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TRINITY
CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

Thanking God for the year gone by
and praying together about what
God has in store for us next.



**Loving God,
Loving People,
Making Disciples**
In Adelaide's North

Dear church family, I'm thrilled that you have joined us today to give thanks for all that we have seen God do among us over the last year and to pray for what he will do in the coming year.

When we planted nine years ago, we did so because we longed for more people in the north of Adelaide to know and love Jesus. This mission hasn't changed and I hope that today will give you clarity on where we are going and how, under God, we can see more and more people find joy, forgiveness and hope in Jesus.

Luke Dahlenburg

Ministry Reports

We will also hear from others who play a part in making each Sunday happen. Jess (Morning Tea) and Tim (Bands) will give an up-front report on what's been happening. And you can read an update from Andrew (Sound), Meredith (Women, Playgroup), Peter (Leadership Team) and Michael over the next page. They will each speak into the why of ministry and what's been going on over the last 12 months.



What does this look like?

Each year, we think, pray and ask what does this core vision look like for us, in our stage of church life and with the people we have and where we'd like to be?

In 2025, we're focusing on maturity and mission. It's by being deep in God's word as a community that we are able to encourage one another in the way of Jesus, as we keep looking around for mission moments - all for the glory and praise of God.



Going deep
into gospel maturity
to drive mission -
all for the glory of God.

Senior Pastor

Luke Dahlenburg

There's so much to be thankful for as we reflect on the past year. Think back to Lawn Bowls that brought together our non-Christian friends with others in the Christian community or Carols and how we saw over 30 guests hear and sing about how wonderful Jesus is. We've made some great strides in our youth discipleship with a small group of youth regularly heading out after the Bible talk. Our morning teas are creating a great vibe for community on a Sunday. We're planning a church lunch in May for you to host or be a guest with others to keep building community and we've been able to serve our local community by making coffee for the cricket teams that play on the school oval. We've explored how we can boldly and helpfully talk about Jesus in our Speak The Gospel course. We've had new people join us, start serving, giving and caring for others.

We've also been encouraged by God's work in regional SA through the Woods serving with BCA and we have seen two graduates from Bible College SA, too.

Our Life course, shared with the three other local churches, helps people explore faith in Jesus and has already seen over 30 non-Christians attend.

I'm incredibly grateful to God for Michael as our Associate Pastor, who's been overseeing pre-school, kids, and youth and, starting in 2025, able to step into leading our teams and managing the

servicing needs each Sunday. All that we do is to encourage and point people to Jesus, and while many of the tasks are small and aren't directly connected to Word ministry, they create a culture of welcome so that we can keep on maturing and being on mission.

Our Bible talks have covered a lot of ground - 2 Corinthians, Genesis, Isaiah 1-12, and the challenging wisdom of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Opening the Bible and explaining how it all points to Jesus and the hope of where life is going is a weekly joy and something we value highly. Looking ahead, we will get through some more Psalms, James, Song of Songs, and 1 Samuel. The Maturity survey we did earlier in the year was super helpful to know what topics you'd love covered and books preached. A number of these will be implemented in the coming 12 months, and we are looking at ways to use the facilities at Pedare to offer extra Bible teaching midweek for a Deep Dive into topics that we can't always cover in depth on a Sunday - stay tuned for more on this.

It's by being deep in the Word that we find the vision and maturity to keep growing as God's people together. And a great place for this to happen is also in our Community Groups. We'd love to see even more people meeting mid-week for Bible, prayer, and community to input into the lives of others. And, how great were the daily devotions written by those in our community over February?

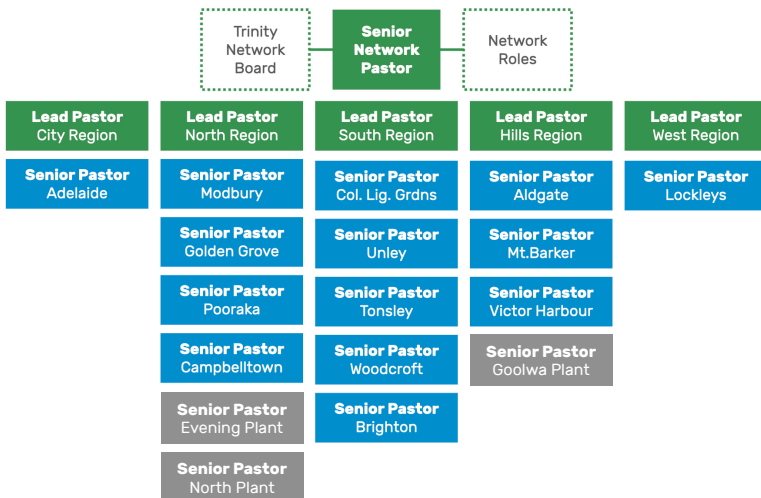
Additionally, we keep on seeing more

births and young families join us. Please continue to keep the parents and children of our church in your prayers and do encourage them when you see them— it's a draining, tricky time of life. I love observing parents connecting before and after our gatherings, supporting one another.

Thank you for being an amazing church to pastor. It's truly a privilege to witness God's work in you, and I count it a joy to serve you all.



Our church is part of the Trinity Network of 14 churches across Adelaide. We work together in regions (North, South, West, Hills, and Central) in response to God's grace, to see one another making and maturing disciples for the glory of God. The Network helps resource each church to do better ministry through church health, planting, admin, leadership development, partnerships, HR, governance, risk, logistics, and heaps more. The diagram below shows the structure of our Network, and how we work together on local mission (Life, Combined Service, church planting, vision) and support (regular meetings, training, PD, shared preaching).



Associate Pastor

Children, Families & Teams

Michael Steermson

We have children and youth ministries at Trinity Church Golden Grove because we want children and youth to love the entirety of God's Word and see how it all points to Jesus. Our prayerful desire is that by tracing God's redemptive plan as it unfolds throughout Scripture, the children and youth of our church may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and grow in maturity to be young men and women who love and serve him and others. Here's what God's been up to in the last 12 months.

Preschoolers

Our preschoolers ministry was launched roughly 12 months ago. With only 2 leaders in the early stages, there were some weeks when the program could not run. With additional leaders joining the team in August and then November of 2024, I'm glad to report that the ministry has run every week in 2025 with an average attendance of 6 children.

One encouraging report that I recently received from a new family is that the preschoolers ministry communicated to them that both parents and children are welcome and valued at our church, helping them decide to make TCGG their church home.

Trinity Kids

It has been a busy year so far in Trinity Kids. After having an average attendance of 11 children in 2024, our

average attendance has increased to 14 children in 2025. While it's great to have so many children in this ministry, having one group of this size and age range is starting to become a challenge.

The short-term plan is to keep the large group in one room and to increase our volunteer team from two to three each week. This will allow us to have a few activities each week where we can split the large group into a younger group and an older group. The longer-term plan will be to split into two groups in two separate rooms: a junior primary group and a senior primary group.

The main challenge moving forward with these plans is having enough leaders and helpers to run the ministry sustainably. So please reach out if you would like to contribute to seeing this important ministry continue to grow!

Youth

After flagging our desire to provide a Sunday morning ministry for youth at last year's AGM, I'm pleased to report that great strides have been made in this area. Our first after-sermon youth discussion group was run on 25th August 2024. While the team of volunteer leaders was assembled, the discussion group continued on a once-a-month basis. Excitingly, as of April, we have been able to increase this to twice a month, with future aspirations of running this ministry weekly. Although this ministry is very much in its early stages, one positive outcome has been the visible strengthening of relationships amongst the youth.

Audio & Sound

Andrew March

The sound and visual team enjoys helping the congregation worship and hear God's word on Sunday mornings. I am grateful for those who have joined and grown the team over the past 12 months, and welcome new members.

Efforts are ongoing to improve the audio quality within the chapel. Last year, additional speakers were trialled and then purchased for the front of the church to provide better coverage across the seating area.

Several years ago, a hearing assistance service called Listen was installed, allowing people to hear the service via an app on their mobile phone within the chapel. While this worked for some individuals, its complexity and incompatibility with certain mobile phones limited its effectiveness for others. Over the past year an alternate service using receivers and headsets has been expanded. This service, which works well for many people, will continue to be expanded based on demand.

The band use speakers to hear themselves when playing and singing. A new system using wireless headphones instead of the standard speakers is being tested. It provides the musicians with a clearer sound and will be considered for expansion where it demonstrates benefit.

Pedare Christian College has an audio-visual technician on staff and appointed

a new person to the role earlier this year. Luke has established a good working relationship with him, facilitating effective communication regarding school activities and changes to the sound and visual system used on Sundays.

Leadership Team

Peter Lockery

The LT currently consists of 4 members plus the Senior Pastor, Luke Dahlenburg.

Dameon Roy is a Senior Pastor's appointment with no fixed term; Lyn Davis and I are congregational appointments with a 2-year term. Tim Rogers is an LT appointment for whatever period the LT determines. I was elected by the LT to act as chair after the AGM in 2024.

The LT of a Trinity Network church is charged with the responsibility for the oversight of the decisions and affairs of the church community.

Ministry

The Senior Pastor has overall direction and responsibility for the ministry of the

Church Community, in consultation with the other members of the LT. See Luke Dahlenburg's report for an overview of the year.

Staff

Carola Bradford's role as Ministry Support Worker concluded in January 2025. As a result, Michael Steemson's role as Associate Pastor was expanded from 0.3 to 0.5. He is responsible for Kid's and family ministry and for the managing and rostering of our volunteer service helpers. Meredith Lockery has continued in 2025 as a volunteer Women's Worker with a focus on the pastoral care of women at TCGG.

The members of the LT are very thankful to God for the quality of our staff team who are all mature, godly people who serve us all well.

The LT also want to express their specific thankfulness to Carola Bradford for her dedication and the love and care of people in her role of Ministry Support.

Property

The initial rental agreement with Pedare Christian College expired at the end of December 2024. The contract allowed with the agreement of both parties, for a further extension of 5 years. I am pleased to say that the rental agreement has now been extended for the next 5 years in largely the same terms.

Occupational Health and Safety

While the LT is legally an independent incorporated body, it enjoys the support of the Trinity Network Board and staff in all matters relating to Child Safety,

Payroll, Property matters, insurance etc. This relieves the members of the LT from having to cover all these matters (which would be considerable) independently.

Finance

There is a significant challenge with our finances in seeking to meet our budget.

If things continue to progress as they have in the first few months of this year, some cuts to staff may have to be made.

See the finance slides presented separately and please submit this need to our loving and generous heavenly Father in prayer.

I want to express my thanks to the other members of the LT who are all keen, under God's grace, to see TCGG grow and mature in Christ both in outreach to the community and love and care for one another.

Playgroup & Women *Meredith Lockery*

It has been encouraging to see the continued growth in the number of women in our Trinity Church Golden Grove community this year. There have been ongoing opportunities for the women in our community to meet for coffee, walk together, and meet weekly in small groups. As a community, we are blessed by the women in the congregation who reach out to others through these activities.

I contact women who have not been at church for 2 weeks and regularly catch up with women to encourage them in their walk with the Lord. I am on the organising team of the Northern Trinity Network Playgroup where I can share the lives of caregivers and their children each week. I continue to meet regularly with Luke, our Senior Pastor, Michael, our Associate Pastor, and Carola to identify women who need extra care. I liaise with the Community Group leaders to ensure that people are supported with meals when necessary. I also lead a women's small group which meets at a café before church on Sundays, and am the contact person for Grace Conference. It is a privilege to walk beside the women of the congregation as we encourage each other to love and serve the Lord.



¹Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3

Looking Forward



Deep Maturity: We want to keep being deeply rooted in God's Word, and this year we've been asking, how can you form healthy spiritual habits? We'd love to see more people connected with a Community Group, serving on a Sunday, and reaching out to others in different stages of life. Being involved in church life helps us form relationships with others and makes sure we can keep creating a Jesus-shaped community. Later this year, we will read a book together (Rory Shiner, *One Forever*), ask the Big Question as a northern region, and head off to the Adelaide Men's Convention and Grace Conference. Your input into our Maturity Survey is helping shape our teaching - we will preach through Job and Revelation 1-5 in 2026 and later this year David Wright from Bible College SA will visit us to unpack Sabbath and Rest.



Mission: Through our Sunday gatherings as we hear about what God's up to among each other, building mission heat at the Life course, we want to continue to help you in your own sphere of influence to talk about Jesus, and to be a church creates helpful space for your friends to explore Jesus too. We've also formed a mission team to pray and plan about what we can do as a church to be more intentional and help each other and our wider community. And, our combined service this year is all geared towards motivating us on our shared mission.



Planting More Church: Over the last few months, we've been talking and praying about what it might look like to partner with others to see more churches planted in our local area and further north. We've got an ambitious plan to see an evening gathering start in 2026 and to send a group of people further north in the next four to five years. Our evening gathering is to help reach a whole new generation of people (late teens and into their twenties), who are showing an openness and curiosity about Jesus. We think an evening congregation which is thoroughly crafted for this demographic may be our best strategy for reaching them. Our plans further north are to meet the needs of the growing numbers of families and communities that will be spreading out, as the State Government builds more houses and infrastructure.



Overseas Gospel Partnership: We don't just want to see Jesus change lives here, but all over the world. We are in the process of starting up a new CMS partnership with K, who's overseas with unreached people. More details will be announced in the coming months, but we'd love each family to consider signing up for K's prayer points, praying regularly, and supporting gospel work around the world financially through CMS and locally through the Woods at Cooberpedy.

Social Media

Over the next 12 months, we're trying to be more intentional in the online space. We've got a strategy to post content to engage with a wider audience, all to see more people come and know Jesus. If you are on social media, a like and a share go a long way.

Head to our **LinkTree** page to connect with all our socials.



Trinity Grove

Loving God, Others & Making Discipleship
of Jesus in Adelaide's North



Read about Jesus



Come to church - Sunday,
10am



Bible Talks & PodCasts



Instagram



TikTok



Finances

Thank you for your generosity and partnership in the gospel. We give to church because we stand amazed at God's gift to us in his Son, and we want others to know his gift, too.

With changes to interest rates and the cost of living rising, it has become a tighter financial environment for many of us.

This year has so far been our toughest when it comes to meeting our monthly budget of **\$19,000**. If each family were to pray and commit to financial generosity, we would not only meet the budget, but we could continue to work towards being a healthy, viable church that can send out and invest in gospel ministry all around us.

For 2025, we are asking each family who is currently giving to consider an increase of 10%. This won't get us all the way, but if you call Trinity your home church, and aren't yet giving, by starting to financially partner with us in a regular way, your generosity will go a long way.

In all things, our motivation should be an overflow from God's generosity to us as seen most perfectly in Jesus (1 Corinthians 16:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 9:7). Giving details are on our website and any physical donations can be placed in the partnership box at the back of the chapel. See the budget handout for a detailed breakdown of where we are.

Prayer & Praise



Give thanks for the times of prayer we have each month (Last Sunday). Please pray that God would hear and answer our prayers, for his glory and our good, and that we would be a prayerful church.



Give thanks for the mums and children making connections each week. Please pray that God would use the playgroup to build great connections into his church, through the families.



Give thanks for the youth with us. Pray our youth would build solid relationships with each other and Jesus.



Give thanks for the dedicated volunteers serving and families who have joined our church. Please pray that we would keep providing helpful and Christ-centred teaching to our children.



Give thanks for how God is using community groups to mature his people. Please pray that strong communities would form between people and a deep love for God's word would grow.



Give thanks for the curiosity of people to explore the Christian faith. Please pray that the sessions would be clear and helpful and that we would all be confident to invite and attend.

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Give thanks for the many newcomers we have had this year and for the friendship being made. Please pray that God would help us all to welcome people well, that we would see people commit to his church and grow deeper as disciples.

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Give thanks for our mission partners: BCA, CMS, BCSA, AFES, CBF, Compassion and pray for those serving in these places -especially for gospel fruit and maturity.

A black rectangular graphic with the words "Trinity Network" written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The background features a faint, repeating pattern of the Trinity Church logo.

Give thanks for the 14 churches in the Network. Please pray for Paul, Ben and Andrew for Godly wisdom in their roles.

The Trinity Church logo, which consists of a stylized white "TC" monogram on the left and the words "TRINITY CHURCH" in a white, bold, sans-serif font on the right. The logo is set against a dark blue background that features a faint image of a church interior with a large stained-glass window.

Give thanks for church community and for the relationships, growth, joy and community that has been forming. Please pray for all those serving on teams - that they would remain passionate and that God would encourage them in their love of Jesus. Please pray that each of us would daily read and open the Bible for the joy of talking to God and knowing him more. Please pray that many more people will hear about Jesus as they gather with us and be saved. Pray that our finances would increase, for our pastors and that we can all continue to mature as God's people. Give thanks for the growth and health of our church over the last 12 months and pray that we would be welcoming to all, and looking for mission moments.

Thank You!

We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you for joining us today. We hope that you're excited for what God can do through his church, for his glory, to see more people know Jesus, built up to become followers of him, ready to share his kindness. Below are 3 Next Steps to take after today:



Next Steps

Deeper Maturity

From joining a community group, to what might you and your family do to go deep into God's word this year, having gospel conversations and joining a team to serve one another each Sunday.

Gospel Generosity

Partner with us in regular financial generosity to resource God's mission here will enable us to continue to proclaim the gospel and to think about how we can expand our current ministry. We are generous in all things because of God's generosity to us.

Intentional Prayer

We would love everyone of us to pray for our church planting endeavours, for maturity, that more people will come to know Jesus, for those in our community, to be praising God for his goodness and generosity, seen in Jesus Christ. Pray our gathering would be spiritually healthy and that we'd have a great community vibe and an atmosphere each Sunday.