



### ***Good Things Come In Small Circles***

Some of the most significant moments in your life have not happened in crowds, but in small circles — around a dinner table, a braai, or a quiet conversation where something subtly shifted within you. Not because someone delivered a powerful speech, but because something real was happening *between* people.

This Sunday we reflect on the remarkable way God often works through small groups, shaping faith, forming character, and awakening transformation in the ordinary spaces of shared life.

See you here this Sunday as we gather in the slightly larger circle — the congregation you and I have the privilege to be part of.



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

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

- John Wessels

**9.30am Chapel | Connect Service**

- Brett Mordaunt

**11.30am Church | Kopanang Service**

- John Wessels

**6.30pm Chapel | 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 3 May 9.30am Fusion Service livestream here](#)

All our livestreams remain available on YouTube as videos after our services. You can access them on our YouTube channel at any time using this link:

[Trinity's YouTube Channel](#)

## Lectionary Readings

**This Sunday - 3 May**

*Fifth Sunday in Easter*

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

**Next Sunday - 10 May**

*Sixth Sunday in Easter*

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21



## Upcoming Events

### WA Jumble Sale

The Women's Auxiliary is holding their Jumble Sale this week.

**Saturday 2 May | 8.00am to 10.00am**

*All are welcome!*



### Mens' League

Our Men's League will meet every



## *Mens' League*

Every Second Saturday



**7.00am to 9.00am**

second Saturday at Trinity, and you are invited!

**Saturday 2 May | 7.00am to 9.00am**

Next dates: 16 May and 30 May.

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## *Prayer for Trinity*

Join us at our Trinity Prayer Morning.

**Saturday 9 May | 9.00am**

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



The ministries we will be praying for are Youth and Young Adults, Children and Young Families, Finance and Stewardship, and Worship.

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## *Christians In Action Cancer Support Tea*

Our CIA Cancer Support Ministry is celebrating their first anniversary, and they are organising a special tea.

**Saturday 9 May | 11.00am to**



*Christians in Action for Cancer*

**Fellowship Tea**  
**Saturday 9 May**  
**11.00am to 1.00pm**

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



**1.00pm**

There will be a guest speaker from the Cancer Association of South Africa.

You are invited to wear something lilac – a colour that represents all cancer.

*Open to people living with cancer and their loved ones. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us!*

## **Blood Drive**

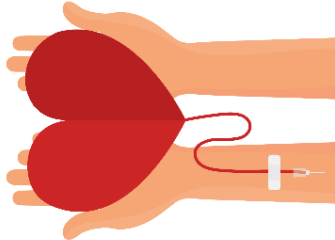

At Trinity we serve our community in many different ways. One of those ways, is to donate blood.

**Sunday 10 May | 8.00am to 1.30pm**

Whether you are new or a regular, it only takes a few minutes, you get juice and biscuits and maybe a gift, and you can save a life!

***Blood Drive***

**Sunday 10 May**  
**8.00am to 1.30pm**

## **Seniors**

Our fabulous Seniors ministry meets again, and Hilton Rens speaking on Security and how to

**Seniors**  
Every second Wednesday of the month



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be aware what goes on in our world.

**Wednesday 13 May | 9.30am**

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us.*

## **Ascension Services**

You are invited to join us at our Ascension service.

**Thursday 14 May | 9.30am & 6.30pm**

*All are welcome.*



**Ascension Service**



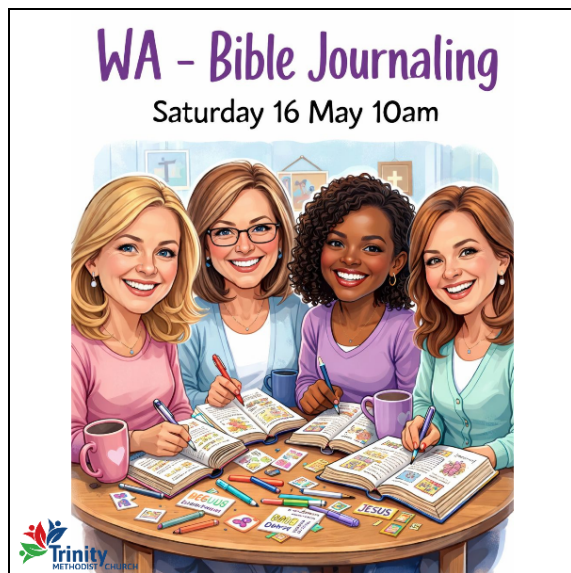
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## **Women's Auxiliary**

Bible Journaling at our next Meeting-  
16 May 10 am - 12 noon.

Our next Women's Auxiliary meeting is in May.

**Saturday 16 May | 10.00am to 12.00pm**



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## **Table Talk at Orange Farm**

We are just a few weeks away from the Table Talk event at Orange Farm!

The team, with the help of a group from The Place of Hope, has been very busy putting plans into place over the last few months. We're excited for what the day will hold and are trusting that it will be a really meaningful and impactful event.

We are needing your help in a few ways please...

1. We are still looking for a few more people to **facilitate** the small group discussions. You will need to be available for the whole day on 16 May and for training at Orange Farm on the Saturday morning a week earlier (9 May).
2. On the facilitator training day we will be serving sandwiches and biscuits at teatime and are looking for **volunteers to provide these eats**. There will be about 35 people at the training.
3. We would appreciate **prayer** for the remainder of the planning, for the training day and for the event itself. We also have a dedicated WhatsApp prayer group where specific Table Talk prayer

### **REAL HOPE IN JESUS**

**Eat together. Listen together. Talk together.**

Come and discover...

- Where is God?
- Real Hope in Jesus.
- Why was I born?





**Saturday 16 May**  
**8am - 5pm**

**Place of Hope**  
**7968 Drieziek 5,**  
**Orange Farm**

Lunch, snacks & drinks provided  
All are welcome  
Free • **Registration required** •  
Tshifhiwa 079 213 1067 | Liesl 083 995 3433

requests are posted and anyone is welcome to join that group.

If you're able to help out or would like to get involved with any of the above, please contact Liesl – 083 995 3433 or [lieslmaryhendry@gmail.com](mailto:lieslmaryhendry@gmail.com), as soon as possible.

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## ***Prayer & Care Volunteer Training***



For our next Prayer & Care Volunteer Training, the topic is 'Trauma Informed Care – caring in ways that promote safety, empowerment and trustworthiness'.

**Sunday 17 May | 2.00pm to 5.00pm**

RSVP: [care@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:care@trinitylinden.org.za)

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## ***Duke Student – Audra Marchese***

We are looking forward to getting a student from Duke University in the United States joining us again this year.

Her name is Audra Marchese.

She will be here with us at Trinity from **19 May to 28 July**.



If you live close-ish to Trinity, and you have accommodation available for her to use during her stay, please contact our office to let us know? You can connect with Melanie at 011 888 1740 or [info@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:info@trinitylinden.org.za).

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## **Seekers Camp**

We will be going on our first Seekers camp from 22 to 24 May, in the Hekpoort Valley, Magaliesburg.

Please keep our young people in your prayers. This year is so important in their faith journey!

We are asking (*begging*) for competent adults to help with transport of energetic teenagers there and back.

We aim to leave by 3.30pm on Friday afternoon, and come back by lunchtime on Sunday. Please WhatsApp our excited (*desperate*) Youth Pastor, Bronwyn, at 064 501 3709 or email [youth@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:youth@trinitylinden.org.za).

*(Seriously... This is always one of her biggest challenges. Please save us all from her panic!)*

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## **Africa Day – Combined Service**



Let us celebrate our combined African heritage at our combined Trinity service.

**Sunday 24 May | 9.30am**

Come dressed in your festive and colourful African finery!

*All are welcome!*

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## **Thriving Mental Health Support Group**

Our Mental Health Support Group continues the discussion in May on

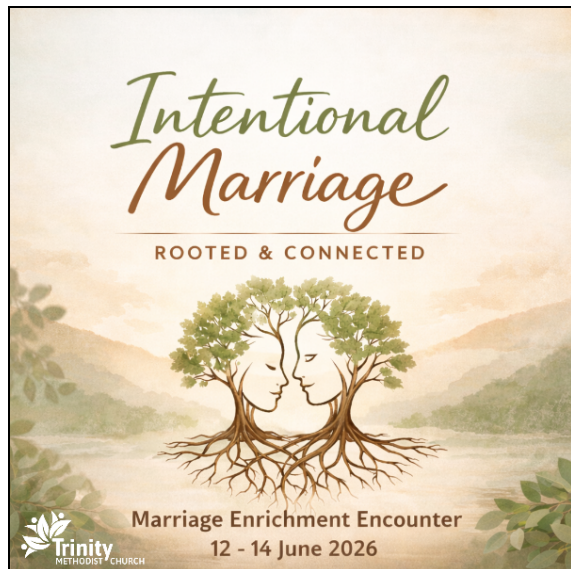
'processing the news and protecting our nervous systems'.

**Sunday 31 May | 3.00pm to 5.00pm**

*All are welcome. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us.*



## ***Marriage Enrichment Weekend Encounter***



Join us as we explore 'intentionality in marriage' – deepening our roots and strengthening our connection. For both newlyweds and long-time weds.

'Intentional Marriage – Rooted and Connected': Marriage Enrichment Weekend Encounter.

Sessions led by Sue and Cecil Edwards; Kate and Neil Waterston; and John & Angela Wessels.

**Friday 12 June | 6.00pm to 9.00pm | Supper included**

**Saturday 13 June | 9.00am to 4.00pm | Light lunch included**

**Sunday 14 June | 11.30am to 12.15pm | Closing service**

Cost: R500 per couple (subsidies are available)

Childcare will be available.

Please click below to find out more, and for payment information and registration.



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 is on a break this Friday, because it is Workers' Day!

Groovy Crew meets again on **Friday 8 May | 5.30pm to 7.30pm.**



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

Our Thrive Friday Night Youth is on a break this Friday, because it is Workers' Day!

Our Thrive Youth Ministry meets again on **Friday 8 May | 8.00pm to 10.00pm.**



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## Young Adults

The Gathering is on a break this Friday, because it is Workers' Day!

We will meet again on **Friday 8 May | 8.00pm to 10.00pm**



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

Join us on **Sunday 3 May | 9.30am** for Sparkling Kids Club.

This term our theme is 'Following Jesus Every Day', and this week we will be talking about 'Jesus Forgives'.

*All are welcome!*



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## ***Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12, & Sunday Morning Kopanang Teens – Gr 8 to Gr 12***

Join us on **Sunday Morning 3 May | 9.30am or 11.30am** for Teen Church.

We will be doing something a little different!



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## ***Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13***

Join us on **Sunday Morning 3 May | 11.30am** for our Kopanang Kids.

*All are welcome!*



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## Save the Dates

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

- \* Friday 1 May – Workers' Day
- \* Friday 1 May – NO Friday Evening Children, Youth, Young Adults
- \* Saturday 2 May – Mens' League
- \* Saturday 2 May – WA Jumble Sale
- \* Friday 8 May – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- \* Friday 8 May – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- \* Saturday 9 May – Prayer for Trinity
- \* Saturday 9 May – CIA Cancer Support Tea
- \* Sunday 10 May – Mothers' Day
- \* Sunday 10 May – Blood Drive
- \* Wednesday 13 May – Seniors
- \* Thursday 14 May – Ascension Day Services
- \* Friday 15 May – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- \* Friday 15 May – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- \* Saturday 16 May – Women's Auxiliary
- \* Saturday 16 May – Men's League
- \* Saturday 16 May – Table Talk Orange Farm
- \* Sunday 17 May – Prayer and Care Volunteer Training
- \* Tuesday 19 May to 28 July – Duke Student: Audra Marchese

- \* Wednesday 20 May to Saturday 24 May – Synod
- \* Friday 22 May – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- \* Friday 22 May – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- \* 22–24 May – Seekers Camp
- \* 26 April to 24 May – '[Gather, Give, Grow](#)' Sermon Series
- \* Sunday 24 May – Pentecost
- \* Sunday 24 May – Africa Day Combined Service 9.30am
- \* Monday 25 May – Africa Day
- \* Friday 29 May – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- \* Friday 29 May – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- \* Saturday 30 May – WA Jumble Sale
- \* Saturday 30 May – Men's League
- \* Sunday 31 May – Lectionary Sermon Series
- \* Sunday 31 May – Market Sunday
- \* Sunday 31 May – Thriving Mental Health Support Group
- \* Friday 5 June – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- \* Friday 5 June – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- \* Friday 12 to Sunday 14 June – Marriage Enrichment Weekend Encounter

*All Trinity services and events are open to all. You do not need to be a member of Trinity to attend. Who are you inviting?*

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

With Workers' Day this week, we turn our hearts to the reality of unemployment in our country.

Across South Africa, millions are without work – not for lack of willingness, skill, or effort, but because opportunities are scarce and unevenly distributed. This affects not only individuals, but families, communities, and the dignity of our nation. We pray for justice in our economy, for ethical leadership, for job creation, and for systems that uplift rather than exclude.

In our own communities, there are those quietly carrying the burden of joblessness – waking up each day with uncertainty, financial strain, and often a deep sense of discouragement. We pray for local businesses, for growth and sustainability, and for doors to open where they have long remained shut. May we become more aware of the needs around us, and less quick to assume that everyone is “coping.”

Among us, in our own congregation, there may be those who are searching, waiting, or barely holding things together. We hold them before God with compassion, not judgment. We pray for resilience, for hope in the waiting, and for unexpected provision.

But we do not stop at prayer alone: Even if we cannot offer employment, we are not powerless. We can encourage without patronising. We can listen without trying to fix. We can share opportunities, networks, and information. We can support small businesses, recommend services, and advocate for fairness in our own workplaces. We can give where there is need, and restore dignity in how we treat others.

May our prayers move us toward action, our awareness toward compassion, and our faith toward justice.



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

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

**Trinity**  
METHODIST CHURCH

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### ***A Rocha | John Stott Birding Day***

A Rocha is calling all churches, home groups and individuals in SA!

You're invited to participate in the John Stott Memorial Birding Day on 9th May, a global event run by A Rocha in partnership with the Cornell Lab/Bird

## Global Big Day.

Our goal on the day as the A Rocha Worldwide Family is to record 2,000 species globally, matching the total in theologian John Stott's life list. Our data, which will be submitted to eBird, will help to improve understanding of global bird populations.

Choose your way to participate:

- Bird Race – Form a team of up to 6 and log as many species as you can in 24 hours via Bird. If you're in JHB, join our action team at Marievale from 7:15 – 11 am. Meet at the Marievale car park. Contact Margie on 0828354399 for more info.
- Photo Competition – Submit your best bird photo (categories for adults and under-16s).
- Reflective Retreat – Download our guide and spend time outside with God and His creation.

Register and find out more here: [https://johnstottbirdingday.com/](https://johnstottbirdingday/)

## Tshepo Market

Please support Tshepo's upcoming market! Tshepo is a wonderful community organisation in our area.

**Saturday 9 May | 9.00am to 3.00pm**

Corner of Pendoring and Weltevreden Roads, Northcliff.



**Winter Warmer Drive**

**WINTER IS AROUND THE CORNER AND A WOOL BANK IS HERE!**

Are you able to knit, to help keep some bodies warm?  
We're asking for many to volunteer for this important ministry to the less fortunate, before the winter freeze sets in.

**DON'T HAVE WOOL, BUT YOU'RE PREPARED TO KNIT?**  
No problem... we'll supply the wool, needles, and patterns

**OR**

**YOU HAVE WOOL, BUT NO TIME TO KNIT?**  
No problem... we'd love to relieve you of your excess wool and needles

From 29 March, please look for the container marked **WOOL BANK**  
Either add your wool, needles and/or patterns, or take what you need to be a part of this project.

**What products are needed?**  
Beanies | Scarves | Mittens

**Who are the items for?**  
The ministries supported by the REACHOUT Portfolio

**When does the RO Portfolio need the items by?**  
31st May 2026

For more details contact:  
Leanne 076 556 8620 | Lorna 079 645 1647

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Our Winter Warmer Drive is here and the Reach Out portfolio is asking for beanies, scarves and gloves for our recipients. These can be dropped off on a Sunday or at the church office during the week. This will operate as a bank – feel free to take wool and return the knitted items to us for the Winter Warmer drive OR deposit any of your own unused wool or needles into the bank. You will find the wool containers in the foyer of the church and chapel.

Who are the items for? The ministries supported by the REACHOUT Portfolio

When does the RO Portfolio need the items by? 31 May 2026

For more details contact: Leanne 076 556 8620 | Lorna 079 645 1647



*Saturday Manyano*

When our Saturday Manyano ladies meet at Trinity, our campus

is so bright and colourful in their cheerful and bright red uniforms.



## Seniors



Our Seniors met in April for merriment, fellowship, entertainment, and tea.

Martin Lane - an accomplished pianist - came to visit us, and shared his musical talents on the morning.

Our seniors meet again on Wednesday 13 May.




## About Us

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

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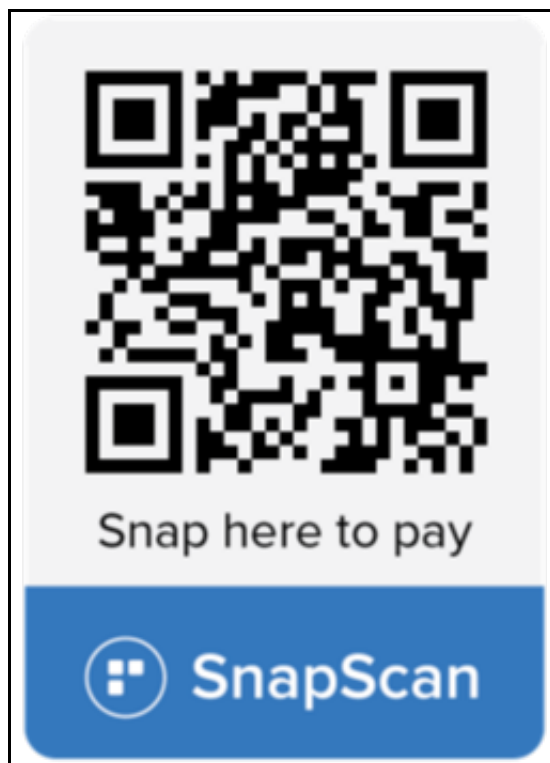
**Here's how to join:**

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.

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

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## ***Sacrificial Giving***



### **Trinity Banking Details**

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

You can learn all about sacrificial giving on our website here:  
<https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/church-life/giving/>

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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](#)

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## ***Pastoral Staff***

### **John Wessels**

- Reverend

### **Londeka Mabaso**

- Reverend

### **Brett Mordaunt**

- Lay Pastor

### **Bronwyn Delport**

- Youth & Young Adults Pastor

### **Ally Senyard**

- Children & Young Families Pastor

### **Angela Wessels**

- Care and Counselling

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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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