



With Eyes Wide Open

RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH Creating Circles of Dignity

RUC NEWSLETTER

Cape Town, Sunday 29 March 2026

Earth Hour

tonight (28 March) from 8:30pm to 9:30pm local time

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the global movement organised by the World Wildlife Fund.

Switch Off: Turn off all non-essential lights and appliances for the hour.

Palm Sunday Service

9:30am to 10:45am

with Holy Circus (Sunday School)

Bring and Share Brunch with Canadian Students in the Church Hall (10:45am to 11:30am)

Please diarise:

Good Friday Service - Friday, 3 April, 9:30am
Easter Early Morning Service - Sunday, 5 April, 8:00am
Easter Service - Sunday, 5 April, 9:30am



Please click below for this week's online sermon.

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Mobile Phone Needed

Hello RUC people!!

Mo (Emily) Shay here. My phone is currently on its last legs and I wonder if anyone may have a spare phone lying around that I could use? Happy to borrow rather than have. In the same vein, if anyone has a working Kindle they no longer use, I would love to use that too.

You can let me know over Whatsapp or Signal at 076 931 6715 or over email at modymoshay@gmail.com

Thanks!



Join us for the Cape Town - Pilgrimage for Palestine

We welcome all people of faith and conscience to join us in another prayerful journey of solidarity with our Palestinian siblings through the 2026 Cape Town - Pilgrimage for Palestine. Together we will walk 42km, the length of Gaza (either all or in sections), walking WITH the millions who have been displaced and murdered, fleeing their homes amid the ongoing genocide.

The Pilgrimage for Palestine will take place on April 4th, 2026 (Holy Saturday). Starting at Simons Town Train Station (7:00), journeying along the coast to Muizenberg, then heading up Main Road and eventually concluding at the Groote Kerk, Adderley Street (est 18:00), where we will gather for a closing solidarity event (18:00-19:00). This year we invite all participants to wear black, as we will be carrying & reading the names of the est. **20,000 children who have been killed in Gaza**, allowing the pilgrimage to act as a funeral procession (more details to follow).

For the Christians among us, Holy Saturday is a significant day of liminality. A day between the state sanctioned murder of Jesus and the resurrection. A day of mourning and hoping and perseverance in the waiting. A fitting day to experience "Christ in the rubble" as Palestinian pastor and theologian Munther Isaac has said. We welcome people of all faith traditions and those with none to make use of the narrative of Holy Saturday as a means to allow ourselves to grieve the suffering of our Palestinian siblings and to find hopeful solidarity in our steps. We grieve, but not without hope! (1 Thessalonians: 4:13)

There will be a briefing via Zoom held a week prior to the pilgrimage (we'll email an invitation). During the briefing, we will address safety and practical issues, and provide the final details of the route (assumed segments listed below).

Please be assured that this will be a safe, peaceful and inclusive activity. Should you have questions or require clarity please don't hesitate to contact our organizing team.

Thank you for walking with us.

To Register for Pilgrimage



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



Yoga Classes at RUC

Mondays at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

Please contact Erika, if you would like to join: lencses.e@gmail.com



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HEAR HOLD LOVE ENFOLD

The Holness Family, the Cooke Family, Jennifer Roeleveld, Walter Muloiwa, Kenny Holness, Margaret Reid, Roy and Wendy Cheek, 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 APRIL

2nd Heather MacMahon and Stan Mott;
3rd Katherine Dommisse; 4th Ocean Cull; 6th Chris Drummond; 10th Archibald Pickstock; 11th Aline Tibbit; 12th Rob Robertson and Gavin Felaar; 13th Suellen Shay; 16th Renee Williamson and Rhoda Kadalie; 19th Lizzane Penney; 20th Robert Hutchison; 24th Taitum Le Roux.



HAPPY RETURNS IN APRIL

Kindly let us know if your birthday is not listed.

2nd Wendy Hobson; 3rd Johann Maree, Lyn McLennan, Tavis Reid and Earl Williams; 5th Chuck Wanamaker and Jade Collard; 6th Seliza Darkwa and Naledi Godfried; 10th Elizabeth Parkwa and Karen Ordman; 11th Colin de la Harpe, Marion Smallbones, and Mark Simpson; 13th Ruth Scott; 17th Peter Williams; 18th Andrea Harrison; 20th Lola Steiner, Natasha Anders, Madison Oosthuysen; 22nd Emil Krause and Amelie de la Harpe; 23rd Kayleigh Anders and Tessa Harrison; 25th Ian Scott and Jack Adams; 26th Jennifer Roeleveld; 27th Erika Williams and Juan de Koker; 28th Christopher Wanamaker; 29th Ethan Williams; 30th Ethel du Plessis.

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

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

1st Farouk and Geraldine McPherson; 25th Roy and Michelle Kempster.



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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