

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



**Schiedamsevest 121,
Rotterdam
Services every Sunday at 10.30 am**

Sunday 6th January 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship:

Introit: "Carol of the Bells" – the Choir

Welcome and prayer

Praise: Angels from the realms of glory (35)

Children's message

Praise: He's got the whole wide world (225)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: Isaiah 60: 1-5 (p. 746)
Matthew 2: 1-12 (p. 966)

Praise: Brightest and best (65)

Sermon: "Arise and shine"

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering and dedication

The Covenant

Praise: Father it is right and fitting

Our prayers

Sacrament of Communion

THE SENDING

Anthem: Laudate Domine (Taize) – the Choir

Announcements

Praise: Lord the light of your love is shining (445)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to Worship *Based on Matt. 2 & Isaiah 60*

Come, let us gather together to worship and adore our Saviour
Jesus Christ,

born on this earth as a human baby to be our guiding star.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Lift up your eyes and look around;

God's people gather together from far & near.

They bring their worship and adoration

and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Thought for the week

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Epiphany. The word 'epiphany' means: "appearing, bringing something to light, making visible what was once hidden." It is about the coming of the true light into the darkness of the world.

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert

Elder: Bob Hensen

Organist: Netty Geuze-Dijkstra

Choir: Anneke Pot

Children's message: Irene Bom

Bible reading: Evelyn Koomson

Welcome: Alina Balatica & Joyce Mensah

Crèche: Silvia Aiomwanbor

Counting: Esther Abang

Door: Anthony Evovo

Beamer: Andre van der Velden

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday:

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19:30 Emmaus discipleship (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Sunrise

Covenant Service

On this first Sunday of 2013 the congregation is invited to reaffirm and renew its commitments in a Covenant Service. The liturgy is drawn upon the practice of the Methodist Church and John Wesley. You are invited to recommit and make vows to the Lord before coming forward to receive communion.

Happy New Year

The Scots International Church wishes a blessed 2013 to everyone within the fellowship and to our many friends in other congregations.

Joseph

Next Sunday we begin a series of bible readings and sermons on the life of Joseph from the book of Genesis.

.Birthdays

Today we give our warm congratulations to Peace Acquaaah & Destiny Amadin (today), Maarten Brandse (Wednesday), Florence Foyat-Bergna, Irene Bom & Matthew Sebastian (Thursday) and Mildred Asare-Awuku (Saturday) on their birthdays this week.

Soup lunch

The soup lunch next week on Sunday 13th January will be held on the following week (20th) due to our support of the Russian Orthodox Church in their Christmas celebrations.

Herald January-February 2013

What did you do or miss during Christmas and New Year? Send your stories to the Herald before 06.01.2013 to editor-herald@live.com or atobobhensen@hotmail.com Hand written notes are also welcome.

Ben & Hannah on Mercy Ships

Ben and Hannah Calvert flew out of Brussels yesterday to rejoin the 'Africa Mercy' ship where Ben is principal of the ship's Academy and Hannah serves as a nurse. They were in Rotterdam for two weekends over Christmas and spoke about the work done by "Mercy Ships." After the communion service today a mission offering will be taken up for "Mercy Ships."

Stewardship

The "Stewardship" cards sent out at Christmas are available in the church entrance. Please prayerfully fill them up and place them in the offering plate or prayer box on the front table. Only one card was sent per household but you may take as many as you wish for your family.

Prayer co-ordinator

We seek help in co-ordinating prayer requests. This would be ideal for someone who has a passion for prayer, access to e-mail and has been in the congregation for a few years

Reading group

The next meeting is on Friday 11th January at 13.00 in the crèche room. The book is "The Murder in the Vicarage" by Agatha Christie. More info from Dr. Pat Ewing (010-5216263).

Weekly Offering Envelopes

New offering envelopes are available from the treasurer Jim Taylor. They are dated for each Sunday in 2013 and for anyone who would like to give a regular amount every week. Anyone paying income tax is entitled to claim back for monies donated to the church & a receipt is prepared by the treasurer for this purpose.