

Trinity News

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”

February 2018

Lamentations 3:22-23

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends

With 2018 well and truly underway, much has happened at Trinity in the last while. Jones' Licensing and Appointment by Presbytery on 28th January was the highlight thus far. Jones and Sungi have become an integral part of the church family over the past year. The way in which the congregation has embraced them has been truly heart-warming. Jones' year of probation promises to be mutually enriching as he learns the ropes of pastoral ministry prior to ordination.

My extra congregational activities in the first quarter of the year revolve around pastoral ministry. As Interim-Moderator of St. Columba's, Hatfield I'm responsible for congregational oversight and facilitating the call of a new minister. To that end please keep the folk of St. Columba's in your prayers. My watching brief as Interim-Moderator at St. Francis Waterkloof is a far lighter load as Glynis Goynes serves there as Stated Supply for a year.

Presbytery has appointed me to be part of a denominational conference examining the training of ministers at prospective seminaries, colleges and universities. This is a crucial conference as it impacts the quality of ministry in the years ahead. Once again, I would appreciate prayers as we meet 19-21 February in Benoni.

Family wise, the Camerons are grateful for God's provision and the congregation's generosity. Caitlin is happily settled in Kroonstad doing her dentistry community service and spending alternate weekends back home. Jess is very relieved to have completed her Master of Law course work and research report at Wits over the past two years. Ross soldiers on as a Process Engineer in Germiston, commuting daily to and fro, whilst Cecile continues as Assistant Bursar at Girls High.

It is indeed a privilege to be part of God's family at Trinity.

Until next time

Your minister and friend

Alan Cameron

FROM JONES AND SUNGIE

Sungie and I want to begin this year by saying a really big 'thank you' to so many people who helped us, in so many ways last year. From those who have so graciously helped out with transportation (to and from the church), invited us for a meal, to those who took time to greet and talk to us. Your ministry to us has been very much appreciated and we are very grateful to God for you. We also want to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to those who have been on their knees faithfully praying for us since our arrival last year. We are very grateful to God for you all!!



For us, Trinity has become a home, a place where we feel loved, cared for, supported and nurtured. We are enjoying every moment of our stay here. We also enjoy all the gifts and ministries that the Holy Spirit has blessed Trinity family with, from Biblically grounded preaching,

Sunday school, Next Generation, Worship, to Outreach and Intercessory prayers. We are also impressed with the leadership of Reverend Alan Cameron and all the Elders that form part of Trinity Session. In all, we take joy in what God is doing at Trinity.

We were so humbled and at the same time overwhelmed by the support we received from each one of you for my Licencing service celebration on the 28th of January, this year. There couldn't have been a more perfect and visible way of showing your love and support for us than the contribution that you made towards the service. We thank you for your attendance and food that most of you brought to make the celebration a success, and it was a success indeed. *To the glory of God!!*

As we begin a new chapter this year, we have the assurance that this will be a great year for us.



The atmosphere at Trinity is so conducive for our growth, both in our gifts and ministry, more especially because you have also allowed Sungie and I to be ourselves as we serve in a different cultural setting. However, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to minister in our lives in every way you see fit, as we are being moulded and shaped to be more like Christ, so that in due time, we may both reap the harvest of your labour.

As a couple, we are very much looking forward to our time serving our Lord Jesus with you.

May our God bless us richly as 2018 unfolds!

Jones and Sungi Liwewe



SESSION CLERK'S LETTER

It is hard to believe that the first month of 2018 has come and gone. All the activities and events at Trinity are in full swing again and we look forward to what God has planned for us this year!

The licencing of Jones Liwewe as a probationer on 28 January was a special event. We wish him and Sungi much happiness during, and many blessings for, the year at Trinity. We hope that Jones will constantly be reminded, as Paul was, of “the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus ... with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God” and of his duty to “glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading ... to obey God by what I have said and done ... through the power of the Spirit” (Romans 15: 15-19). And let us not forget the ongoing obligation we agreed to as a congregation to uphold Jones and Sungi in our prayers so that they may be strengthened and encouraged in all they do this year.

Session has been led to focus on the theme “*Grounded in the Gospel*” during 2018. A congregational prayer meeting will soon be held at which we will pray together for God's blessing as we explore this theme together.

As we embark on this year, please remember that you are most welcome to join in any of the activities at Trinity. If you would like to take a turn at reading from the Word during the service, be on the roster for assisting with flower decorations or serving tea after the service, sing or play a musical instrument with the worship team(s); assist with door duty before services start, join a fellowship group (strongly recommended!), or help with our Drop-In Centre outreach in Mamelodi, please contact Pietro at the Church Office. And if you would like to participate but feel you are not quite sure what to do, don't worry, it will be discussed with you. We would love to have you involved wherever you feel guided to be.

May we, during this year, continue to be aware of His grace, love and comfort. And may we not be restricted by our own church boundaries as we, as a faith community, strive to serve Him.
A blessed 2018 to all of you!

Michele Havenga
Session Clerk



QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: 22ND FEBRUARY



22nd February at 6pm in the hall we will hold our Quarterly Congregation Information and Concert of Prayer. This will be an opportunity to gather together in united prayer for the life of the congregation, community, country, continent and wider world.

We will also learn more about the preaching plan based on Mark's gospel and the four Servant Songs of Isaiah leading up to Easter.

NEXT GENERATION LEADER'S LETTER

From the Next Generation team, we would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a blessed New Year. I pray that the Lord would continue to bless each of you and that the year ahead would truly be a wonderful and exciting time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our brother Jones and his wife Sungi to the Trinity family. It was such a wonderful experience being able to share in his licensing service, held on the 28th of January 2018, where he was licensed as a probationer. I pray that this year will be filled with countless opportunities for him to grow within the ministry of our Lord; and may this be a blessed time for both him and Sungi.

As you may already know, the evening services have started once again and I am truly excited to see what the Lord has instore for us. I believe that He is working within Trinity and that He will lead us and guide us through whatever lies ahead. Also, our young adult's fellowship group has started again. We meet on a Wednesday evening at 19:30 in the upper room. We have started working through the Book of Acts which is extremely interesting as well as challenging. I am so enthused by the growth of the fellowship group and am looking forward to seeing it grow even more.

Lincon Hardouin

Next Generation Leader



A-MEN BREAKFAST

The A-Men ministry will be sharing a time of food and fellowship on Saturday, February 24th.

Details of the event are on the following page.



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Outreach and Maths - the Multiplier Effect

**What: Men's Breakfast on
Saturday 24 February 2018**

**Where: At Trinity Church, Lovers Walk
Lynnwood**

Time: 07:30 for 07:45

Why: Food and Fellowship

Talk: Wally Thiele and Gordon Hay

Cost: A contribution towards costs if you can

RSVP: gordonhay@tci.co.za or 0834172454

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CAFÉ TRINITY

The Café Trinity team is back in the courtyard every Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 14:00

We're ready for 2018 and we hope you are too! We look forward to seeing you soon as you bring yourselves, your family and friends to enjoy cakes, teas, coffees, cold drinks, lunch... and fellowship!

On the 21st and 22nd February we will celebrate the 10th birthday of Café Trinity!

They have been wonderful years that have seen many happy hours of friendship, celebration and happy buzz in the courtyard and we look forward to celebrating with you. Be sure to save the date!

If you would like to join the Café Trinity team as a helper on Wednesdays or Thursdays, or as a baker or cook, chat to Pietro in the office and she will connect you with the team!

The Café Trinity Team

We are currently looking for someone to help out with the sound on Sundays for either the evening or morning services. If you have a good ear for music and enjoy using technology don't be afraid to contact Pietro at admin@trinity.org.za to ask about volunteering.



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