



### ***Listening to God in Scripture***

Many people who come to church have spent years learning how to read the Bible, but far fewer people have been taught how to listen to it. Reading asks, "What does this passage say?" Listening also asks, "What might God be saying to me through this today?"

The Hebrew word Shema, usually translated simply as "hear," means much more than just hearing words. It carries the idea of really listening—paying attention, taking to heart and responding. In other words, Shema isn't simply about hearing God's voice; it's about allowing what we hear to shape the way we live.

This Sunday we will be reminded that God has always been speaking. Trevor Hudson writes that when we are reading Scripture, "We are not interacting with paper. We are listening to its Living Author." Are we opening the Bible simply to finish a reading plan or find an answer, or are we expecting to encounter the living God? Scripture is not simply

information to collect or ideas to understand; it also involves listening with hearts that are ready to respond.



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*

– Brett Mordaunt

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

– Brett Mordaunt

**9.30am Chapel | Connect Service**

– John Wessels

**11.30am Church | Kopanang Service**

– Londeka Mabaso

**6.30pm Chapel | Home Service**

– 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 9 August 9.30am Fusion Service livestream here](#)

[Lectionary Preaching Series Info and Links](#)

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## ***Lectionary Readings***

**This 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

**Next Sunday – 16 August**

*Ordinary Time*

Genesis 45:1–15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

Matthew 15:10–28

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## **Upcoming Events**

### ***Divorce Care Course***



**Thursday 6 August**  
**13 weeks**  
**6.30pm to 8.30pm**



Cost: R250  
- includes your manual

Our next Divorce Care course starts in August, and runs for 13 weeks.

**TONIGHT, 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.*

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### ***Trinity Retreat – A Tapestry of Grace***

Please keep our Trinity Weekend Retreat in prayer!

**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.



Trinity Retreat  
*A Tapestry of Grace*

**Friday 7 August:**  
6.00pm - 9.00pm

**Saturday 8 August:**  
8.30am - 5.30pm,  
followed by a potjiekos feast

**Sunday 9 August:**  
Closing @ 11.30am Kopanang Service

Trinity Methodist Church  
Cost: R250 (subsidies available)

REGISTER TODAY  
011 888 1740  
reception@trinitylinden.org.za

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## Seniors



*Seniors*

Every second Wednesday of the month

Trinity  
METHODIST CHURCH

For more: 011 888 1740 | reception@trinitylinden.org.za

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

🤖 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!

## 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



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.

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## Women's Auxiliary



Tsakani Mhlongo from Open Doors Africa is speaking at our next WA event about 'The persecution and discrimination suffered by Christians in Africa'

**Saturday 15 August | 10.00am - 12.00pm**

*All are welcome!*

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## 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.*

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## 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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011 888 1740      [info@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:info@trinitylinden.org.za)

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.*

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## Mens' League

Due to the long weekend and the

Trinity Retreat Weekend, there will be NO Men's League on Saturday 8 August.

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

**Saturday 22 August | 7.00am to 9.00am**



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## ***Market Sunday***



Our next Market Day is coming up!

**Sunday 30 August | Before and after the 9.30am services**

If you would like to have a table, please contact Nomphele in the office on 011 888 1740 or at [reception@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:reception@trinitylinden.org.za)

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## ***Thriving Wellness Group***

Thriving Wellness Group. Mind. Body. Soul. We are meeting again in August.

**Sunday 30 August | 3.00pm – 5.00pm**

*All are welcome. You do not have to*

*be a member of Trinity to join us.*



## ***CIA Cancer Support Group***



Our Christians in Action group is hosting a cancer support tea in September.

**Saturday 5 September | 11.00am – 1.00pm**

*This is open to any people living with cancer and their loved ones. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us.*

## ***Spring Family Picnic***

Join us for our annual family picnic and a morning of field games and board games.

**Saturday 5 September | 10.00am – 1.00pm | Delta Park** opposite the scouts/girl guides hall. 🌈

Please bring your own picnic

basket, picnic blanket and/or chairs. 🧺 All games will be provided. 🍌 🧑🏻

Bring your family to meet our family!

hosted by  **Trinity** METHODIST CHURCH

## SPRING FAMILY PICNIC

5 September 2026 | 10:00 - 13:00  
Delta Park, opposite the scouts/girl guides hall

Join us for a picnic and a time of games.

Please bring your own picnic basket, picnic blanket and chairs. All games will be provided!

Board games | Field games

Contact Ally for more information  
074 430 4911 || [children@trinitylinden.org.za](mailto:children@trinitylinden.org.za)

# 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***

**GroovyCrew**  
Friday Night Children's Ministry

*Friday, 7 August*  
**No GroovyCrew**

Due to the long weekend and the Trinity Retreat Weekend, there will be no GroovyCrew this Friday

Friday Nights  
5.30pm - 7.30pm  
Ages 5 - 13



Due to the long weekend and the Trinity Retreat Weekend, there will be NO GroovyCrew this Friday.

See you again on **Friday 14 August**  
**| 5.30pm – 7.30pm**

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

Due to the long weekend and the

Trinity Retreat Weekend, there will be NO Thrive Friday Night Youth this Friday.

See you again on **Friday 14 August | 8.00pm - 10.00pm**



### ***The Gathering – Young Adults***



Due to the long weekend and the Trinity Retreat Weekend, there will be NO The Gathering this Friday.

See you again on **Friday 14 August | 8.00pm - 10.00pm**

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

Join us on Sunday for Sparkling Kids Club!

**Sunday 9 August | 9.30am**

This term we will be learning about the Heroes of Faith, and this week's Hero is Joseph ✨ we will hear his story, and learn about trusting God even when things are

difficult 🙏

**Sparkling Kids Club**  
This term:  
**Heroes of Faith**

Sunday Mornings  
9.30am & 11.30am

Sunday, 9 August

Grades 0 - 7

**Joseph - Trusting God when life is hard.**  
"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28 (NIV)  
**Meet outside the chapel for worship.**



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## ***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 9 August | 9.30am OR 11.30am**

*See you there!*

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

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

**Sunday 9 August | 11.30am**

*All are welcome!*



## Save the Dates

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

- \* 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 – NO 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 – Spring Family Picnic
- \* 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?*

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

This Sunday we remember National Women's Day, commemorating the march of 20,000 women to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956. United across backgrounds, they stood against injustice and affirmed the dignity and worth of every person. Their courage continues to inspire us to seek justice, compassion and hope.

As we pray, we remember the many women in South Africa who face poverty, unemployment, gender-based violence, discrimination, xenophobia, and the daily burden of caring for their families under difficult circumstances. We lift up single mothers, grandmothers raising grandchildren, widows, women who are grieving or living with illness, and young girls growing up in uncertain and sometimes unsafe environments.

Let us pray:

- Give thanks for the women who faithfully shape our families, communities and nation.
- Pray for the protection of women and girls, and for an end to gender-based violence, abuse, and exploitation.

- Pray for justice, dignity and equal opportunities in education, employment and leadership.
- Pray for healing, strength and hope for women who are hurting, grieving or struggling.
- Pray that the Church will be a place of safety, encouragement and belonging, where women are valued and equipped to use their God-given gifts.
- Pray that we would honour and support the women in our homes, workplaces, churches and communities.

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



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



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

**Sherrie Rogers.** Service on Thursday 13 August, 10.30am, at Trinity.

**Graham Barraball.** Service on Friday 14 August, 2.00pm, at Trinity.

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



***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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pastoral@trinitylinden.org.za) with your ideas.

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***Congratulations!***



Congratulations to Ally and Chris,  
on your engagement!

May God bless you abundantly on  
this next life adventure!

Ally is our Children and Young  
Families Pastor.

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### ***How many volunteers does a Sunday service take?***

Have you ever thought about what goes into a Sunday service?

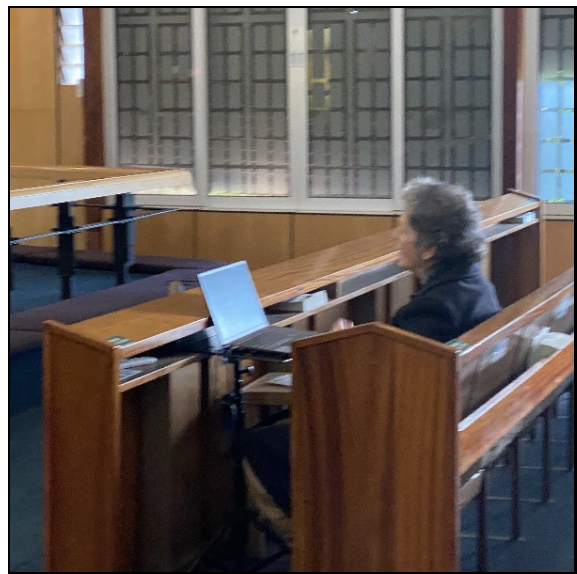
Trinity has an active and hard-working staff of preachers, pastors, admin staff and cleaning and ground staff, but we would not be able to host a vibrant and full Sunday service without a huge team of volunteers.

We are so blessed to have so many passionate people on our teams – and here is a small snapshot of how many people it takes to put a service together.



As you drive into the gate there are people to greet you, welcome you with a smile, and answer your questions about our church and our upcoming events. Before you even enter the building there will have been a number of people who have been available to chat to you.

Once inside, there is someone working at the sound desk, balancing the sound of the choir, speakers, organ, and preacher. This is tricky when there is so much going on. There is someone behind a computer screen, live-streaming the service to those who cannot attend our service in-person, but still want to be part of the family.



When the service starts, there will be people reading their prepared intercessory prayer on the same theme at all 5 Sunday services. There will be people reading the week's scriptures. There will be someone changing the slides that appear on the screens, so you can follow along as we read or sing. There will be stewards taking your offering, and stewards preparing and serving communion.



During the week our organist or worship leader will have chosen songs according to Sunday's sermon theme, and on Sunday the worship team or choir are ready to lead you in worship.

Our decor team will have prepared the church, changed the banners according to the liturgical season, and arranged and placed the flowers and decor.

As the service draws to an end, there will be people to welcome you to the rail in the front and pray with you personally, and library will be open for you to browse the huge variety of books available.

As you leave the service to go to your car, which was parked safely, there will be a team who will serve you coffee or tea, and chat to you about anything you choose.



All of these lovely people are just a few of the huge group of volunteers who choose Trinity as their place to serve God and our community.

These photos were taken to represent the journey through the Fusion service – just one of the FIVE services we offer on a Sunday. These are just glimpses of a small part of the effort, dedication, and passion that goes into a living and thriving church that bustles with activity every day of each week.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Where do YOU serve? Where would you like to serve?

If you would like to bring your gifting and talents to our church, please connect with anyone to ask about where to start. We need you on our team!



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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!

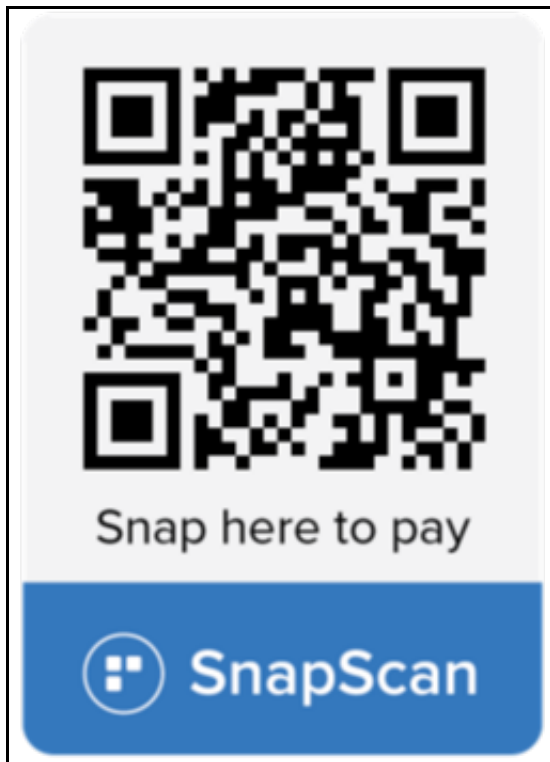
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## ***Sacrificial Giving***

### **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***

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– Reverend

[Brett Mordaunt](#)

– Lay Pastor

[Bronwyn Delport](#)

– Youth & Young Adults Pastor

[Ally Senyard](#)

– Children & Young Families Pastor

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– Care and Counselling

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## 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](#)

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