

Pastoral Assistant's Letter

ISAIAH 40:28-31

²⁸ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.



I have sat for some time now trying to figure out what to speak about in this addition of the Trinity Newsletter. With all the changes that have taken place recently, I am sure that there is a sense of unease at times, a wondering about what the future will hold for us as part of the family of God, the Trinity family. To be completely honest, I have found myself wondering about this very thing at times as well. There have been many sleepless nights, many moments of worry and concern... But I was recently reminded about one very important point: Within the moments of worry, the moments of unease and uncertainty, this one thought keeps coming to me, that we are a part of God's great family, a family united in Christ Jesus our Lord, who is in and over all things. He is, as we see in **ISAIAH 40:28-31**, the one who created all things. He does not grow tired or weary but does give strength to those who do. It is a wonderful and wondrous promise given - "*For those who hope in the Lord*" - other translations say, "*for those who wait upon the Lord*", "*for those who trust in the Lord*" - *will renew their strength.*"

Indeed, we are trusting in the Lord, we are waiting upon Him, and in Him, in Christ our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit, is our hope. So I leave you with this assurance, from **COLOSSIANS 1:15-17**, "*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities. All things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*"

God Bless.

Lincon






Session Clerk's Letter

As I write this the first year of the new decade is almost a month old. I hope that the year will bring all of us much joy and that, should difficulties cross our paths, we may hold on to the words of **JOHN 16:33**: *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

Our minister, Alan Cameron, is enjoying his long leave prior to his retirement at the end of March. At our first meeting in January, the Interim Moderator, Rev. Wayne van Heerden, confirmed that when a minister leaves, especially if he has served a congregation for a long time, its members will inevitably experience feelings of sadness, vulnerability and uncertainty. He reminded Session of the message Jesus shared with His disciples (**ACTS 1: 1-7**) before He was taken into heaven - that they should wait for the Father's gift and that it was not for them to know the times or dates the Father sets. He encouraged us to sit at the feet of Jesus, in the assurance that we will be guided to call the person God has set aside to serve as minister in our congregation at the appropriate time. This obviously does not mean that we should not, prayerfully and guided by the Holy Spirit, be vigorous in our efforts during this transitional phase. I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude and peace knowing how many of you offer your talents to serve the Lord at Trinity, in various ways, not one of which is insignificant.

The congregation will have the opportunity to meet our Interim Moderator on 1 March, when he will deliver the sermon and serve communion. The process to constitute a vacancy committee will start after Alan's retirement. We invite you to a prayer group who will meet at 9:20 on Sunday mornings, before the worship service, in the "Mother's Room" to pray especially, but not exclusively, for this period of transition at Trinity. If you are unable to attend, please join the group in prayer wherever you are!





This past Sunday we said goodbye to Albie and Anny Oelofse, who are moving to Jeffreys Bay. We know that they will enter this new chapter with the same enthusiasm they have shared with us over many years, especially in the Music Worship Group. We will miss you Anny and Albie, and we know that you will be a blessing in your new community as you were to us! *“May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way” (2 Thess 3:16)!*



Finally, a very warm welcome to the newly appointed Rector of the Anglican congregation, Clive Caesar and his wife Renée. I wish them all the best as they continue to serve the Lord at Trinity.

With love

Michele Havenga





Happy Family

Trinity shared Simon's happiness as his family spent the Christmas holidays in Pretoria with him.



Trinity Community Garden



Since Lincon first joined our community the young adults have aspired to develop and manage an outreach project that is a little closer to home than Charisma.

Last year I came across a small movement called Food is Free which encourages the use of vacant land for growing a garden that is managed and maintained by members of the surrounding community. The intention of this is to provide an opportunity for people in the community - who wish to partake - to get outside, get involved, enjoy nature and learn something new with the resulting produce then being given away freely to anyone who needs or can use it.

How exciting such a concept sounded! Lincon and I both enjoy gardening, and this seemed like such a wonderful and innovative means of... well, accomplishing all sorts of things. The story of mankind begins in a garden, and tending a garden was among the first things God ever told mankind to do (**GENESIS 2:15**). And in the ways of plants growing from seed to fruit we can catch so many glimpses of the wonderful complexity of God's creation. I could go on about many potential benefits of such a project, but I will spare you the waffle and get to the most obvious highlight: Of course, ultimately, the harvest from these plants could be given away to people in need.



It might sound a little idealistic, but all things start small - from a seed, if you will. The best way to learn something is by doing it, and so we have planted a seed. Now we tend it, and watch and wait to see what God may grow it into.

Trust has kindly allowed us to make use of the area behind the Chapel as the starting point for this project. In December Lincon and I went in and cleaned up the area, tilled the soil and fertilised it. In January we planted the following:

- Tomatoes
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Lettuce
- Maize
- Pumpkins
- Broccoli
- Spinach





And so far it seems to be going well - we even have two little tomato fruit already ripening on the stalk! As you can see, there are a few images of the little garden attached below, but most very small, because I would encourage that you go take a peek at the real thing for yourself and see how it's doing.

We've also created a simple little blog for the project where we plan to document the process. You can visit the blog here:

trinityvegetablegarden.c1.biz

For now we are looking forward to its first yield, and seeing how that goes we will keep you updated on future plans and goals.

If you would like to know more or get involved with this project please contact either Lincon (083 381 0965, lincon.atherton@gmail.com) or me (alexpaigegreen@gmail.com).



Alex



Something new at Trinity



Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Chapel for Midweek Worship

A poster for Midweek Worship. The background is a close-up photograph of a vibrant green leaf with several clear water droplets resting on its surface. The text is overlaid on the left side of the leaf. The main title 'MIDWEEK WORSHIP' is in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, 'TRINITY CHURCH' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the main title, the text 'starting wednesday 22nd january 2020 18:30' is arranged vertically in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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