



WEDNESDAY, 04 DECEMBER 2024

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

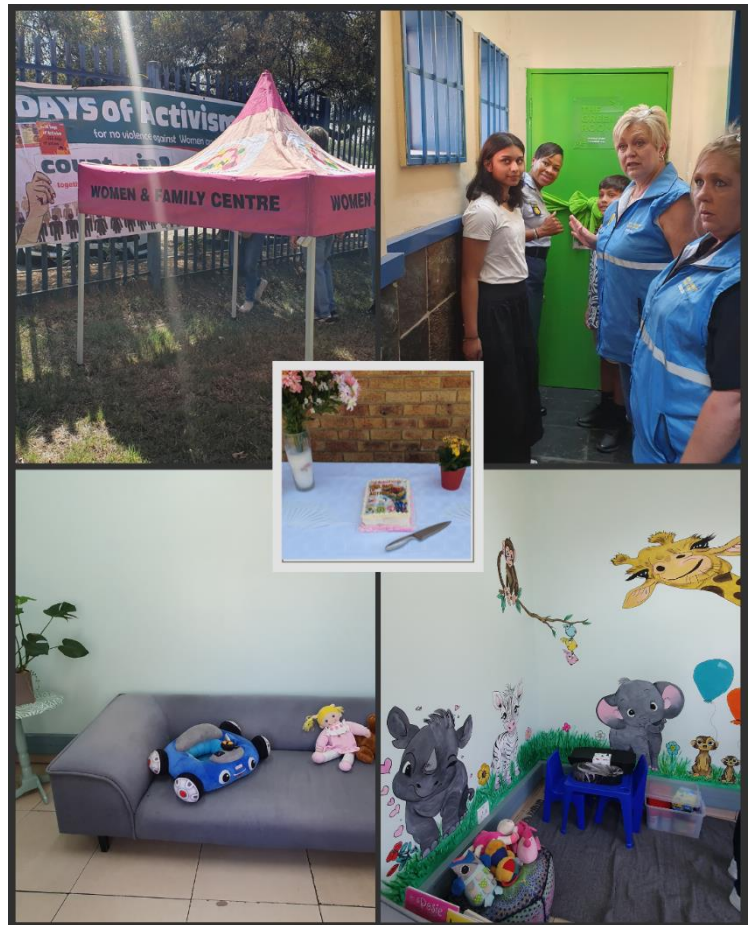
Dear Friends,

This morning, I had the privilege of attending the official opening of 'The Green Room' at the Edenvale SAPS station. The Green Room is an initiative led by community members in Edenvale, in collaboration with the Community Policing Forum (CPF), aimed at providing a safe and calming space for those who have experienced gender-based violence and sexual abuse.

Women and children who have suffered abuse and bravely come forward to report the crime often face further trauma. Police stations, while essential, can sometimes feel intimidating and unwelcoming. The Green Room offers a peaceful and supportive environment, where individuals can share their experiences and receive care and counselling during such a difficult time.

While this initiative doesn't directly tackle the root issue of gender-based violence, it represents an important step forward in recognizing and responding to the trauma inflicted on those affected. Each of us has a role to play in addressing this issue—by not tolerating violence, by speaking up when we are aware of it, and by supporting those who have endured such pain. The Green Room helps to create a safe space that encourages compassion, offering both emotional support and access to law enforcement.

In one of my conversations, it was pointed out that men, too, are individuals who experience sexual abuse and violence. Unfortunately, many men hesitate to come forward due to the societal pressure that "men don't cry" or that they should embody the stereotype of being a "tough man." This harmful narrative only





serves to suppress important conversations about trauma. Men, too, need a safe, supportive space to report abuse and discuss their experiences. The Green Room provides such a space.

As we observe the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women or Children, it's important to remember that the fight against violence and abuse isn't limited to just these 16 days. We must remain committed to resisting violence and supporting those affected at all times, whenever it surfaces. If you have ideas, time, or energy to start or be involved in an initiative that could make a difference in our community and support vulnerable individuals, be encouraged—there are organizations and government bodies ready



to listen and help turn your vision into action. I am always available to listen and collaborate with you on ways to bring these to reality.

With love,

Iain

P.S. Thank you to everyone who helped with decorating the sanctuary and the manger scene outside. It looks wonderful. The children did a lovely job of creating a communal frieze about Advent and had fun making it from the looks of things. (Pictures on the next page)



Advent F R I E Z E







(By Iain Kemp)

As we are in the Advent season and anticipating Christmas, I imagine that you may start to listen to Christmas songs more and more. A year or two ago Lesley suggested this song for singing in worship. At first, I was hesitant, though I can't recall why. Be that as it may, it grew on me and now I think it is a beautiful song of worship which holds within it the honouring of Jesus in such a delightful way. May you enjoy listening and singing along to it.

A Christmas Alleluia – <https://youtu.be/XG347euXoTM?si=a0tqE1jhtkWU3D6D>

An appeal

We appeal to you to please consider donating tins of this formula to feed some of the babies in our congregation.

You are welcome to drop them off at the church office.

Thank you





“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 – check out the WhatsApp group or contact Ross for more information.

Sunday morning children’s worship at 9am on Sunday – all ages welcome

Adverts below for Junior Youth and Senior Youth year end parties





Please e-mail or contact the office if you have any family news...

Visit our Facebook page for inspirational messages:

<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Presbyterian-Church-111653728935626/> Trinity sermons are available on the Trinity church website www.trinitychurch.co.za as a Youtube video

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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