



WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2026

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"We would see Jesus and be transformed into His Likeness"

Dear Friends,

As I mentioned in my recent heart-to-heart, this past weekend we held our Presbytery celebrations meeting, together with the Presbytery Pulpit Swap. I have heard very positive reports about the Rev. Jobela, who preached at Trinity. Thank you for welcoming her so warmly.

I had the privilege of preaching at St Patrick's in Diepkloof. I was warmly welcomed and had a lovely time worshipping with the congregation. They are few in number, with many members being pensioners who are often unable to attend worship on Sunday mornings. At the same time, it was encouraging to see a group of young people becoming more involved and taking on leadership roles. The worship was led by a young woman who did a wonderful job.

At the end of the service, I was surprised when the congregation presented me with a gift. I was even more surprised to discover that it included an engraved picture of me! Their kindness touched my heart deeply. Once again, I was reminded of the diversity within our Church and of the beauty of God's people who love Jesus and seek his Kingdom in many different circumstances.



A joyful Presbytery meeting

The Presbytery meeting on Saturday went incredibly well, thanks to the many people who helped prepare the food, set up the venue, serve refreshments and wash up afterwards. Thank you especially to Debbie for organising the food and drinks, and to the whole team who prepared and served everything so generously.

A Presbytery meeting brings together selected elders and ministers from each congregation in the eGoli region. We begin with worship and then turn to the business and matters before us.

Our worship team led us with passion and skill. Thank you to everyone who sang, played instruments, managed the sound and operated the projection. The Moderator preached a message reminding us that, even in the midst of the difficult and challenging things we may have encountered during the year, there is

still much for which we can be thankful. We were encouraged to recognise God's continued presence and blessing among us.

Because this was a celebration meeting, there was not a great deal of business. Instead, our main focus was on giving thanks and engaging in something inspiring and meaningful.

A fun and meaningful activity

As the convener of the Mission and Discipleship Committee, I was asked to arrange the main time of reflection. I led an exercise called **"Open Space Technology."**

The exercise gave people the opportunity to suggest and choose topics for discussion under the overarching question:

"What must we do together to ensure the eGoli Presbytery is vibrant and enriched for growth over the next 3–5 years?"

About eight different topics were suggested, and participants then chose which conversations they wanted to join. The topics included:

- Addressing long-term ministerial vacancies.
- Involving and supporting young people.
- Equipping families in the life of faith.
- Strengthening care and mentorship.
- Fostering unity across the Presbytery.
- Focusing on God's Kingdom.
- Noticing where God is already at work in our communities.

The feedback revealed a strong desire for an eGoli Presbytery that is spiritually grounded, united in purpose and actively engaged with its congregations and communities.

Participants were honest about the challenges we face. These include long-term ministerial vacancies, declining participation, the need for stronger leadership development, a growing distance between generations and the need for greater cooperation among our congregations.

Yet the discussions also revealed considerable hope. People believe that growth is possible if we work intentionally, listen carefully to one another, equip our leaders and congregations, and create space for Christ to remain at the centre of all that we do.

Please keep praying

Please continue to pray for the churches of eGoli Presbytery. Pray especially for the Presbytery as it seeks to care for congregations, support leaders and encourage greater vitality, unity and growth among us.

And let us continue to ask what God is already doing in our congregation and community and how we might join in with that work.

With love and awe-filled appreciation,
Iain



MAKING MELODY IN MY HEART

Song of the week

(Iain Kemp)

We sang this song during our Sunday evening worship service. It led me to a place of reflecting on God's presence and the blessing God is in my life.

"Gratitude" by Brandon Lake – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoHrBNTfzIs>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/track/2OVjYQ3E3SbX9E1fldCrgC?si=2850d8e3b6ee4bb3>

Apple Music: <https://music.apple.com/us/song/gratitude/1748026587>



"Our Purpose is to GROW DEEPER! Grow deeper with God, in Relationships with each other, by creating Opportunities for ministry and as Witnesses."

Friday night Youth – Junior and Senior Youth on Fridays

Sunday School on Sundays at 09h00

Check out the WhatsApp group or contact Ross for more information

What's coming up....

Giving

6 Thinking Hats: Brewed for Better Thinking

Putting Thinking on The Table



Facts



Benefits



Feelings



Creativity



Caution



Process

Join us as we explore six ways of looking at Scripture.

Date:
19 September 2026

Time:
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Venue:
Trinity

Open to all teens and young adults

Please take note:

EFT Payments

We would like to ensure that the payments made to Trinity towards tithing, retiring offerings, food bags etc are allocated correctly. In order to do this, please would you ensure that the reference shown on your payment has the correct beneficiary.

For Tithing, please use the following methods:

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BRANCH: 016 342

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