Trinity
METHODIST CHURCH
Worship the King, Grow the Kingdom

This Sunday

Embracing God's Inclusive Heart

It can be very difficult to love the way God loves. Our culture and the world around us promote the exact opposite values from what Jesus teaches. Human beings naturally build fences. We create "in-groups" and "out-groups" based on culture, status, behavior, or background.

But God is in the business of tearing down fences to build larger tables. Love breaks down human barriers, calling the church to move from exclusion to radical hospitality. God's grace is not a limited resource that we must ration; it is an overflowing ocean available to all. There is no denial that loving in a deeper way is one of the life's greatest challenges - we sometimes even struggle to love God the way we should.

Join us on Sunday as we look at this.



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
- Brett Mordaunt
11.30am Church | Kopanang Service
- Nomphelo Filha
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 18 October 9.30am Fusion Service livestream here

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Lectionary Readings

This Sunday - 18 October
Ordinary Time
Exodus 33:12-23

Next Sunday - 25 October
Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Upcoming Events

You can find an events calendar with all Trinity's events details [on our website here](). You can also click on the link under each invitation below to find more information.

All are welcome. You do not have to be a member of Trinity to join us at any of our our services or events.



[All the info and registration here]()



[Find more info here]()



[This is open to all]



[Join Us On Saturday 17 October]
[Sat 31 Oct: Community Service Day]



[Sunday 25 October]



[New series info, booklets & videos]



[Saturday 31 October]



[Friday 16 October]



Saturday 7 November



Sunday 8 November

Harvest Festival

Harvest Sunday is coming up on Sunday 8 November, are we would love it if you could start putting these things on your shopping list to donate before or on that day, if you are able to:

This is what we are asking for:
Rice
Mealie meal
Samp
Beans
Flour
Lentils
Tinned food: Fish; veg; beans
Peanut butter
Jelly
Salt & Pepper
Sugar
Yeast
Sunflower oil
Curry powder
Soup packets
Milk (long life)
Tea
Coffee
Jam

These items will be used to pack our Food Pantry Packages which are used to support Trinity members who are in need, as well as appeals from people in need beyond Trinity who come across our path in some way. The Food Pantry relies on donations received from members as well as an allocation from the Reach Out Portfolio. It is always good to be able to bless our regular recipients with something extra for the month of December.

Young People

Friday Night



[Bike and Sports Evening]



[Join us on Friday!]

Sunday Morning Kids



[Join us for Faith Lab]



[All kids are invited!]

Sunday Morning Teens



[9.30am Teen Church]

[11.30am Teen Church]

Community

One Heart. Many Voices.

Every month we change the language in which we say "One Heart. Many Voices. Many Voices. One Heart" in our services.

In October we are using South African Sign Language. Azura was kind enough to record a video so that we can practise!

There will be a test on Sunday ;-)



We are praying for...

It is our joy in our intercessory prayer this week to celebrate Justice Navi Pillay, an 85-year-old South African woman who has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It is our privilege to pray for the important work that earned her this recognition.

We will also pray for our upcoming local government elections, which take place in two and a half weeks.

- Pray that every political and military leader in the world will recognise that they have a legal obligation to uphold and defend human rights, and that serious violations can carry criminal consequences.
- Pray for all judges, lawyers, politicians and other leaders who are committed to human rights and international justice. May Justice Pillay's award embolden, inspire, encourage and motivate them to persevere in their work, and to take it further with renewed courage and determination.
- Then pray for our local government elections. Pray for new leaders for our city who are committed to service delivery, not self service, as our banner says.

Tribute to 2026 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,

Judge Navi Pillay

On Friday, 9 October, the Nobel Peace Prize for 2026 was awarded to South Africa's Judge Navanethem (Navi) Pillay for her efforts to promote peace and international law. Trinity extends its warmest congratulations to our distinguished African jurist and human rights advocate on her remarkable achievement.

Judge Pillay's career began in a legal system designed to exclude her. The daughter of a bus driver and a homemaker, she obtained a BA degree in 1963 and an LLB in 1965 from the University of Natal. After law firms turned her down for racial, gender and class discrimination reasons, she started her own law firm and in 1967 became the first black woman to operate a law practice in Natal. She provided legal assistance to activists detained by the apartheid government. In 1971, she successfully applied to the High Court for an injunction against the use of torture on her husband by the security police. The case was a seminal judgment for the challenge to the Terrorism Act and restraining the police from using unlawful methods of interrogation.

In 1982, Judge Pillay obtained a Master of Law and in 1988 a Doctor of Juridical Science from Harvard University.

Judge Pillay extensively advocated for women's rights and worked to address discrimination and violence against women. Inspired by a client who had been savagely abused by her husband, Judge Pillay and an academic colleague opened an advice centre for victims of domestic violence at Natal University and ran a shelter for victims of domestic violence. In respect of this work, Judge Pillay later said the following:

"We wrote and published a basic guide to protective and legal remedies. It was a little nothing common sense booklet. Much to my surprise, women referred to it as their bible. Without information about their legal rights, women are unable to access justice. In my work at the Advice Center and later as a trial judge in the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, I learnt of the overwhelming incidence of violence against women, both in times of war and in peace."

In 1995, after the end of apartheid, Judge Pillay was appointed as an acting judge in the High Court and elected by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly to be a judge on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

(ICTR). She served a total of eight years, the last four as President. Judge Pillay played a critical role in the ICTR's groundbreaking jurisprudence on rape as genocide, as well as on issues of freedom of speech and hate propaganda.

In February 2003 Judge Pillay was elected to the first ever panel of judges of the International Criminal Court and was assigned to the Appeals Division. She resigned in August 2008 to take up the position as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, serving from 2008 to 2014.

Judge Pillay's work trenchantly expressed innate truths about human suffering. Her contributions to developing South African and international law to serve the vulnerable inspires us all. A woman of marginalised descent, from a modest upbringing, was able to use her talents for the good of humanity. She did not allow her unjust past to circumscribe her pursuit for the advancement of the welfare of humanity.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" - 1 Peter 4:10 (English Standard Version)

Tribute written by Prema Pillay



Has Your Scheduled Payment Lapsed?

Many people give to the life and ministry of Trinity through monthly stop-orders, debit orders, or scheduled payments. Have you checked if yours is still active? Sometimes a scheduled payment ends, and needs to be renewed.

You can [find Trinity's giving page on our website](), with our bank details and ways to give.

Pastoral Conference

All are invited and welcome at this pastoral conference held at Northfield Methodist Church, Benoni.

Further information and booking details here: www.creativeconvo.org/event-details/pastoral-conference



Ways to Serve

Toys Needed!

One of our community service day initiatives is in aid of the Zandspruit faith community. We aim to paint, decorate and fill 3 large wooden boxes as a gift to the church in Zandspruit for their Children's Ministries.

Please help us by donating sports equipment; toys and crafts and stationery items to fill the boxes with. A box will be out for collection each Sunday.

ReachOut Portfolio - Ikageng Itereleng

Trinity's relationship with Ikageng Itireleng goes back a long way. For many years Trinity members filled food boxes which were delivered weekly to them.

Ikageng is a registered organisation working in Orlando West. The organisation supports vulnerable children and teens and families through three important areas of work: education support; health and HIV testing services and psychosocial support. The programmes are interconnected and their philosophy is that a child cannot perform well at school if they are hungry, emotionally distressed, living in an unsafe environment or unable to access basic services. The organisation offers a variety of programmes to address these concerns.

If you are interested in finding out more about them, please email us at care@trinitylinden.org.za

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Feedback

Communion



Last Sunday our Children's Church learned about communion.

First Ally told them what communion was, why we celebrate it, and how it works. Then they joined the Connect service in the chapel to experience the blessing of communion for themselves.





Stop And Smell The Roses

Marj recently paused a moment to enjoy and share the beautiful roses that grow in front of the chapel.

Have you recently taken a moment to notice the beauty on Trinity's campus?









Jacaranda in Bloom

Our beautiful Jacaranda tree exploded with flowers this week, creating a purple carpet beneath it, and giving shade to the people enjoying a moment sitting below it.

There are new paving blocks under our seat under the tree, making the whole space even more welcoming!

📸 Marj Cloete







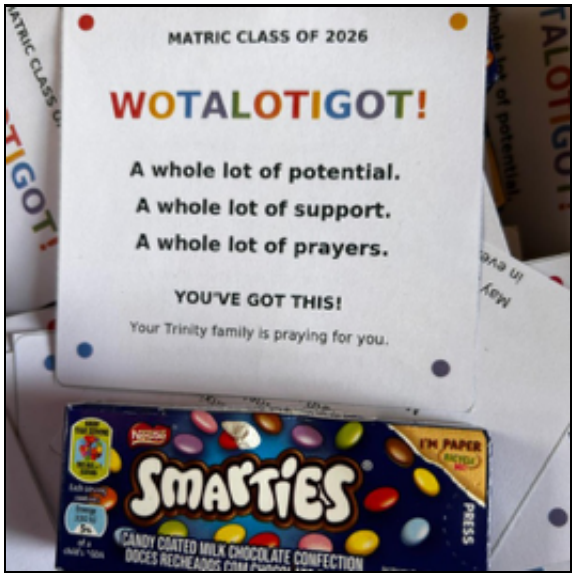


The Heart of Trinity

Hilary and Lesley wheeled out the library trolley last Sunday, bringing a selection of books for loan, from 3 different categories in the Library: Biographies & Testimonies - "their story", prayer, and children's books.

This attracted the attention of a tiny new reader!





Last Sunday our intercessory prayer moment was dedicated to our Matrics, who started their final exams. We spent some time praying for them, and also for teachers and tutors and parents who teach, lead, support, and inspire students.

Bronwyn prepared a little take-away for them as a reminder.

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