



Trinity United Church

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Celebration Service
(With Crossroad)

WELCOME TO TRINITY
4th December 2011



Rev Ron Robertson

Sermon: "Creating Spaces"

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1 – 11; Mark 1: 1 - 8

FLOWERS: "Praise to the Lord for a wonderful year. Thinking of those that have gone before us Peter, Reg and Tandi. Miss you all very much." *Kim & Gavin Toms*

CREATING SPACES

"The Lord is coming: Prepare a way for God to come into your world"

I wonder what goes through your mind when you hear these words at the beginning of Advent each year? The cry of the prophet Isaiah echoed by John the Baptizer? One of my reactions is that I begin to sing that great old hymn 'prepare ye the way of the Lord' popularised by the play 'Godspell'.

But more seriously I find myself looking for other imagery that tries to locate this cry of Isaiah in a modern context. It's word of hope and comfort. Clearly the image of Isaiah's day was that God is portrayed as the great King who is coming to restore the people of Jerusalem whose lives and city lie in ruins and their spirit was broken. They had failed to be the faithful people of God. Their cry then is in fact an expression of a crisis of faith!

Would God ever work in their midst again? Was there a future for them in God's plan of salvation? Or would God simply abandon them? It was a real crisis of faith!

Isaiah's words though seem more than just words of comfort, they are a challenge, a call to be ready: 'Prepare the way, God is coming to you'. Perhaps another image or picture is that of **creating spaces** in our everyday world where there is brokenness, failure, disappointment, hurt, need – so that the Spirit of God can come in, and be the transforming, healing, restoring presence God is!

The question is 'how do we create such spaces'? 'How do we throw out the challenge to prepare the way for the Lord of Life to come and bring the gift of new life into places of shadow and darkness'?

For John the Baptizer it was a call to repentance and to be baptised. What would it take for us?

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER

7.30p.m. Y.A.C.C



THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER

6.30pm Prayer & Healing Service

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER

7.00pm Disciple (last)

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

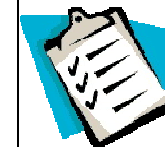
9.30a.m. "Something Fresh"



FEEDING SCHEME PARCELS!

We are handing out the Christmas parcels next week, and would just like to say thank you most sincerely for all your wonderful donations! Pat & Co.

Remember our WEBSITE: www.trinitykp.org – Take a look!
Even the Bulletins are posted there..



MEMBERS - LET US HELP EACH OTHER!

We would like to start a Database of...

Businesses/skills.....i.e. IT, woodwork, whatever....

But the fact is, we don't know

what the person sitting next to us can offer us!

Times are tough for all, but let us make it somewhat easier...

Phone Jen or use the Friendship Card

if you would like your business/skills

advertised on our Website.

There may be a small fee..?! Let's see what response we get! –

So far, one response – a Handyman! Come on Trinitarians!!

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SPECIAL PRAYERS

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"

Immediate Needs	Ongoing Needs	Special Thanks
Gary Stapylton (awaiting transplant) Sandy Hauser (health) Sheryl Joubert (health) Donovan van Rooyen (recovery) Betty Dick (recovery) Ansche le Grange (14) (brain virus) Reef Carneson (treatment) Brian Clynick (health) Wendy Fourie (tumour) Drummond Marais (cancer) Helen Nel (health) Antoinette Mineo (health) Darren Jardine (health) Marge Vermeulen (health)	<i>Julie Hoste</i> <i>Elizabeth Stevens</i> <i>Eve Snyman</i> <i>Gordon Jayes</i> <i>Yvonne Olivier</i> <i>Ledlie du Toit</i> <i>Sheila Berry</i> <i>Toy Slabbert</i> <i>Lynette Nel (cancer)</i> <i>Mercia J van Vuuren</i> <i>Dee (cancer)</i> <i>Anthony Grunewald</i> <i>Donovan Wagener</i> <i>Stan Loader</i>	Once again, to all our very volunteers who have served so faithfully throughout 2011. So much appreciated! Have a good holiday..!

PLEASE GIVE US FEEDBACK ON ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS..

FOLK TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK:

<i>Vivien Bruwer</i>	<i>Candice Lombard</i>
<i>Luvuyo & Ayanda Mali</i>	<i>Ashley Fisher</i>
<i>Helena Groenewald</i>	<i>Bonnie McInnes</i>
<i>Ingrid, Heather & Tracey Broodryk</i>	



WHAT MAKES CHRISTMAS?

*The Creator made Christmas possible.
 Friends make Christmas beautiful.
 Music makes Christmas festive.
 Giving makes Christmas joyous.
 Love makes Christmas complete.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR **SECOND HAND CLOTHING, and BOOKS!**: FOR OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. Thank you very much!

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- **Project Hannah** : December calendars available in the foyer
- **2nd hand cellphones** : If you are willing to donate or sell please contact **Brenda Lombard** on 083 675 1795



Trinity United Church : PROGRAM (Special events)



TODAY

Sunday 4 December 2011



ONE SERVICE @ 09h00 *Celebration Service (with Crossroad)*

Sunday 11 December 2011



Choir presentation at both morning services... evening service as normal.

Sunday 18th December 2011

08h00 and 09h30 services as normal

18h30 *Carols by Candlelight*



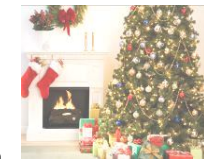
Saturday 24 December - CHRISTMAS EVE

19h00 *Christmas Eve Service*



Sunday 25 December - CHRISTMAS DAY

08h00 ONE SERVICE ONLY



Saturday 31st December 2011 : **18h00 – 20h00** : *Family C*

Sunday 1st January 2012:

09h00 ONE SERVICE ONLY