



# ANNUAL REPORT

**2025**

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



**TRINITY**  
CHURCH

# 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 ten 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.

As we reflect on a year of growing in deeper maturity, we look forward to continuing our journey of following the wisdom and way of Jesus. Our vision remains the same: loving God, loving people, and making disciples in Adelaide's North, but this year we'll focus on making 2026 a year of **loving to serve and serving to love**.

By this, we don't simply mean joining a Sunday team (though we're thankful for those who serve so faithfully and would encourage each of us to help make Sunday a great, gospel community), but embracing a life shaped by serving God and others in response to his great love. Following Jesus means serving him 24/7 with our whole lives oriented toward God's glory in our homes, workplaces, families, friendships, and even our online spaces. This year, we want to see every part of our lives become an act of worship and service to our great Saviour, doing all for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

**- LUKE**

# LOOKING AHEAD IN 2026

There's much to look forward to in 2026. Here are three things we're excited to work on as a community:

**DEEP IN THE WORD:** Bible talks on – Jesus's I AM Statements in John, Job, Jeremiah, Revelation 1-5 and the Gospel Shaped Family. Plus Deep Dive session at The Hill. Later this year, we will ask the Big Question as a northern region, head off to the Adelaide Men's Convention and Grace Conference and keep pondering our one thing from each Sunday. I'm looking forward to preaching, teaching, seeing us all motivated by the glory of God in all we do in 2026.

**ON MISSION:** Updates from our partners: a new Discover Jesus course to bring your friends along to explore Jesus, our combined gathering, and our new evening church plant to reach the next generation for Jesus with Dave Harrington as the pastor. And expect more content from our social media pages (follow us by scanning the QR code).



**LOVING SERVICE:** In response to God's love for us, we're called to love one another through a life of wholehearted service. In 2026, we want to grow in our One Anothering of one another, making Sunday a great place to connect and set up our weeks as Jesus followers.

## OUR BIG PRAYER IN 2026

**Father God, as part of our church's desire  
to see the lost saved and the saved grow,  
please help us serve and refresh one  
another, in the same way you selflessly  
and sacrificially served us, so we can live  
as a witness to you. Amen.**

# REPORTS

## SENIOR PASTOR

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 23 guests hear and sing about how wonderful Jesus is.

We've continued to see some great strides in our youth and kind's ministry - we've begun some youth socials and we continue to see lots of kids joining our Sunday program. We've had new people join us, start serving (especially when it comes to our wonderful morning tea team!), giving and caring for others. And, a few Trinity Men events have happened to connect men of all ages together, to input into each other's lives for discipleship and formation.

We've been encouraged by God's work in regional SA through the Woods serving with BCA. We have seen one graduate from Bible College SA and, we started a new gospel partnership with K who's serving in South East Asia with CMS.

Speaking of mission, our online presence is growing with thousands of views of our videos and we've seen people trickle into church from this. Online is very much the front door of our church and we hope to see more people hear and find great

hope and life in Jesus through what we're doing in this space.

As to local mission, the Life course, shared with the three other local churches, helps people explore faith in Jesus and has already seen over 30 non-Christians attend and we're excited to see this moved to The Hill and to offer a second exploring Jesus course called Discover.

I'm incredibly grateful to God for Michael as our Associate Pastor, who's been overseeing kids, youth and our teams and got going a number of new initiatives including some youth socials and working with the team to split into 2 kids groups on a Sunday.

Our Bible talks have covered a lot of ground - The Sermon on the Mount was particularly memorable for me as we looked at following the way of Jesus. We were encouraged by the in-house devotional booklet written by many of us as we started the year. We explored different genres from the Psalms, including God's holiness, lament, and praise. From James, we looked at how to live a wise life, saw how Jesus is everything in our Big Question series, explored how we all need God's good leadership over our lives from 1 Samuel 1-17, and ended the year by looking at how to have an unhurried faith in a chaotic world. Not to mention introducing some Deep Dive sessions and My One Thing after each talk to help us think and apply God's Word to our lives. We also gave out some books on Mother's and Father's Day to encourage us as God's people in the roles as mums and dads and spiritual

parents many of us play.

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.

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.

- Luke

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## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

### Serving

I'm so thankful to oversee a servant-hearted team that wants to help the kids and youth of our church love God, love people, and be disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus.

A total of 20 different people served across the Preschoolers, Trinity Kids, and Youth ministries in 2025. We already have another 4 new people joining our teams in 2026, and more are always welcome!



### Attendance

An average of 6 kids attended our Preschoolers program each week in 2025. This is the same average attendance as 2024. Given that 7 kids moved from the Preschoolers age group into Reception in 2025, holding a steady average attendance reflects the number of new children and families who have joined the Preschoolers ministry in the past 12 months. An average of 13.6 kids attended our Trinity Kids program each week in 2025. This is up from an average of 11.3 in 2024. To accommodate this growth, from May onwards we increased the size of our weekly volunteer team from 2 to 3.

### New Groups in 2026

To better accommodate our growing number of kids, this year we are splitting Trinity Kids into two groups: one for Reception to Year 2, and one for Years 3 to 6. The benefits of splitting into two groups are being able to teach each

group using more age-specific activities and having more manageable group sizes. The cost is that our Trinity Kids leaders will need to serve more often. The goal is for this cost to be short-term and eased by more leaders being raised up to help share the load.

### **Looking to 2027**

I've been thinking about how we can continue to grow the Kids Ministry area beyond what we do each Sunday. So I'm getting in early to let you all know that I'd love to run a 3-day, half-day, holiday kids club in the 2027 April school holidays. Even at this early stage, if this is a mission that you'd like to be involved with, please reach out and we can begin discussing what that would look like.

### **Youth**

In 2025, we increased the frequency of our after-sermon youth discussion groups from once to twice a month. We also ran social events for our youth in terms 3 and 4. It's been a joy to witness the strengthening of relationships among our youth as well as between the youth and the leaders through these shared times together. In 2026, I'm pleased to report that Logan Montgomery and Madeleine Lingard are joining the Seek youth team. Seek is our northern region combined youth group, which meets from 6:30-8:30pm on Friday nights at the Hill. Please be praying for Logan and Madeleine, that God would use them to lead youth from across the northern region to know and love God, and to build their lives firmly on Jesus.

- Michael

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## **WOMENS WORKER**

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, craft, walking together, and in small groups for Bible study and prayer. 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 regular at church and catch up with women from the congregation to encourage them in their walk with the Lord. I have had the opportunity to visit a number of our women who have been in hospital or housebound and it is a privilege to read from the Bible and pray with them. I also continue to catch up with some women who no longer attend on Sunday mornings for a variety of reasons. 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. This year the playgroup will be happening at the Hill. I meet regularly with Luke, our Senior Pastor and Michael, our Associate Pastor 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 in loving God, loving others, and following Jesus.

**- Meredith**

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## LEADERSHIP TEAM

The team 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 2025. For 2026, Lyn has decided not to seek reelection, and Tim has decided to stand down from his role as an LT appointment.

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

Michael Steemson continued in his role as 0.5 Associate Pastor. 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.

### Property

The 5-year rental agreement with Pedare Christian College continues into its second year. With the completion of the building works on the expansion and redesign of the front entrance, we are hoping to be given access to the auditorium via the front entrance once more.

On the property front, however, the really big and exciting change has been the purchase of "The Hill" to serve the four Northern Trinity Churches (Golden Grove, Campbelltown, Modbury and Para Hills) and facilitate the launch of a new night church in 2026.



The property is a wonderful provision to serve the needs of the Northern Trinity Churches and further gospel outreach in the region especially among young adults.

**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**

After noting in last year’s AGM report, the significant challenge we were facing to meet our budget for 2025, it was wonderfully encouraging to see how the church community responded with such generosity that we not only met our budget but added to our accumulated funds from the previous year. In 2026 we will have a budget increase of about \$1,000 per month, the major component of which is our share of a maintenance costs for ‘The Hill’. So, the increase to our accumulated funds will help with that. See the finance slides presented separately for the details and please continue to submit our finance needs 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. We look forward to how God by

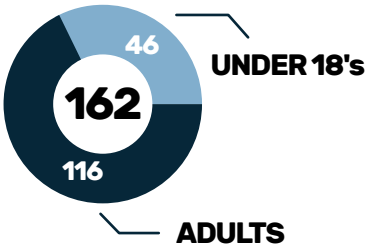
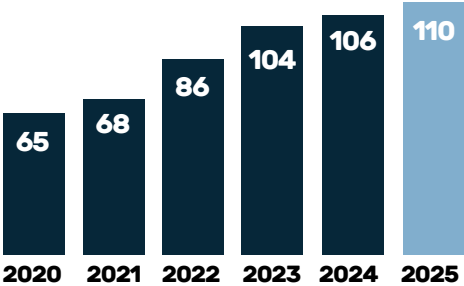
his Spirit will work both in and through us for the praise his glory.

- Peter (Chair)

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**A SNAPSHOT OF CHURCH LIFE**

**Average Sunday Attendance**



**3** **Professions of faith**

**6** **Baptisms**

**Each Week**  
**7%**   
**Visitors**



# FINANCE

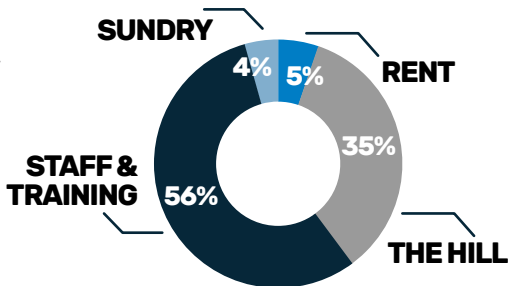
Thank you for your generosity and partnership in the gospel through your financial partnership. We saw an incredible outpouring of generosity as 2025 went on. Our finances were struggling in January, but through a number of one-off gifts and an overall increase in people, we ended up

meeting the budget as the year ended. As a Leadership Team, we have been amazed at watching what God has been doing in so many lives of his people to keep helping us to be financially viable so we can see the lost saved and the saved grow.

Our budget has a slight increase in 2026 to cover operating costs, including our Pedare rent, wages, and outgoings for The Hill. We haven't budgeted any expense and have tried hard to make sure nothing is increased except what is necessary. We'd ask each of us to consider if we can increase our giving in 2026, very aware of the pressure many of us are facing in other areas of life, so that as a community we can keep on doing gospel work.

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.

## Breakdown Of Increase



# THE HILL

Our new ministry centre has already seen a great amount of use from all four Northern churches, including men's events, staff and leadership meetings, playgroup, youth and young adult events, Bible study groups, and team training. We're still in the early days of setting it out for great gospel ministry and the new PM church that will be launched from The Hill in late March.

**Father God, as part of our church's desire to see the lost saved and the saved grow, please help us to be wise, outward-looking, and intentional as we use The Hill, so that You will be glorified among Your people and those who will become Your people. Amen.**

## **1 THESSALONIANS 1:7-10**

**And so you became a model to all the believers  
... The Lord's message rang out from you ...  
your faith in God has become known  
everywhere. ... They tell how you turned to God  
from idols to serve the living and true God, and  
to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he  
raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us  
from the coming wrath.**

## **1 THESSALONIANS 2:8**

**Because we loved you so much, we were  
delighted to share with you not only the  
gospel of God but our lives as well.**