

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Christmas family service 15th December 2013

Call to worship

Introit: "Child of the poor/What child is this"

Praise: Hark the herald angels sing (211)

Welcome and prayer

The Christmas Tree – Sunday School

Praise: Come and join the celebration (83)

Joy at Christmas – Rev. Irene Bom

Lighting of the third Advent candle

Praise: Emmanuel (words see at the end)

Bible reading: Matthew 1: 18-25 (p.965)

Praise: Away in a manger (47)

Jesus is special – Rev. Robert Calvert

Praise: Child in the manger (71)

Offering and dedication prayer

"Use this money" (words see below)

Prayer for others

Praise: Joy to the world (393)

Benediction and three-fold Amen

Call to worship

With all my heart I praise you Lord.

In the presence of angels

I sing your praises.

I worship at your holy temple

and praise you for your love and faithfulness.

You were true to your word and made yourself more famous than ever before. All kings on this earth have heard your promises Lord,

and they will praise you.

I worship at your holy temple

and praise you for your love and faithfulness.

Thought for the week

“He became what we are that he might make us what he is.”
(Athanasius, 4th century theologian)

Today is the third Sunday in Advent!

Play: the Sunday School

Messages: Irene Bom & Robert Calvert

Elder: Charles Ashu

Organist: Jan Hendrik van der Kamp

Choir Leader: Andrea Hayter

Bible Reading: Kay Karen Acquaah

Welcome: Emmanuelle Asare Awuku,
Steve Russell

Counting: Flora v/d Zwaan, Harry Jonckheere

Door: Kees Knol

Beamer: Andre van der Velden

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Flowers: Eugene & Nicole

Hospitality: Sally Agbor Atem & Rinus v.d. Starre

Philippines Disaster

Please consult the noticeboard for giro numbers for emergency donations to Christian NGOs.

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WHAT'S ON

Today

- 12.30 Sunday school Party
- 17.00 Christmas Tea
- 18.00 Carol singing in the 'buurt'
- 19.00 Carol service (with the Choir)

Monday

- 19.15 Old Testament Survey (Church house)

Tuesday

- 09.30 Mums' book group (crèche room)
- 10.00 Mosaic workshop (Church house)

Wednesday

- 10.30 Dutch language class (Church house)
- 10.30 Mamre (Lower Hall)
- 19.00 Mosaic workshop (Church house)
- 19.00 "Alpha course" (Lower Hall)

Thursday

- 09.00 English language class (Church house)
- 11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Friday

- 19.30 Church prayer meeting (Lower Hall)

Sunday

- 10.30 Worship, Advent 4, Joyful Singers

Mission offering

The mission offering taken up this month is to be given to the **Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza**. This is the Presbytery of Europe's mission project for 2013-2014. The Hospital is respected as a provider of the quality health care for all. It works closely with the Palestinian National Authority Ministry of Health and is the first to receive the overflow from the government hospital in Gaza. The hospital is open to all, irrespective of their faith. It treats the poor without charge. It treats those hurt in the crossfire. This hospital works because the staff, Muslims and Christians, work unstintingly to take care of those around them. The Chief Surgeon is a Muslim and the Director of the Hospital is a Christian. Check out: www.jmecca.org.uk

Birthdays

We offer our warm congratulations to Menen Tesema-Betre (Tuesday), James Essel (Tuesday), Richmond Mensah (Thursday) and Janette van der Ben (Sunday) on their birthdays this week.

Alpha Course

The theme of the last of the Alpha Course evenings on Wednesday is "**How can I make the most of the rest of my life?**" We start with festive food at 19.00. We ask everyone to bring something savoury or sweet for the communal table. The presentation will be given by Alan Paton and the discussion groups close at 21.15

Prayer

Join us for the church's monthly prayer meeting on Friday at 19.30. You can also join the e-mail prayer network and actively intercede in prayer from your home. To register, call Wilma Paton at or leave a note in the prayer box in the entrance.

Language learning?

If you would like to learn **Dutch**, there is a class for beginners with Harry Jonckheere on Wednesdays at 10.30. There are still places at the 09.00 group to learn **English** on Thursday mornings. Info from Pam Russell 010 5914959.

The Garden Wall Mosaic

Everyone is welcome to the Attic Studio to work on Tuesday from 10:00 to 15:00 and Wednesday from 19:30 to 22:30. Contact Andre vd Velden at 0653641271 or Wilma Paton at 0616236652

www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic

Scots International Church on internet

You can see a programme about this church at www.station-r.nl or [Gebedshuis van de Week - Scots International Church Rotterdam Centrum](#)

Carol Singing tonight!

Tonight we sing Christmas Carols around the local area of the church. We visit the Fire Station and Wallonian Church and sing a few songs at each. Come and sing in your own language! We have texts in English, Dutch and French. We will carry little lights for about 30 minutes and have warm punch or chocolate drinks to warm us up. This happens between the *Christmas Tea* (17.00-18.00... please bring some finger food to share) and the *Carol Service* (19.00-20.00). For those who don't wish to sing carols outside, you can stay in the hall downstairs to wait for the service. See Pam Russell if you would like to play an instrument and she will send music via e-mail. For more info, pick up fliers or see notice.

Book group for mums

The next meeting of the book group for mothers is this Tuesday 17 December from 9.30 to 11.00 in the crèche room. Other dates in the New Year are 7 & 21 January and 4 February. All mothers with their children are welcome. Contact Justyna Glebocka at: justynaglebocka@gmail.com

Reading group

The next meeting of the reading group is on Friday 10th January at 13.00 when the book is "The Colour" by Rose Tremain. For more info contact Norma Taylor at i_taylor@versatel.nl or Patricia Ewing at 010-5216263.

.Books at Scots International Church

Check out the church bookstall for Christmas gifts. **Beth Hooper's** book "***The Roots that Clutch***" is also available at 14.95 euros and for every purchase Beth will donate 4-95 to the church! Also check out **Iveren Agbatse's** "***My thoughts***" is a recently published collection of poems about God.

Songs not in Mission Praise:

Use This Money

Use this money to be a blessing
To your work, O Lord
Use this money so that other people
May also hear God's Word
Thank you for all you've given us
And for teaching us to share
Use this money and use me too
So others may know you care.

Use me, Jesus, to be a blessing
To your work, O Lord
Use me, Jesus, so that other people
May also hear God's Word
Thank you for all you've given us
And for teaching us to share
Use me, Jesus, my whole life through
So others may know you care.

Emmanuel

1. Sing a song, a song of joy
Come along to see the boy
A baby boy who from heaven came
Emmanuel is His Name

Chorus:

Emmanuel - God is with us

Emmanuel - God is with us

Emmanuel - God is with us

God is with us - Emmanuel

2. Shepherds heard the angels sing
Bringing news of a baby king
So they went without delay
To see the baby in a manger where he lay

(Repeat chorus)

3. Wise men came from afar
They were led by a star
They brought him gifts, gifts of joy
Gold and myrrh and frankincense for the boy

(Repeat chorus)