



Vision Sunday

One of your greatest treasures in life is to belonging to a congregation that is intentionally committed to shaping you into a more loving person and supporting you on your journey as a faithful disciple of Jesus. This Sunday, we invite you to be with us as we share how that shared journey will take on fresh and concrete shape in the year ahead.

It is **Vision Sunday**, and since July 2025 our leadership has been prayerfully listening for God's leading. What has emerged has stirred deep hope and expectation among us, and we are excited to place it before the whole congregation.

Come and listen. Come and discern. Come and be part of what God is forming among us as we seek to love more deeply, follow more faithfully, and live more fully into God's future together.



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 and Londeka Mabaso

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

– John Wessels and Londeka Mabaso

9.30am Chapel | Connect Service

– John Wessels and Brett Mordaunt

11.30am Church | Kopanang Service

– NO Service at Trinity. Covenant Service in Randburg

6.30pm Church | Home Service

– John Wessels and 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 1 February 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

Our readings for this Sunday's Vision Sunday services are both from the New Revised Standard Version: LUKE 9:57–62 and HEBREWS 10:19–25.

This Sunday – 1 February

Ordinary Time

Micah 6:1–8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Matthew 5:1–12

Next Sunday – 8 February

Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:1–12

Psalms 112:1–10

1 Corinthians 2:1–16

Matthew 5:13–20

Kopanang Covenant Service



This Sunday there is NO Kopanang Service at Trinity.

The section Covenant Service will be at St Stithians

Sunday 1 February at 11.00am

Upcoming Events

Trinity Prayer & 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 12.00am

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 9.45am – Prayer

10.00am to 12.00am – Prayer Workshop

You are welcome to attend either, or both events.

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

Market Sunday



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

Annual Society Meeting

A graphic for the Annual Society Meeting (ASM). On the left, a lightbulb with 'ASM' written on it is connected by lines to six icons: a trophy for 'Motivation', a cup for 'Inspiration', a group of people for 'Leadership', puzzle pieces for 'Teamwork', an eye for 'Vision', and a lightbulb for 'Innovation'. On the right, the text reads: 'Annual Society Meeting' in red script, 'YOU are our church!' in blue, 'Join us as we present our vision and ratify our budget and leaders' in blue, and 'Monday 2 February 7.00pm in the church' in red. The Trinity Methodist Church logo is at the bottom left of the right section.

Annual Society Meeting

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

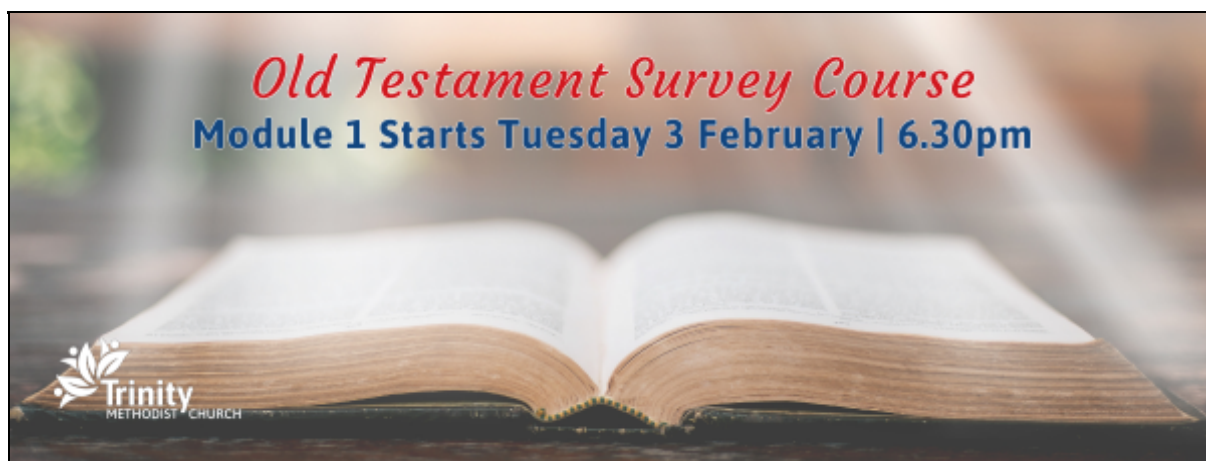
**Monday 2 February
7.00pm in the church**

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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 to 9.00pm

Old Testament Survey Course

A graphic for the Old Testament Survey Course. It features a background image of an open Bible. The text reads: 'Old Testament Survey Course' in red script, 'Module 1 Starts Tuesday 3 February | 6.30pm' in blue, and the Trinity Methodist Church logo at the bottom left.

Old Testament Survey Course

Module 1 Starts Tuesday 3 February | 6.30pm

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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

Courageous Conversations | Appreciating Differences



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

Please Register ASAP – The Bereavement Journey



Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

7 Sessions of films
and discussion
for **anyone bereaved anytime**

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

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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

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

The Bereavement Journey® is a 7 Session programme which assists bereaved people to process their loss.

This course begins soon – please register now if you are interested in joining.

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

Seniors



Maggie Mendelssohn and Kevin Feather will be the entertainment at our Seniors get-together in February.

Wednesday 11 February | 9.30am

Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday – You're invited to a Pancake Evening!

...because life is better with pancakes – especially when we make them together.

Tuesday 17 February | 6.00pm

We're getting the pans hot and the batter ready for an evening of fellowship, laughter, and seriously good pancakes. To make this a proper community feast, and not a heroic solo mission, we'd love your help in any of these ways:

1. **Donate ingredients**

If you're able, please bring ready-made batter or packs of pancake mix and eggs. This helps us keep the pancakes FREE for everyone who comes.

2. Join the Pancake Production Team

Bring a spatula, frying pan, and gas stove, and join us from 5.30pm to help flip, stack, and serve. No professional pancake-flipping skills required. Enthusiasm is what counts. We also need some volunteers to eat the flops.

3. Come eat and enjoy

Join us on the evening for good conversation, lots of laughter, and a happy stack of pancakes.

Please let Nomphele know how you're able to help, and roughly how many pancakes you can contribute, at reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Many hands. Many pancakes. One very happy community.

Ash Wednesday



Our Lent Journey starts with our Ashing services.

Wednesday 18 February | 9.30am and 6.30pm

Women's Auxiliary



At our February meeting of Women's Auxiliary in the chapel, Rev Alice Mugglestone will be chatting to us about 'Holiness and the Feminine Spirit'.

Saturday 21 February | 9.30am for 10.00am to 12.00pm

Thriving Mental Health Support



Our monthly mental health support group – Thriving, meets again in February.

Sunday 22 February | 3.00pm to 5.00pm

Divorce Care Course

We will be hosting a Divorce Care Course in 2026.

Starting Thursday 26 February *(Please note the date change)*

More information to follow.

Market Sunday and Blood Drive



Join us for our Market Day and Blood Drive.

Sunday 1 March | From 8.30am

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



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 30 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's Name Matters'.

Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us this week for a birthday celebration our Thrive Friday Night Youth.

Friday 30 January | 8.00pm to 10.00pm



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

Join us on **Sunday morning 1 February | 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 'Honour your father and mother'.



Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on **Sunday morning 1 February | 9.30am** for Teen church!

This Sunday we will be part of the Vision Sunday 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 1 February | 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.





Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * 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](#)
- * Thursday 5 February – Divorce Care
- * Friday 6 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Saturday 7 February – Courageous Conversations | Appreciating Differences
- * Sunday 8 February – Sermon Series "Gather, Give, Grow"
- * Sunday 8 February – [The Bereavement Journey](#)
- * Wednesday 11 February – Seniors
- * Friday 13 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Sunday 15 February – Thriving Mental Health Support
- * Tuesday 17 February – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day
- * Wednesday 18 February – Ash Wednesday
- * Wednesday 18 February – Lent Begins
- * 18 February to 19 April – Sermon Series "The Crucified God"

- * Friday 20 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Saturday 21 February – Women's Auxiliary
- * Thursday 26 February – Divorce Care Course
- * Friday 27 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Sunday 1 March – Market Sunday
- * Sunday 1 March – Blood Drive
- * Friday 6 March – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Wednesday 11 March – Seniors
- * Friday 13 March – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- * Saturday 14 March – Women's Auxiliary

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

Invite a Friend to Church

A Lifeway research poll done in America recently determined that 82% of people would come to church if a friend invited them.

Only 2% of Christians invite friends.

Of course South African stats will differ, but the sentiment remains:

82%

**OF PEOPLE WOULD COME
TO CHURCH IF A FRIEND
INVITED THEM.**

ONLY 2% OF CHRISTIANS INVITE FRIENDS.

All are welcome at Trinity. Who will you be inviting to come to a Trinity service or event with you in this new year?



We hold in our hearts those who are grieving:

The service for **Delize Dally** is on Friday 30 January at 11.00am.

The service for **Nita Maria De La Harpe** is on Friday 6 February at 12.00pm.

Both services are at Trinity.

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

We are praying for...

We pray for the life and work of Trinity Methodist Church in 2026.

Integrity of membership — That being a member of Trinity will increase each persons impact among members and in the wider community, especially for those who are suffering and need tangible love.

1. **Provoking love and good deeds** — Pray that we become a people who encourage one another into loving action: visible compassion, practical help, and courageous service. Pray for small, steady habits of care that multiply.
2. **Determined faithfulness** — That we will not turn back now that we have chosen to attach our plough to Jesus.
3. **Celebrate diversity** — Give thanks for the richness of our diversity. Pray that we will appreciate and celebrate difference, learning from one another so our unity becomes a living witness.
4. **Financial roots and stewardship** — Pray for stable financial roots for the church's ministry. Ask that those not yet on EFT giving might consider this step.

Close by blessing Trinity's leaders, volunteers and the people we seek to serve — that our common life may reflect God's kingdom of justice, mercy and abundant life.

We're praying for...



...policing that protects all and restores trust



Ways to Serve

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

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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 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/H Cv>

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"*



Youth and Parents Connect



On Friday evening we had our first Thrive Friday Night Youth for the year. It was great to be back!



At the same time we had a 'parents connect' meeting, where we connected with the parents of our youth, and they connected with each other. We talked about things like the purpose of Youth Ministry at Trinity, what our Youth Ministry offers, practicalities, and Pastoral Care.

We look forward to a great 2026!

If you are a parent, and you missed the parents connect evening, you can [find a summary of the conversation here](#).



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Would you like to receive Trinity's weekly updates via WhatsApp?

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

✓ **Step 2:** Send a WhatsApp message with 'Correspondence' & Your Name to 071 089 9694

📞 *Stay informed.
Stay connected.
Sign up today!*





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

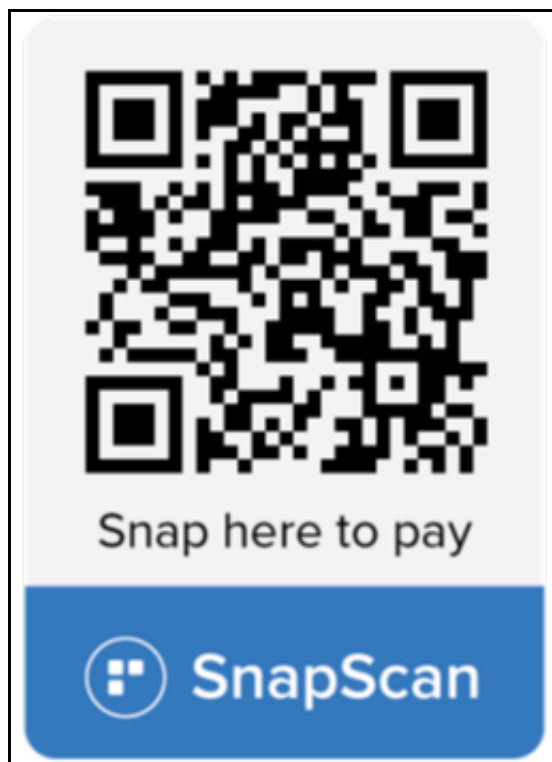
Get our weekly newsletter straight to your WhatsApp – it's the easiest way to stay updated with upcoming events, special services, and what's new in our community.

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.

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

Sacrificial Giving



Trinity Banking Details

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

[Learn More About Sacrificial Giving Here](#)

Recent Sermons

Did you miss last Sunday's service? Or would you like to hear it again?
Would you like to share it with a friend?

You can find our past sermons in video or audio format, and the series
booklets, by clicking on the link to our website here:

[Find Our Past Sermon Series Videos, Audios, and Booklets Here](#)

[Find Our Video Services On YouTube Here](#)

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You Can Request Prayer | Care | Counselling Here

Our Address

You can find us on the corner of 5th Ave and 5th St, Linden, Johannesburg.

You Can Find Us On Google Maps Here

Engage With Us On WhatsApp and Social Media



You can find us on social media! Please like, follow, share, tag us, and engage. We are on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. You can find us by clicking on the icon above.

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