



***Give Sacrificially Each Month***

What goes through your mind every time you give financially to Trinity Methodist Church? Does it feel like an act of worship? Does it feel like a big responsibility? Do you feel like you are working with others in the work of Christ? Or it's just a norm and part of the Sunday's order of service.

Maybe it's time we consider financial giving a call from Jesus for every worshipper. How about we treat giving in the church as being obedient to scripture. God's mission through giving, rooted in the generous nature of the Trinity, invites believers to participate in His work by sacrificially sharing resources to extend the Kingdom and meet needs.

This year we are allowing the Spirit to provoke us to love our Church and do good for her.

See you on Sunday!



**GATHER  
GIVE  
GROW**

**The Practices of Belonging at Trinity**

**Give Sacrificially  
Each Month**

**8 February**

  
Trinity  
METHODIST CHURCH  
[www.trinitylinden.org.za](http://www.trinitylinden.org.za)

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 with Holy Communion**

– John Wessels

**11.30am Church | Kopanang Service**

– Londeka Mabaso and John Wessels

**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 8 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***

### **This Sunday - 8 February**

*Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

### **Next Sunday - 15 February**

*Sunday Before Lent*

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

## ***Commissioning Service***



At our services at Trinity this Sunday, there will be a commissioning moment for leaders serving in our various ministries.

During this time, leaders will be invited to acknowledge their call from God to serve our community, affirm their acceptance of that call, and make a commitment to serve faithfully. As the congregation, we will then join in prayer, asking for God's blessing over them.

This is a significant moment of witness and celebration in the life of our church.

### **Sunday 8 February | All Services**

Leaders are invited to take part in the commissioning during the service they usually attend.

## ***Gather, Give, Grow***

This week we start a new sermon series at Trinity.

## Gather, Give, Grow: The Practices Of Belonging To Trinity

**8 & 15 February | 19 April to 17 May 2026**

*“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...”*

Hebrews 10:24-25

Each week covers one of the following topics:

I am part of the growth of Trinity because I:

- Give sacrificially each month.
- Attend services regularly.
- Use my gifts in service at Trinity.
- Participate faithfully in the groups I belong to.
- Appreciate and embrace all the diversity of our congregation.
- Invite non-Church going friends, neighbours, colleagues, family to church events.
- Take responsibility for my care and growth.

You can find the sermon materials, videos and audios, as they become available, on our website.

Gather, Give, Grow Series



***Mens' Fellowship***

# Mens' Fellowship

**Every Second Saturday  
of the Month**



Our men's fellowship meets every 2nd Saturday morning at the church.

**Saturday 7 February | 7.00am to 9.00am**

## **Courageous Conversations | Appreciating Differences**



**Courageous Conversations**

**FOSTERING DIVERSITY AND INTEGRATION  
AMONGST OUR MEMBERS**

**Saturday 7 February  
9.00am to 11.00pm**

**COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS – FOSTERING DIVERSITY AND  
INTEGRATION AMONGST OUR MEMBERS**

**Saturday 7 February | 9.00am to 11.00am**

*Registration starts at 8.30am. Please bring your Bible, note paper, and pen.*

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'.*

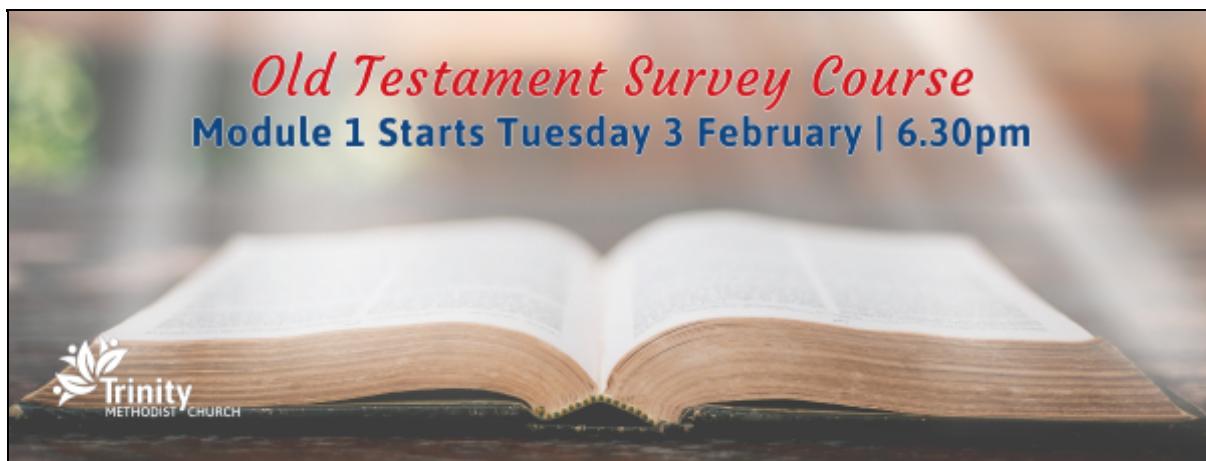
The aim of this journey is to help members understand, embrace, and faithfully practice biblical imperatives of diversity and inclusion, reflecting Christ's love across culture, race, gender, age, ability, and background.

- 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

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### ***Not too late to join us – 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**

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

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## Seniors

# Seniors

Every second  
Wednesday  
of the month



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

Tuesday 17 February  
6.00pm

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



**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 Nomphelo know how you're able to help, and roughly how many pancakes you can contribute, at [reception@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za) before or on Friday 13 February.

Many hands. Many pancakes. One very happy community.

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## 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**

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## Women's Auxiliary

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**Saturday 21 February  
9.30am to 12.00pm**



*'Holiness and the Feminine Spirit'  
Rev Alice Mugglestone*

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

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

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## *Thriving Mental Health Support*

**Monthly Mental Health Support Group**

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

**Sunday 22 February  
3.00pm to 5.00pm**

A graphic for the Thriving Mental Health Support Group. It features the word "Thriving" in red cursive with a small sun icon above the 'i'. Below it are four small green seedlings growing out of brown soil. A blue curved line is at the bottom left. The Trinity Methodist Church logo is in the bottom right corner.

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

**Sunday 22 February | 3.00pm to 5.00pm**

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## *Divorce Care Course*



**Thursday 26 February**  
**13 weeks**  
**6.30 pm to 8.30pm**



**R250 - includes your manual**

Feeling hurt, confused, angry and overwhelmed by a separation or divorce?

Divorce Care is a once-a-week interactive course designed to support and to help you to process the effects of a divorce.

**Thursday 26th February for 13 weeks | 6.30 pm to 8.30pm**

Cost: R250 – includes your own manual.

Register here: <https://find.divorcecare.org/groups/288945> or contact Lorraine for further information at [lorrainefranklin1972@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainefranklin1972@gmail.com)

### **Market Sunday and Blood Drive**

A poster for a Market Day and Blood Drive. It features an illustration of a stall with a green and blue striped awning, a table with various items, and a shelf with vases. To the right is the Trinity Methodist Church logo and the text "Market Day and Blood Drive". Below the illustration is the text "Sunday 1 March | After the 9.30am Services".

**Sunday 1 March | After the 9.30am Services**

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 Nomphelo in the office at [reception@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto: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 6 February | 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 'Rest is a Gift'.

### **Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12**

Join us this week for group connect our Thrive Friday Night Youth. There will be games, fun, snacks, and worship.

**Friday 6 February | 8.00pm to 10.00pm**



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



Join us on **Sunday morning 8 February | 9.30am.**

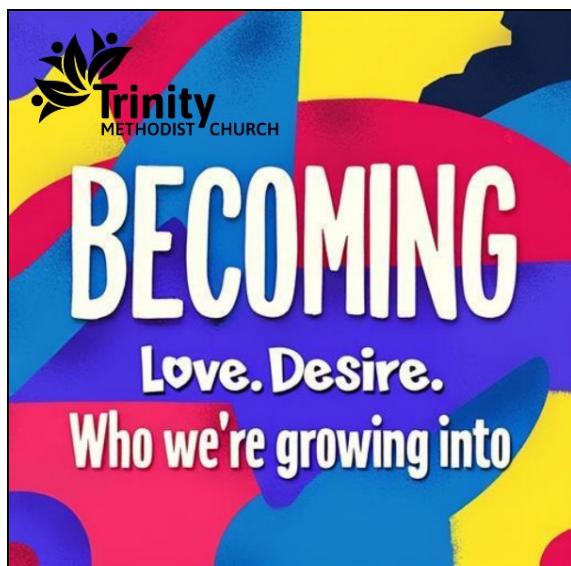
The theme for this term is 'Living God's Way' – a series on the 10 Commandments, and this week we are talking about 'Love Your Neighbour As Yourself'.

## Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us on Sunday morning **1 February | 9.30am or 11.30am** for Teen church!

'BECOMING — Who we're growing into', is starting this Sunday

Bring your friends — this is for everyone.



If you've ever wondered...  
“Is desire sinful?”  
“What does God think about attraction?”  
“How do I set boundaries without being ‘mean’?”  
“What does healthy even look like?”

Then this series is for you.

## Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13



Join us on **Sunday morning 8 February | 11.30am**, for our Sunday Morning Kopanang Service Children's Church.



## Save the Dates

*What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?*

- \* Thursday 5 February – Divorce Care Meeting
- \* Friday 6 February – Friday Evening Children and Youth
- \* Saturday 7 February – Mens' Fellowship
- \* 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 – Mens' Fellowship
- \* 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
- \* Saturday 7 March – Mens' Fellowship
- \* 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?*

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### ***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:



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

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We hold in our hearts those who are grieving:

The loved ones of Bunny Steel.

Information on her funeral is not yet available.

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

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

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### **We are praying for...**

This week, we pray for the opening of Parliament on Thursday and for the State of the Nation Address.

Focus your prayer on God's guidance for our leaders, that they may give fresh attention to the desperate poverty that has overwhelmed too many South Africans. Invite the congregation to silently bring before God any personal hopes for our nation in this new parliamentary year.

### **We're praying for...**



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



### **ReachOut Wishlist**

Uzima, the NGO supporting the Ezimbuzini Informal Settlement in Soweto, managed by Carol Dyanti, is looking for:

- Reading books for Grade 4 to Grade 10 in any of our 11 languages
- Professionals with legal, financial, and other relevant experience to

- offer advice or serve as Board members
- A LaserJet printer for printing the many reports which must be signed by beneficiaries they are supporting as per funder requirements
- 2 beds for a destitute family

If you can assist with any of the above, please email Angela at [pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za)

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### ***Places to Serve:***

#### **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 Dyanti.

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

Please email Angela at [pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za) to find out more.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:children@trinitylinden.org.za)

 Trinity  
METHODIST CHURCH

## 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](mailto:laypastor@trinitylinden.org.za)

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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](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za)

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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"*

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***Year in Review 2025***

**2025 Year In Review Video**



**[www.trinitylinden.org.za](http://www.trinitylinden.org.za)**

Here are some of the many highlights in the life of Trinity Methodist Church from 2025.

This is the full version of the video we played in our services this past Vision Sunday.



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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!

## ***Sacrificial Giving***



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### **Trinity Banking Details**

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

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## ***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**

## ***Pastoral Staff***

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

You Can Find Us On Google Maps Here

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