

# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013**

***THE GATHERING***

Call to worship

Introit - the Joyful Singers

Welcome and prayer

Praise: Angels from the realms of glory (35)

Children's message

Praise: 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  
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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)**

## ***THE WORD***

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: Isaiah 35: 1 – 10 (p. 719)

Luke 1: 28 – 33 (p. 1026)

Praise: Rumours of angels (922)

Sermon: “Good News or Bad News?”

## ***THE THANKSGIVING***

Praise: The light of Christ (652)

Offering, dedication & offertory – Joyful Singers

Open Spot

Prayer for others

## ***THE SENDING***

Anthem – the Joyful Singers

Announcements

Praise: The first nowell (644)

Benediction and three-fold Amen

Recessional – the Joyful Singers

## **Call to worship**

Come, let us walk God's holy way,  
let us hear his word  
**and see the vision he has set before us.**  
Let us travel together,  
**one people in his sight.**  
Come, let us worship our mighty God  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

## **Thought for the week**

“Trusting God is not about believing in a good outcome but about believing in a good God whatever the outcome.”

## **Today is the fourth Sunday in Advent!**

Preacher: Robert Calvert  
Elder: Ruud Witte  
Organist: Jan Hendrik van der Kamp  
Joyful Singers: Esther Abang  
Children's Message: Bob Hensen  
Bible Reading: Samuel Enow, Hank Meldrum  
Welcome: Steve Russell, Wilma Paton  
Counting: Joy Okojie, Eric Wenfua  
Door: Emmanuel Asare Awuku  
Beamer: Alan Paton  
Recording: Brendan van der Velden  
Hospitality: Stanley Murithi

## **Scots International Church on internet**

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

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## **WHAT'S ON**

### **Tuesday**

19.30 Christmas Eve Service

### **Wednesday**

10.30 Christmas Day service

## **Thursday**

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

## **Sunday**

10.30 Worship

### **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.jmeca.org.uk](http://www.jmeca.org.uk)

### **Birthdays**

We offer warm congratulations to Janette van de Ben (today), Doreen Asare-Awuku (Monday), Pam Russell & Isabella Snoeren (Tuesday), Crista Jacobs (Wednesday), Esther Abang & Sophie Tataw (Thursday), and Robin Atu-Poku & Brian Essel (Saturday) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

### **Christmas at Scots International**

The church is open to everyone for Christmas worship on Tuesday at 19.30 and Wednesday at 10.30. We give a special welcome to all visitors.

### ***"O come, let us adore Him!"***

Thank you to the team who have decorated the church so beautifully. Our sincere thanks also to all who helped to

organise the children's party, the Christmas tea, Carol singing in the local area and Carol Service in the church.

### **Congratulations!**

We are thrilled to hear about the arrival of twin girls born to Saskia and Jeroen last Thursday 19 December. Their new born daughters have been named Stella and Imme.

### **Prayer**

You can join this new e-mail prayer network and actively intercede in prayer from home. Call Wilma Paton at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com) 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.

\*\*\* **Next lessons on 08 and 09 January** \*\*\*

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic)

### **Youth Presbytery**

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 25 is invited to attend the Youth Presbytery in Budapest on 21-23 February. If you are interested to know more, contact the minister.

### **Beta bible studies**

In the New Year on Wednesdays from the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, the minister offers bible studies on themes about Christian faith

and life. Let him know if there are issues that you like to discuss.

### **Russian bible?**

Someone had requested the minister for a Russian bible but he cannot recall who it was! Please contact him if it was you as soon as possible.

### **Book group for mums**

The next meetings of the book group for mothers is on 7, 21 January and 4 February. All mothers with their children are welcome. Contact Justyna Glebocka at: [justynaglebocka@gmail.com](mailto:justynaglebocka@gmail.com)

### **Reading group**

The next meeting of the reading group is on Friday 10 January at 13.00 when the book is "The Colour" by Rose Tremain. For more info contact Norma Taylor at [j\\_taylor@versatel.nl](mailto:j_taylor@versatel.nl) or Patricia Ewing at 010-5216263.

### **Graduation!**

Our sincere and warm congratulations to Ronald Sianipar, Allen Foster, Evangeline Gnanaraj and Christine Liang on graduating recently in their respective study programmes.

### **Philippines Disaster**

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