

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit: "Let all mortal flesh keep silence" – Choir

Praise: At the name of Jesus (41)

Prayer & welcome

Children's message

Praise: Give me oil in my lamp (167)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **Habakkuk 2** (p. 941)

Praise: Oh, the love of my Lord

Sermon: **"Living by Faith"**

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering & prayer

Praise: We come as guests invited (723)

Sacrament of Communion – we sing "Peace is flowing" (554)
during sharing the peace

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: "In the land of the living" – the Choir

Announcements

Praise: Be thou my Vision
 (51; men v.3 & women v.4)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to worship (based upon Psalm 24)

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
The Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

Thought for the week

“God not only prompts the question – He also provides the answer.”

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert
Elder: Esther Abang
Organist: Netty Dijkstra-Geuze
Bible reading: Baltazari Sumari
Children's message: Rev Irene Bom
Choir: Anneke Pot, Andrea Hayter
Welcome: Alina Balatica, George Aironwanbor
Crèche: Chante Fleming, Fayola Cairo
Counting: Harmen Rebel, Flora van der Zwaan
Door: James Essel
Beamer: Eugene Ng
Recording: Brenden van der Velden
Hospitality: Wenli Wan, Nicole Chai
Flowers: Chandra Aldus

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

10.00 Interactive fun-day for 'Ascension'

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Saturday

10.00 Pastoral Counseling (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Sonrise

Birthdays

We offer our warm congratulations to Fane Mensah (Tuesday), Gwen Wenfua (Wednesday) and Michelle Sebastian (Friday) on their birthdays this week.

Prayer Network

Through use of e-mails, we hope to be better connected, informed and encouraged to pray for the church and the world we live in. We want to share specific information as far as we are able to, but not personal details that should be regarded as confidential.

If you'd like to be part of this SICR Prayer Network and actively participate in intercessory prayer, please send to Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com or leave a note in the prayer box in the church entrance.

Mission Offering

This morning we take up a mission offering for the Ma Flo Foundation in Cameroon. Last Sunday we received an update on the work with orphans and encouraged to give our support.

Activities on Ascension Day

This Thursday 9 May is Ascension Day or 'Hemelvaart'. We are planning an interactive day of fellowship and fun.

We will start to make the garden mosaic for the outside wall of the church. There will also be games, tea-garden, making music and poetry together with lunch.

There is something for all the family – including T-shirts with the words "Serve the City"! For further details, speak to Allen Foster, Wilma Paton, Andre vd Velden.

Course in Pastoral Counselling

A course in skills in pastoral counselling began yesterday and will continue over two more Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 12.30. The course takes place in the Church house and is highly recommended for anyone involved in pastoral conversations.

Beginner's Dutch Lessons

For beginner's Dutch lessons, speak to Harry Jonckheere (tel. 010 501 5296). Lessons will be at "Mamre" on Wednesday mornings from 10.00.

Congratulations!

Warm congratulations on the birth of a grandson to Maureen and Tjerk Vollema. Ian was born to their son and daughter-in-law in Barcelona.

Youth Group

The Youth Group is for youth from 13 to 18 years old. They meet every Sunday during the service upstairs in the attic – except the last Sunday of the month. If you want to join, you're always welcome. For more info, talk to Rignalda Fleming, Fayola Cairo, Jeroen Naaktgeboren or Saskia Dorsman (010290 0292).

Communion

In the communion service today, believers in Christ and their families are invited to come forward. What we call 'the common cup' contains wine while individual cups contain grape juice.

The elders serving the bread and wine say "The Body of Christ, broken for you" and "The Blood of Christ, shed for you" as a reminder of the mystery of receiving Christ at the heart of the communion service.

This morning you are invited to sing the chorus "Peace is flowing" as a sung greeting when we share the peace with each other.

Caretaker

Our caretaker person George Tettey needs to go back to Ghana in order to obtain a form for residing in the NL. George has reserved a flight on 10 May and now needs to raise funds for the return trip. We are therefore looking for someone who from May to possibly July is able to help the church with opening and setting up the church.

Herald newsletter

The May-June edition of the Herald newsletter is available from the bookstall for one euro or fee from the church website.

Crèche

The crèche is a safe and warm place for children up to the age of three years old. Parents are also able to hear the service – so you don't miss out!

The Crèche is a great way for parents of young children (0-3) to meet one another! If you are interested to look after children, contact Silvia Aïromwanbor or Maaïke Koka for details.