

VTM-80 COMMEMORATION SERVICE ON 16 DECEMBER

Pretoria, 3 December 2018. This year the Monument will be celebrating the 80th year of the laying of the cornerstone and the northern gate in Smuts Avenue will also be open the help with speedy entrance to the site. The service will be broadcast via live streaming on our website: www.vtm.org.za.

The service will commence early and end at 10:00 whereupon Dr Jackie Grobler will present a talk about the Battle of Blood River in the chapel. Entry to the talk is free. The service and the sun shining on the Cenotaph 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 will be as follows:

- 06:30 VTM main gate opens as well as the northern gate
- 07:00 Assegai gates and Monument doors open and guests are
- 08:15 Singing: Song leader, Evelyn Ferreira
- 08:30 Take up of collection
- 09:00 Reading of the Covenant
- 09:05 Covenant service by ds Christo Pretorius – Reformed Church
- 10:00 Close – put away charis
- 11:00 VTM main gate opens for general public (normal entry fees applicable)
- 12:00 Observe the sun 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 is full and late arrivals will be accommodated in tents around the Monument. People who prefer sitting outside may also bring their own folding chairs. The service will be broadcast on speakers 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 to the media 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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