

COMMEMORATION SERVICE ON 16 DECEMBER

Pretoria, 21 November 2016. The annual Covenant church service at the Voortrekker Monument will be broadcast via live streaming on our website: www.vtm.org.za on 16 December. The northern gate from Jan Smuts Avenue will also be open to facilitate access.

The service will commence early and end at 10:00 whereupon the Monument will be open for day visitors who did not attend the service. The service and the sun shining on the Cenotaph at 12:00 will be projected on large screens in the Hall of Heroes and the Cenotaph Hall. Guests should be aware that the quality of sound projection is best in the Cenotaph Hall.

Persons attending the service do not pay entrance fees but a collection will be taken up before the start of the service to help cover the costs of the event.

The programme is as follows:

- 07:00 VTM main gates open (entrance free)
- 07:30 Assegai gates and doors of the Monument open
- 08:15 Sing-along: song leader Mareli Weyer; organ accompaniment, Diane la Grange
- 08:30 Taking up of collection
- 09:00 Reading of the Covenant
- 09:05 Service by Dr Hennie Botes of the Reformed Church
- 10:00 Conclusion – packing away of chairs
- 11:00 VTM main gates open for general public (normal entrance fees apply)
- 12:00 Observe the sun shining on the Cenotaph

Guests are cordially requested to arrive early so that they may take their seats in the Monument from 07:30. The doors of the Monument will be closed as soon as the monument has reached its capacity and late arrivals will be accommodated in tents around the Monument.

Visitors who prefer sitting outside may also bring their own folding chairs. The service will be broadcast outside the Monument.

Wheelchairs and helpers will be available on request in the parking area to transport physically impaired persons to the Monument. The service is presented by die Board of Directors of the Voortrekker Monument in conjunction with Die Voortrekkers.

Enquiries regarding the day's activities may be directed to Annatjie at 012 326 6770 or ontvangs@vtm.org.za. The Managing Director of the Monument, Ms Cecilia Kruger, will be available for interviews in front of the woman en children statue at 10:00 after the service. Her contact number is 082 417 4411.

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