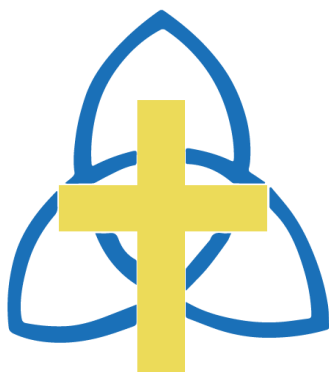




WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Update from Themba

Greetings to you all.

The past month has been eventful to say the least. The weekly trips to Spring of Education have been great, and I also went for a GRAPE workshop in Cape Town, where we planned for some of the upcoming events that are coming up in the next few months before the year comes to a close, which includes planning for a public service outside of Parliament, where various church leaders from different denominations will be in attendance.

But firstly, my time at Spring of Education was, as always, enjoyably tiring. Nine times out of ten, I would leave Spring looking like I have had a bad hair day! Last week, we briefly looked at Ruth and her incredible character. The picture I had given them to colour had Ruth and Boaz. When I asked them who they thought were in the colouring picture, they all shouted "Mary and Jesus" to the rooftop with so much confidence. This came as no surprise to me, as we focused on Mary and Jesus for a sustained period of time prior to introducing the characters of Ruth and Boaz to them. This, in actual fact, was quite refreshing, as it shows that a seed has been planted in them.

When it is colouring time, the children normally sit in groups of four around each table. I would often use this time as a space where I ask the children what they see in the picture or what catches their eyes in the picture in front of them. Last week, most of them stated that Mary (Ruth) was picking up flowers from the ground and that Jesus (Boaz) was waving hello to Mary. They thought that Mary was picking up the flowers for Jesus.



During one of the weeks I went to Spring, I walked into the nursery school to find it being turned into a fashion runway. The children were showing off their poses, walking up and down as if they were professional models on a real runway. It was such a funny and enjoyable sight to see, and the children were clearly having the time of their lives as they confidently showed off their different poses and personalities.

The GRAPE Cohort 4 team recently met in Cape Town for a workshop. GRAPE has a new cohort each year that spearheads the advocacy campaign we are working towards, which is the Universal Basic Income Grant. Our cohort will officially hand over the baton to the next cohort in August next year. However, from April next year, we will begin working hand in hand with the new cohort, shadowing, guiding and supporting them as they prepare to take over the work in August.

The workshop was a time where we reflected on the past four months, what worked and what did not, and how we can move forward effectively. The past four months have been successful. We had webinars, which

informed people of the work we do whilst hearing people's stories from the margins. We went to various denominational church events (conferences of the various churches in South Africa) across the country, with each of us in cohort 4 focusing on and working towards getting slots to speak at the various church events in the respective provinces we reside in (Gauteng, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and Western Cape). Some of my colleagues also managed to get slots on Christian radio platforms, where they spoke about who GRAPE is and what we do, etc.

The next four months will be centred around planning for our upcoming webinar, which is scheduled for early October, and the public service at Parliament, with the proposed date being the 28th of October. We have already submitted a notice for procession, demonstration or gathering document to the City of Cape Town to notify them of who we are and why we want to gather at Parliament. In addition to the public service, we want to hand over a memorandum to Parliament.



FYI, I often feel really intimidated by some of the work we do as GRAPE, and this feeling reached fever pitch when the idea of the public service was proposed at the beginning of August. I have never been part of something on this scale before, and the thought of standing outside Parliament with various church leaders and people from different denominations, whilst also handing over a memorandum to Parliament, can feel quite overwhelming to say the least. So right now, I am going with the flow and doing as best as I possibly can. It has definitely pushed me outside of my comfort zone, but I am trusting the process and taking it one step at a time, fully believing that God is in control of everything. Nonetheless, we are hoping that the public ecumenical service can raise GRAPE profile as we continue the push for a Basic Income Grant.



You may have seen the 6 Thinking Hats Workshop poster in recent weekly newsletters and intimation sheets, which is scheduled for the 19th of September. The workshop is aimed at the youth but is open to anyone who is interested in finding out more about what the 6 Thinking Hats are. I am really looking forward to this workshop, and I hope that it will be a fun and engaging space where we can think differently, ask questions, look at things from different perspectives, and ultimately learn something from one another. So, if you are interested, please come along — I would love to see you there!

And lastly, I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to everyone at Trinity for your prayers and continued support. More updates to follow soon... Once again thank to everyone at Trinity.

Opportunity to partner with Themba

Themba began as a volunteer for a Year of Service at the beginning of May with us at Trinity. Please would you support him with encouragement and prayer. If you are in a position to support him financially, every little bit helps. You can do so by EFT into the church account. Please ensure your reference is "Themba Year of Service" so that we can allocate your contribution correctly. Thank you to everyone who contributed in July for us to give him a gratuity at the end of August. The bank account details are as follows:

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Standard Bank
Branch 016342
Current Account No: 424482088



(Iain Kemp)

This song is not a worship song which we would sing on a Sunday together, but it can help us to worship. The concept is taken from the gospel of Matthew 11:28-30 which starts "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The song flips the age old adage "I'm holding on for dear life" to "I'm letting go for dear life".

"Letting Go For Dear Life" by Tenth Avenue North – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ceNCx3nQP3o>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/track/23FhN1EL3dfcAJbR3kWYTC?si=d172da04105345cd>

Apple Music: <https://music.apple.com/us/song/letting-go-for-dear-life/1758831848>



“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....



We will be sharing in communion on Sunday.

The retiring offering will be in aid of Wycliffe.

Seniors Social Gathering

10 SEPTEMBER • 9:30 AM

Trinity Presbyterian Church

IT'S QUIZ TIME.

Join us for a fun filled morning with Ross

Light-hearted questions, plenty of laughs.

- Gentle seated Chair exercises with Viv to get warmed up
 - Easy listening tunes in the background by Ian
- End the morning with refreshments and a catch-up.

Everyone is welcome — bring a friend along



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

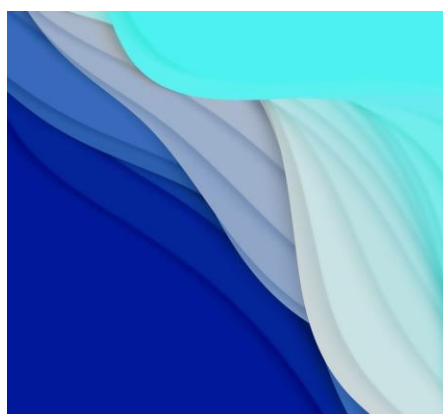
Time:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Venue:

Trinity

Open to all teens and young adults



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Faith for Daily Living
for
September/October
is available in the
foyer and from the
office

In line with the POPI Act, if you do not wish for your photo or information to be shared on church platforms, please contact Felicity at office@trinitychurch.co.za or 011 453 7729

Giving

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:

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
STANDARD BANK
CURRENT ACCOUNT
NUMBER: 42 448 2088,
BRANCH: 016 342

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