



God's Voice

What if you've been listening to God's voice for years... without realising it?

It sounds outrageous—but it might just be one of the most hopeful ideas in the Gospel.

Join us this Sunday as we revisit the Prodigal Son and discover why recognising the One who has always been calling us transforms not only who we are, but how we live.



Embracing God's Will
Learning To Trust God's Heart
2 August

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

– YMG

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 2 August 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 – 2 August

Ordinary Time

Genesis 32:22–31

Psalms 17:1–7, 15

Romans 9:1–5

Matthew 14:13–21

Next Sunday – 9 August

Ordinary Time

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28

Psalms 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b

Romans 10:5–15

Matthew 14:22–33



Upcoming Events

Strategic Planning Morning



We start the process of discerning God's dreams for and through Trinity, in 2027 and beyond.

Saturday 1 August | 8.30am – 1.00pm

YOU are part of our community, and are welcome and encouraged to join us! Your thoughts and presence add to the richness and fullness of this process.

As we begin shaping our strategic direction for 2027 and beyond, our purpose is not simply to identify new projects or solve problems. Rather, we want to prayerfully discern God's invitation to Trinity at this time in our life together.

During the day we will listen carefully to one another, reflect on the findings of our Natural Church Development survey, consider what these insights may be revealing about the life of our congregation, and spend time in prayerful silence seeking the Spirit's leading.

Together we will explore what God may be calling us to become, where growth and renewal may be needed, and which priorities should shape our future.

Seekers' Weekend

Our confirmands are going on a Seekers Weekend, 31 July to 2 August.

Please pray for this group of young people and their leaders, as they grow in their faith journey together with God.

Old Testament Survey Course

Module 4 of the Old Testament Survey Course covers the Major Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel to Daniel.

Tuesday 4 August | 6.30pm

All are welcome. You do not have to have attended any previous modules to join us.



You can find more information and registration here: <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/old-testament-survey-course/>

Divorce Care Course

Our next Divorce Care course starts



Thursday 6 August
13 weeks
6.30pm to 8.30pm

Cost: R250
 - includes your manual



www.trinitylinden.org.za

in August, and runs for 13 weeks.

Thursday 6 August | 6.30pm to 8.30pm

The cost of R250pp includes your manual.

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

We welcome those currently facing or still healing from a divorce or separation. This will be a safe space in which to gain support and strength to assist with this process.

Some of the weekly themes are: deep hurt; road to recovery; anger; grief & depression; loneliness; financial & legal issues; and so much more!

You can find more information and registration here: <https://find.divorcecare.org/groups/296481>

Mens' League

You are invited to join us for our men's ministry at any time! We meet every second Saturday morning.

Saturday 8 August | 7.00am to 9.00am



Mens' League

Every Second Saturday

🕒 7.00am - 9.00am



Trinity Retreat – A Tapestry of Grace

Registration is open for our Trinity Retreat.

Our theme is 'A TAPESTRY OF GRACE', based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.



Place: Trinity Methodist Church
Cost: R250 (Subsidies available)

Friday 7 August: 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

Saturday 8 August: 8.30am to 5.30pm, followed by a potjiekos feast.

Sunday 9 August: Celebratory closing service at the 11.30am Kopanang service.

[Click here to register online.](#) Registrations close on 3 August.

All are welcome – children and youth are also invited! You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us.

How you can help:

Please let us know if you are willing to help us with making a potjie on Saturday, or if you could lend us a pot. Contact Nomphele at 011 888 1740 or email reception@trinitylinden.org.za

Seniors

Our seniors are meeting in August.
We are having an organ recital with Jonathan Vieler.

Wednesday 12 August | 9.30 for 9.45 | Sanctuary | Tea to follow

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



Is AI Safe For My Child? – Parents' Workshop

Is AI safe for my child?

What is AI? How does it work?
How can I work with AI so it is beneficial?
How can AI be integrated into learning?

Trinity Methodist Church | 15 August 2026 | 9am - 11am
Parents | Caregivers | Guardians | Anyone working with children




www.trinitylinden.org.za | children@trinitylinden.org.za | 011 888 1740

 Curious about Artificial Intelligence and what it means for you and your family?

Join us on **Saturday 15 August | 9.00am – 11.00am | FREE**

This is for parents, caregivers, guardians, and anyone working with children. We'd love to see you there!

Join us for this free, practical workshop featuring three guest speakers who will explore:

- What AI is and how it works
- How AI can be used responsibly and for our benefit
- How AI can support learning and education

Whether you're a parent, educator, student, or simply interested in understanding AI, this workshop is designed to give you practical insights and helpful tools for navigating our rapidly changing world.

Table Talk: Farina

Our next Table Talk evening will be held at Farina Restaurant, across the road from Trinity.

Wednesday 19 August | 6.30pm – 9.00pm | Cost: R50pp

You are encouraged to invite family, friends, neighbours and colleagues for an evening of pizza and conversation.



John Wessels will be speaking about 'What Your Dreams May Be Saying – A Non-Religious Introduction to Dream Interpretation'.

Please register by calling Nomphele in the office at 011 888 1740 or online at <https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/table-talk/>

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

SHAPE Course

The logo for the SHAPE course, with 'SHAPE' in large, colorful block letters (S: blue, H: red, A: white, P: green, E: black) and 'course' in a blue script font below it.

S - Spiritual Gifts: God's unique gifts to you
H - Heart: What motivates and excites you; what you love to do?
A - Abilities: Your talents, knowledge and skills
P - Personality: Your character, personal qualities and strengths
E - Experience: Your life experiences and what you've gained from them

**Starts Thursday 20 August
7.00pm to 8.30pm**

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Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Find out this – and more – about your spirituality at the 5-week SHAPE Course.

Thursday 20 August | 7.00pm – 8.30pm

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



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

This Friday at GroovyCrew we will be having an Opposite Day 🤪 we'll be playing some opposite and backwards games 👁️ come dressed in your craziest mismatched, opposite and backwards clothes 🧢👟

Friday 31 July | 5.30pm – 7.30pm



Thrive | Friday Night Youth – Gr 8 to Gr 12



'What do you think Heaven is like?'

George, Jasmine and Zain will be ready to welcome you at our Thrive Friday Night Youth Ministry.

Friday 24 July | 8.00pm – 10.00pm

All are welcome!

The Gathering – Young Adults

Our 'The Gathering' Young Adults get together every week.

Friday 31 July | 8.00pm to
10.00pm

All are welcome!



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

Sparkling Kids Club
This term:
Heroes of Faith

Sunday Mornings
9.30am & 11.30am

Sunday, 2 August

Abraham - Trusting God's Promises

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ." – 2 Corinthians 1:20

Meet outside the chapel for worship.

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Join us on Sunday for Sparkling Kids Club!

Sunday 2 August | 9.30am

This term we will be learning about the Heroes of Faith, and this week's Hero is Abraham ✨ We will hear his story, and learn about trusting God's promises 🙏

Sunday Morning Teen Church – Gr 8 to Gr 12, &

Sunday Morning Kopanang Teens – Gr 8 to Gr 12

Join us this Sunday for worship and fellowship at Teen Church.

We will be discussing the 'Embracing God's Will' sermon series.

Sunday 2 August | 9.30am OR

11.30am

See you there!



Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids – Ages 2 to 13



Our Sunday Morning Kopanang Kids Children's Ministry meets every Sunday.

Sunday 2 August | 11.30am

All are welcome!

A logo for 'Save the Dates' featuring a stylized graphic of three people in red, green, and blue above the text 'Save the Dates' in a blue serif font.

Save the Dates

What is coming up at Trinity Methodist Church Linden?

- * Thursday 30 July – Divorce Support Group
- * Friday 31 July – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 31 July – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Friday 31 July – Sunday 2 August – Seekers Camp

- * Saturday 1 August – Strategic Planning Morning
- * Tuesday 4 August – [Old Testament Survey](#): Module 4
- * Thursday 6 August to 5 November – [Divorce Care Course](#)
- * Friday 7 August – NO Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 7 August – NO 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Friday 7 to Sunday 9 August – Trinity Weekend Retreat
- * Saturday 8 August – Mens' League
- * Sunday 9 August – Womens' Day
- * Monday 10 August – Public Holiday
- * Wednesday 12 August – Seniors
- * Friday 14 August – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 14 August – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Saturday 15 August – Womens' Auxiliary
- * Saturday 15 August – Parents' Workshop
- * Wednesday 19 August – [Table Talk: Farina](#)
- * Thursday 20 August – SHAPE Course
- * Friday 21 August – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 21 August – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Saturday 22 August – Mens' League
- * Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August – Sermon Series – [Embracing God's Will](#)
- * Friday 28 August – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 28 August – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Sunday 30 August – Market Sunday
- * Sunday 30 August – Thriving Wellness Group
- * Friday 4 September – Friday Evening Children & Youth
- * Friday 4 September – 'The Gathering' Young Adults
- * Saturday 5 September – CIA Cancer Support Tea
- * Saturday 12 September – Praying for Trinity

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?



We are praying for...

This week we pray for the U.S.–Israel–Iran war, which has deteriorated badly in the last month and now also involves Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, and other Gulf states.

We pray inspired by the words of Micah and Isaiah, who proclaim God's vision of the nations gathering for justice: "They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more".

Guidance for prayer:

- Most importantly, pray on the tragedy that, as a human family, we have become far more committed to **learning the ways of war** than **learning the ways of peace**.
- We pray around this contrast. We invest immense resources in the ways of war: military academies, defence colleges, weapons research, intelligence networks, military alliances, and vast defence budgets. Yet we invest comparatively little in the ways of peace: peacemaking, reconciliation, restorative justice, conflict resolution, and the patient, often unseen work of diplomacy.
- Pray that God would inspire leaders and nations to devote greater resources, imagination, and determination to building peace than to preparing for war.
- Pray that the vision of Micah and Isaiah would increasingly become the vision of our world, and that Christ's way of reconciliation would shape both our common life and our own daily relationships.

We're praying for...



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





Community Service Day Ideas

The Reach Out Portfolio is starting to plan our Community Service Day – a day in which we plan opportunities for congregation members to get involved in outreach activities. We are looking for ideas for the day. It takes place on Saturday 24th October.

Criteria: a once-off project / activity that can be undertaken by a group of Trinity members on the day – it usually involves undertaking a practical type activity which will make a difference to the recipients and to those offering the service. We are looking for projects around the greater Linden area. There is budget allocated to this.

Please contact Angela at pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za with your ideas.

End of Blood Drive

The SANBS has indicated that Trinity does not meet the minimum needed donations to justify having a regular blood drive, so sadly these will come to an end.

However, we encourage you to continue to serve our community in this valuable way, by finding a local blood bank or blood drive close to you, and to continue donating there regularly. You can find more information at customerservice@sanbs.org.za or at <https://sanbs.org.za/>



Goodbye, dear Audra!

The 10 weeks that Audra, a student from Duke University in USA, spent at Trinity seemed to have flown by, and sadly, this week we had to say goodbye.

Meeting her, and having her here as a part of our team, was an absolute delight! Thank you Audra, for the joy and wisdom and laughter and support you brought to Trinity.

May God bless you wherever you go! You are invited to visit again soon!



Women's Manyano

The ladies of the Women's Manyano always look so striking in their beautiful red, white, and black uniforms!

Here they are, at a meeting held at Trinity on Saturday 13 June.





Wonderful Volunteers



One of the places where you can serve God and our community, is at our soup kitchen on a Saturday.

You can connect with our office if you would like to join a team, or if your home group would like a turn to help.

This team was serving on Saturday 13 June.



Happy birthday, Brett!

At our staff meeting last week, we celebrated Brett's birthday with cake and lots of candles.

Thank you, Brett, for spending your birthday with us. May you have many more!



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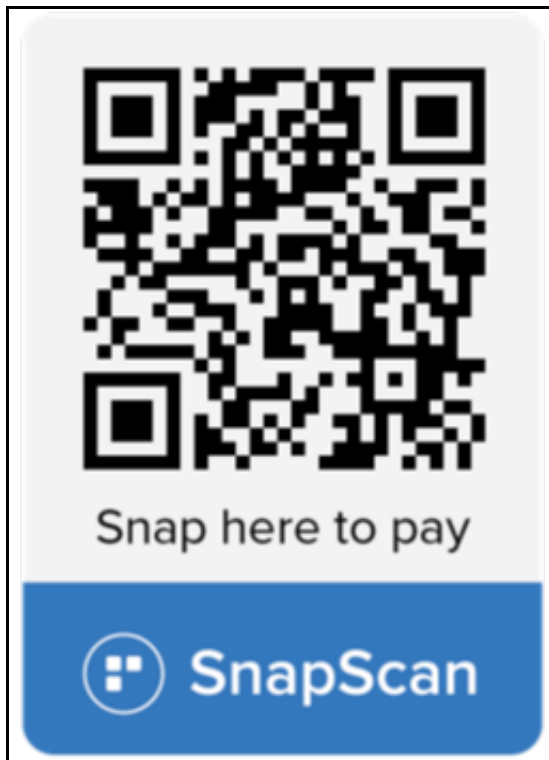
Here's how to join:

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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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/](https://www.trinitylinden.org.za/church-life/giving/)

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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