fourth, pray for protection for those who risk their lives in the course of their work.

We're praying for...



**...policing that protects all
and restores trust**





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.

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 Nomphelo when she needs someone and try it out.

For more information, or to put your name down, contact Nomphelo 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 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.

We expect to serve lunch and teas for 120 people.

Paper Plate holders
Margarine holders
Plastic knives, forks, teaspoons
Serving spoons
Water heaters
Urns
Table Cloths for Trestle Tables
Coffee Mugs
Drinking Glasses
Bread knives
Milk jugs
Water jugs

Missing Jesus News



Missing Jesus and Trinity are exploring the YouVersion App as an extension of our ministry. Our mission is to grow Kingdom Consciousness – especially in Southern Africa.

Please will you follow our first Bible Reading Plan and share it with others. Make sure to follow John on the App too.

You can find the first Bible Reading Plan here: <http://bible.us/r/HCv>

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"*



Women's Auxiliary



Last week our Women's Auxiliary held their first gathering for 2026, and they had their AGM. They also appointed their new leadership. This is the committee.





2026 WA President Karin Maitland and WA Executive President Cheryl MacDonald.





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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.

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

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