



***No Sales Pitch Required***

Many of us struggle to share our faith — whether through evangelism, or simply inviting friends, neighbours, colleagues, or family to church.

But this Sunday we explore why some of that resistance may actually be well founded... and why the way forward may be far more natural, gracious, and life-giving than we imagined.

Come curious. See you here this Sunday.



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** *with Holy Communion (also live-streamed)*

– John Wessels

**9.30am Chapel | Connect Service**

– Londeka Mabaso

**11.30am Church | Kopanang Service**

– Brett Mordaunt

**6.30pm Chapel | Home Service**

– Londeka Mabaso

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 17 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](#)

## 'Gather, Give, Grow' Sermon Series Info and Links

### **Lectionary Readings**

**This Sunday - 17 May**

*Sunday in Ascensiontide*

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

**Next Sunday - 24 May**

*Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

### **Ascension Service**



You are invited to join us at our Ascension service TONIGHT.

**Thursday 14 May | 6.30pm**

*All are welcome.*

At our Ascension Service this morning we were experiencing electricity issues that meant that we could not live-stream our service.

However, we did record a video that is available on our YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/EMFJEbV3rP0>



***We need your help, please!***

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).

We especially need people to collect teens on Sunday!

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

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### ***Winter Warmer Drive – Ending on 31 May***

Our collection ends on Sunday 31 May.

There is still time to collect wool after the services and knit for us or to donate woollen scarves, beanies or gloves for the Winter Warmth Drive.

A WINTER 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.

**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

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.

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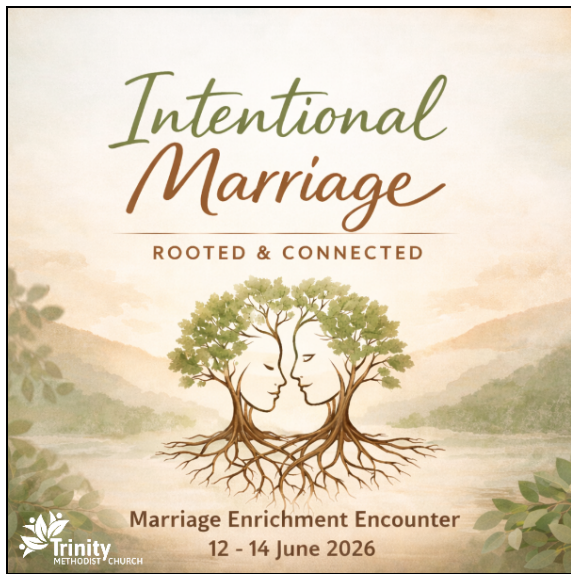
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## Upcoming Events

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

***Please book by 1 June!***

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. Bookings close on 1 June.

[Marriage Enrichment Encounter](#)

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## ***Matric Meeting***

All our Matrics are invited to join us for our first Matric Meet-up.

Here we will connect, encourage, support, and pray with each other – it is a space for togetherness and

common ground.

**Saturday 16 May | 9.00am to  
10.00am | Youth Hall**

*All are welcome. You don't have to be  
a member of Trinity to join us!*



# Matric MEET UP

Connect. Encourage. Support. Pray.





Trinity Methodist Church - Youth Hall

## **Women's Auxiliary**

### **WA - Bible Journaling**

Saturday 16 May 10am



Our next Women's Auxiliary meeting is in May, and we will be doing Bible Journalling.

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

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

## **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.

## 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

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 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 – POSTPONED***

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

**Pastoral Care and Prayer Volunteers**



**Prayer and Care Volunteers Training**

**POSTPONED**

**Sunday 26 July  
2.00pm to 5.00pm**



Trinity  
METHODIST CHURCH  
www.trinitylinden.org.za

**POSTPONED to Sunday 26 July |  
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**.



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## ***Africa Day – Combined Service***

Let us celebrate our combined African heritage, Pentecost, and Wesley Day at our festive combined Trinity service.

**Sunday 24 May | 9.30am**

Come dressed in your creative and



colourful African finery, and join us afterwards for an African-themed bring-and-share potluck lunch.

*All are welcome!*

## 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.*



**Young People**

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



Groovy Crew is meeting on **Friday 15 May | 5.30pm to 7.30pm.**

Join us for games night, where we will play board games, sports, chalk games, and running games.

*All are welcome.*

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

Our Thrive Youth Ministry is meeting on **Friday 15 May | 8.00pm to 10.00pm.**

Come and join us to find out what 'Mission: Eggspossible' is. (*I don't know either - J*)

*All are welcome!*



## Young Adults

The Gathering is meeting again on **Friday 15 May | 8.00pm to 10.00pm.**

This is a space where young adults get together and build friendships, have conversations, and share



time together.

*All are welcome!*

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

Join us on **Sunday 17 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 Helps Me To Do Right'.

*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 17 May | 9.30am or 11.30am** for Teen Church.

We will be follow the 'Gather, Give, Grow' sermon series.



*All are welcome.*

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

Join us on **Sunday Morning 17 May**  
| **11.30am** for our Kopanang Kids.

*All are welcome!*



## **Save the Dates**

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

- \* 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
- \* Saturday 16 May – Matric Meetup
- \* 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: Please pray for 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 – Africa Day Combined Service 9.30am
- \* Sunday 24 May – Pentecost
- \* Sunday 24 May – Aldersgate Day
- \* 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
- \* Saturday 6 June – Courageous Conversations
- \* Wednesday 10 June – Seniors
- \* Saturday 13 June – Men's League
- \* Friday 12 to Sunday 14 June – Marriage Enrichment Weekend Encounter
- \* Tuesday 16 June – Youth Day

*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...***

From 20 to 24 May, Methodists in the whole connexion will have leadership gatherings. This is called a Synod, where all ministers and leaders meet to reflect on the mission and ministry of the Church. Our district Synod will be at the Southrand Circuit next to Southgate.

Please pray for the Spirit of God to lead and guide all the conversations and decisions that will be taken in the Synods. Some districts will do elections, please pray that they be Spirit-inspired. Decisions that get taken at the Synod influence how we do mission as a Connexion, and they lead to the edition and changing of the church laws.

Please pray that all the ministers and delegates will listen to the whispering of the Spirit, so that our journey forward will be the journey of the Spirit, not our will.

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

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



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***We hold in our hearts those who are grieving the loss of...***

**Joey (Josephina) Muller**

Service details still to be confirmed.

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

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***A Rocha | Birding Talk***

Come hear from Ronel Steenkamp,  
an excellent birder who runs the  
wildlife management programme,

with Melissa Hoffman, at the ORT airport to reduce the number of bird strikes by planes. Come and hear how she has trained non-birders to identify different birds.


**Friday 15 May | 17:30 to 20:00**

RSVP: Margie 082 835 4399

ECO-TALK A ROCHA SOUTH AFRICA

## Not the only ones in the sky

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Friday <b>15</b> May	17:30 to 20:00 44 Pitcairn Rd, Blairgowrie RSVP: Margie 082 835 4399
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Soup and homemade bread for sale or bring your own picnic.  
R60 attendance donation



### ***Ascension Service***

This morning we had 70 people attending our Ascension service.

Will you be joining us at 6.30pm for our evening service?



### ***Worship Leader***



Jez Gough was our pianist and worship leader at our 9.30am Connect service in the chapel this past Sunday, and our intrepid photographer Marj Cloete caught him in the moment.

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### ***Mothers' Day Celebration***

Thank you to Zelda and the decor and flowers team, who made Mothers' Day feel very festive this past Sunday!



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### ***Africa Day Celebration Service***

If you would like to join us at our festive and celebratory Africa Day combined service on Sunday 24 May, please speak to our ladies and gentlebears at the registration table on Sunday after the services.



## About Us

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METHODIST CHURCH



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:**

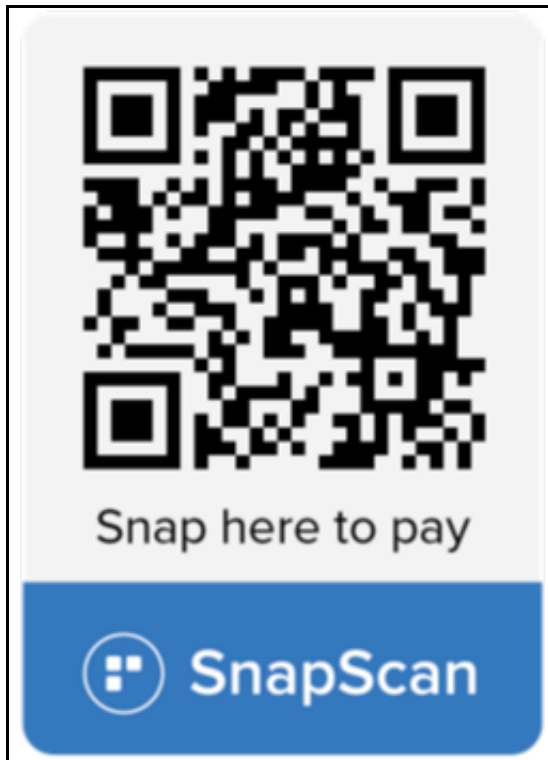
1. Send us a WhatsApp message that says "Please add me" + your name to 071 089 9694.
2. Very important! Save that number in your contacts – otherwise,

WhatsApp won't deliver the messages.

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

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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](#)

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

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## Pastoral Staff

### [John Wessels](#)

- Reverend

### [Londeka Mabaso](#)

- Reverend

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- Lay Pastor

### [Bronwyn Delport](#)

- Youth & Young Adults Pastor

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- Children & Young Families Pastor

### [Angela Wessels](#)

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