

Trinity News

“Create in me a pure heart,
O God, and renew a steadfast
spirit within me.”

|| Spring 2017

Psalm 51:10

MINISTER'S LETTER

Please pray for Alan as he now has bronchitis after battling a cold and flu for a number of weeks.

Our Minister and Friend will be back in the news next month.

Sue Hay

NEXT GENERATION LEADER'S LETTER

Spring has finally come and I must say; I for one am extremely excited.

It is definitely one of my favourite times of the year. It is a time of year where the miracle of new life is all around us, it is obvious and all we need to do is look up. The trees are in full bloom, flowers are starting to come out, the birds are nesting and the bees are buzzing. Such a glorious sight indeed. It is this time of year that I am always reminded of the promise of God, the promise of new life.

Though this is but a glimpse of new life within this physical world, I can only imagine how wonderful, how marvellous and how glorious that new life will be when Christ comes again.

May we never lose sight of this promise of God and may we always seek to glorify and praise His mighty name for what He has done, is doing and continues to do in our lives.

Over the past few months we have been excitedly busy. We had had our first S.O.U.P (serving-our-under-privileged) outreach.

While this was our first attempt, it was an experience that I believe we all will remember. Through the generosity of the Trinity family we received donations of soup and had many hands helping us hand out the soup. On our first night, we handed out over 160 cups of soup. We are using this as a trial and as we continue working on this, we hope to improve on certain areas and reach as many people as possible. It is our prayer that we will not only meet the physical needs of the hungry, but also the spiritual needs as we respond to God's call on our lives, as we respond to the Gospel, and as we respond to the needs of our neighbours.

Lincon Hardouin



GET TO KNOW YOUR ELDER

MICHELE HAVENGA

Peter and I found our spiritual home at Trinity about fourteen years ago, and we have Charlene Mentz to thank for it! A teacher at Waterkloof Primary School at the time, somehow (but not too strangely for those who know him!) our son mentioned to her that we were looking for a child-friendly church. She suggested we visit Trinity where she was teaching in the Sunday School. So one Sunday morning we attended the morning service with our three young sons, and we never left!

Part of my “brief” with this contribution is to introduce myself. I studied law (longer ago than it feels to me!) and after six years as an articled clerk and then an attorney, I joined Unisa’s Faculty of Law in 1986. For the past seven years I have been in the College of Graduate Studies focusing on research training of and support for postgraduate students. I love any form of travelling, including camping with my family, and have a serious addiction to game reserves. I also enjoy reading, working on tapestries and watching tennis.

The first thing that struck us when we attended that first service at Trinity was the welcoming attitude of so many members of the congregation. The Trinity community felt like a family, but one with a heart for others. This sense of a church family that embraces all its member and visitors, but who also wants to reach out to our immediate community and beyond, has remained with me and now that I am an elder (and the new Session Clerk) I am still excited by all the initiatives, both old and new, that drive these values. I am deeply aware that we need to continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to continue to seek His will and plan in our engagement with others. I know that His sending of Lincon Hardouin to Trinity to lead the Next Generation, and also of Jones and Sungi Liwewe to us is an answer to many prayers regarding that plan. Our recent Celebration in Song and Worship service was again such a joy to experience. Our musicians and singers make it look so effortless that we sometimes forget that they attend many practice



sessions before regular services and special events like these. Their unfailing commitment and joy in using their gifts in leading us in worship in this special way are much appreciated.

As I write this, our previous session clerk, Pierre Fourie, and his wife Lorna have just completed the first day of their latest journey on the Camino de Santiago. Our prayers are with them as they share this beautiful experience.

As a last thought, I have been so enriched and blessed by attending a fellowship group on Wednesday evenings. If you have not been able to do so yet, do visit one or more of them and consider joining on a more permanent basis. The church office will provide details of the various groups and where and when they meet.

Blessed month!

Michele Havenga

Session Clerk

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO AT TRINITY IN THE LAST WHILE...

PRAYING :

Apart from our personal and fellowship group prayer time, there are two weekly opportunities for prayer in the company of fellow Christians at Trinity. Both meetings are open to everyone, and you are very welcome to join at any time or on any occasion.

1. There is a newly established intercessory prayer meeting in the Upper Room every Thursday 17:30 – 18:30.

Contact Sungi on 073 872 4521 for more details.

1 Timothy 2: 1-2: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness".

2. There is a contemplative prayer meeting in the Church every Tuesday 18:00 – 19:00 and Saturday 07:30 – 08:30. This meeting includes a time of prayer that centers entirely on the presence of God. It is followed by scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word.

WORSHIPPING :

It is our privilege to worship and hear the Word read and preached every Sunday. But once in a while we do things a little differently, and the difference on 3rd September was a Celebration in Song. It was a Celebration indeed! Thank you to our musicians, singers, techies and administrator-

for blessing us again by making this very special worship service possible.

FELLOWSHIPING :

With the Anglicans at the Italian Evening on 9th September. This was an evening of delicious food, music, dancing and enjoying the company of the greater Trinity family.





SERVING :

- As Lincon has told us, the Next Generation, with the help of the whole congregation is devising ways of serving the needy in our community.
- We took birthday gifts to 3 children at Charisma and enjoyed cupcakes with all the children at the Drop-In Centre.
- We were served by the Catholic Women's League by way of a donation of school stationery which we will be able to use for the children at the Charisma Drop-In Centre. Supplying the children with stationery is one of the ways in which we care for them, and we are very grateful to have been blessed in this way.



WHAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE NEXT WHILE :

PRAYER :

Always! *1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "Pray continually".*

WORSHIP :

Always! *Matthew 4:10b - Jesus said to him "Worship the Lord your God. and serve Him only".*

FELLOWSHIP :

MOVIE NIGHT :

7th October in the Church Hall.
Be there! A great movie and those who were there last time won't miss it!

A-MEN BREAKFAST :

14th October 2017 in the Church Hall. Great speaker!
Details to follow.



ALAN SHARES THIS E-MAIL FROM JOY AND JOHN MANSFIELD

Dear Alan

John and I would like to thank you and the Trinity family and in particular the Trinity Prayer Circle as well as the Waterkloof Fellowship Group, for all the prayer and good wishes which were done on behalf of our son Charles. I told him that he had no option but to do well, as he had you all remembering him in your thoughts and prayers and, in fact, the doctors have repeatedly shown extreme surprise at the rate of his recovery!

They told him at his last visit, that they do not normally perform only one operation, but each surgeon would do their part separately in three ops, hence them taking 8 ½ hours. However, the Oncologist has seen Charles performing in the "Joburg 2 C" cycle race and he encouraged them to continue as he maintained that Charles was "as strong as an ox" and extremely fit! While he still had the clips in, he and his wife Heidi did a 5km walk and 2 days after having them removed, he flew down to Cape Town on business!

He now enters the last lap, starting on Monday with the daily treatments of radiation for six weeks. They have warned him that the last part is not easy, but friends have been wonderful in just giving them the keys to their flat in Bloemfontein and told them to use it as much as they wish. Such a blessing as Ladybrand where Charles lives is 120kms from Bloemfontein.

Much love to you all and God's richest blessings,

John & Joy Mansfield



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