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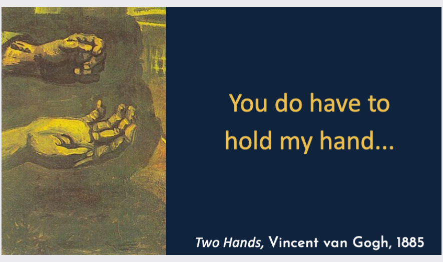
Creating Circles of Dignity



You do have to hold my hand...

Two Hands, Vincent van Gogh, 1885

RUC NEWSLETTER

Cape Town, Sunday 15 November 2026

Sunday Service

9:30am to 10:45am

with Holy Circus (Sunday School)

Robert is leading the service.

Andrea Harrison and Nick Geffen are preaching.

Andy Harrison is a RUC-homegrown writer and linguist. She writes mostly about landscape and language (and sometimes both at once). Andy writes creative nonfiction essays, the occasional poem, and some academic work on Southern African languages too.

Under the pen name N. A. Dawn, **Nick Geffen** writes essays, poetry and speculative fiction concerned with the problem of human flourishing in a more-than-human universe. Nick's poetry has appeared in New Contrast, and his fiction has been collected in two anthologies from Short Story Day Africa. In 2022, he represented South Africa in the organisation's flagship pan-African Inkubator Writing Workshop.

Know Their Names

22,435 Palestinian children
(Mothers For Gaza)

Sunday 15 November
11am in the RUC church hall

Please join us after the service in the hall, as we honour the Palestinian children killed in Gaza by writing their names, one by one, onto a cloth. Each name is a child who was here. Each name is a life worth remembering.

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Please click below for last week's online sermon.

Where is home?

Please diarise (for more details see below):

Sunday 22 November - RUC Church Meeting
Saturday 28 November - An Interactive Coffee Experience with Nicole
Sunday 6 December - Christmas Market

Please Note:
Postponed to February 2027 - Puppetry Workshop

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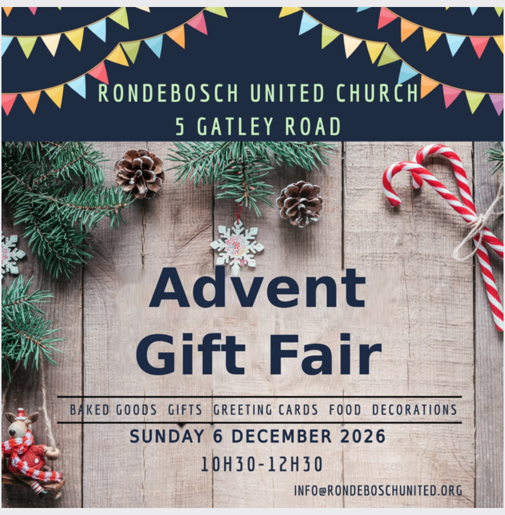

RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH
5 GATLEY ROAD

Advent
Gift Fair

BAKED GOODS GIFTS GREETING CARDS FOOD DECORATIONS
SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2026
10H30-12H30
INFO@RONDEBOSCHUNITED.ORG

Book your table: R250 per table
Email info@rondeboschunited.org to reserve your spot.
Payment by cash or card on the day.

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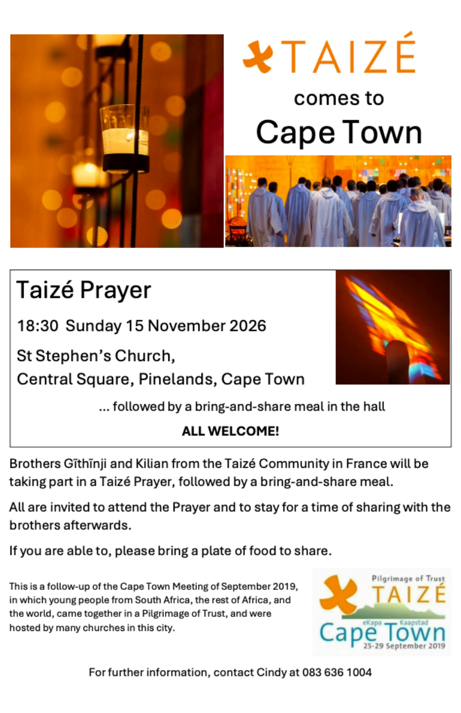

TAIZÉ
comes to
Cape Town

Taizé Prayer

18:30 Sunday 15 November 2026

St Stephen's Church,
Central Square, Pinelands, Cape Town

... followed by a bring-and-share meal in the hall

ALL WELCOME!

Brothers Gĩthĩnji and Kilian from the Taizé Community in France will be taking part in a Taizé Prayer, followed by a bring-and-share meal.

All are invited to attend the Prayer and to stay for a time of sharing with the brothers afterwards.

If you are able to, please bring a plate of food to share.

This is a follow-up of the Cape Town Meeting of September 2019, in which young people from South Africa, the rest of Africa, and the world, came together in a Pilgrimage of Trust, and were hosted by many churches in this city.

Pilgrimage of Trust
TAIZÉ
eKapa Kaapstad
Cape Town
25-29 September 2019

For further information, contact Cindy at 083 636 1004

Hi everyone!

We are a family of 4 (3 adults and a baby)
looking for a 2 to 3-bedroom home to rent.

- 📍 Preferred Areas: Southern Suburbs, Pinelands, City Bowl and other surrounding areas.

- 📅 Move-in Date: 01 February 2027 (Flexible to start in January 2027)

We are responsible tenants
looking for a great space to settle into long term.
If you have a listing opening up
or know of any good contacts, please reach out!

📞 Contact Kume: 081 722 5109 (Including WhatsApp)
✉️ Email: kumedzani@live.com

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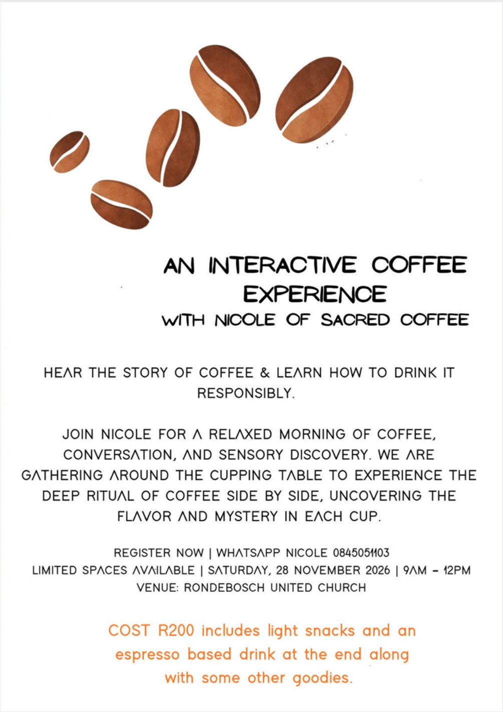

AN INTERACTIVE COFFEE EXPERIENCE

WITH NICOLE OF SACRED COFFEE

HEAR THE STORY OF COFFEE & LEARN HOW TO DRINK IT RESPONSIBLY.

JOIN NICOLE FOR A RELAXED MORNING OF COFFEE, CONVERSATION, AND SENSORY DISCOVERY. WE ARE GATHERING AROUND THE CUPPING TABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE DEEP RITUAL OF COFFEE SIDE BY SIDE, UNCOVERING THE FLAVOR AND MYSTERY IN EACH CUP.

REGISTER NOW | WHATSAPP NICOLE 0845051103
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE | SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2026 | 9AM - 12PM
VENUE: RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH

COST R200 includes light snacks and an espresso based drink at the end along with some other goodies.

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isiXhosa Singing for Joy with Monwabisi

Please join us every first and third
Wednesday of the month
from 7pm to 8pm in our church sanctuary.

We start in August.

Fees are R200 per month, or R120 per session. Please message Monwabisi if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group: 071 250 0586

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Sermon Discussion Group

Please join us if you enjoy being in conversation with others about Sunday's sermon.
Everyone brings their own questions, interests, and stories to the discussion.
And together we hope to make meaningful connections to our daily lives.

Every second Tuesday of the month at someone's home.
-Facilitated by Beryl Botman

Every third Sunday of the month after the service in the upstairs room of our church hall.
-Facilitated by Barbara Centurier-Harris.

If you wish to join, please contact Beryl at beryl.botman60@gmail.com

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With paintings by Alma Thomas:
(1) Resurrection; (2) White Roses Sing and Sing; (3) Red Roses Sonata.

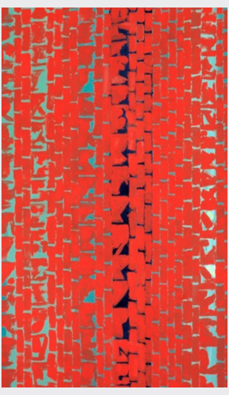
HEAR HOLD LOVE ENFOLD

Alastair Rodger, Lyne McLennan, Wendy Cheek, Jennifer Roeleveld, Christine Snyders, Margaret Reid, Douglas Bax, and Chris Rodseth.

Rondebosch Police Station, SmilingOne, Outliers, U-Turn, "Grow Great" Campaign, Masazane Soup Kitchen, and Thembi's Soup Kitchen.

TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE IN NOVEMBER

9th Jim Ellinghouse and Peter Krummeck; 14th Ernest Bartlett; 18th Marianne Le Roux; 20th Johan Straus, Fiona Datlin, and Arthur Robert Newton; 22nd Maureen McLennan; 24th Brenda Kramer; 25th Douglas Metcalfe; 30th Radha Murugen.



HAPPY RETURNS IN NOVEMBER

Kindly let us know if your birthday is not listed.

1st Abigail De Kokerand and Sunny Gaunt; 3rd Nicole Terblanche; 4th Annette Spykerman; 6th Omar Mtabala Tembela and Connor Robertson; 7th Francis Barnett; 8th Alton Jooste and Meagan Jooste; 11th Ora Levitt and Marie Iversen; 15th Susan Michelle Grace Tembela and Teneale Basset; 16th Ingrid Baigrie; 17th Eily Bates; 18th Tessa Kennedy, Afia Darkwa, and Warda Wanamaker; 20th Jimmy Baigrie and Michel N'dlandla Tembela; 25th Lee Olivier; 30th Chris George and David Ockhuys.

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

Please email us, if you would like to add a special anniversary.

30th Chuck and Heleen Wanamaker (1985).

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LGBT+ NETWORK AT RUC: IN@RUC

Please go to our website for more information:
https://www.rondeboschunited.org/lgbt-network-at-ruc

WEEKLY DISCUSSION GROUPS ON ZOOM

For more information please go to our website:
https://www.rondeboschunited.org/weekly-bible-studies

MONTHLY LIESBEEK RIVER CLEAN-UPS

For more information please go to our website:
https://www.rondeboschunited.org/liesbeek-river-clean-up

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First National Bank
Branch Rondebosch
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Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ

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