

# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

***THE GATHERING***

Call to worship / introit

Welcome and prayer

Praise: I, the Lord of sea and sky (857)

Children's message

Praise: He is Lord (220)

***THE WORD***

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **Isaiah 63: 7-9** (p. 749)

Praise: In the bleak mid-winter (337)

Bible reading: **Matthew 2: 13-23** (p. 966)

Praise: Unto us is a boy is born (714)

Sermon: **"Back to the Future"**

***THE THANKSGIVING***

Praise: The steadfast love of the Lord (666)

Offering, dedication and offertory

Prayer for others

***THE SENDING***

Announcements

Praise: Lord for the years (428)

Benediction and three-fold Amen

## **Call to worship**

Come let us hear the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
**for we are his people and he has done great things for us.**  
Beyond messengers and angels,  
**He has come himself;**  
the Lord Immanuel is here.  
**Come and worship Christ the newborn king.**

## **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 first Sunday in Christmas**

Preacher: Robert Calvert  
Elder: Bob Hensen  
Organist: Netty Dijkstra  
Bible Reading: Eugene Ng, Ruud Witte  
Soloist: Emma de Zanger  
Welcome: Wisteria Cairo, Harmen Rebel  
Creche: Chante Fleming, Fayola Cairo  
Counting: Evelyn Koomson, Mavis Fleming  
Door: James Essel  
Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten  
Recording: Brendan van der Velden  
Flower: Family Baiye  
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](#)

**Church Office e-mail: [scotsintchurch@cs.com](mailto:scotsintchurch@cs.com)**

**Website: [www.scotsintchurch.com](http://www.scotsintchurch.com)**

**Church telephone: 010 412 4779**

**Bank account: 69 96 42 620**

**ING bank number: 175187**

## **WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:**

### **Thursday**

12:00 Delft tour (meet at Delft railway station)

### **Sunday**

10.30 Worship, Communion, Covenant Service and Choir

*... and the next week:*

### **Tuesday 7 January**

09.30 Mum's book group

10.00 Garden Mosaic studio (Church house)

19.45 Consistory meeting

### **Wednesday 8 January**

10.30 Mamre

19.30 Beta bible study (Lower Hall)

10.00 Garden Mosaic studio (Church house)

### **Friday 10 January**

13.00 Reading group (crèche room)

## **Epiphany**

Next Sunday is traditionally associated with the season of Epiphany and the recognition of the Christ-child as the Son of God. We read from Matthew's Gospel about the visit of the magi or wise men. Also we will take vows together as a community following Christ into the New Year in what is called a Covenant service.

## **Birthdays**

We offer warm congratulations to Helen Brhelova (Wednesday), Cindel Fleming (Friday) and Prince Adarkwah (Saturday) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

## Happy New Year!

The minister and elders wish everyone connected with the community of the Scots International Church a very blessed and peaceful New Year.

### Delft tour

On the second day of New Year (2 January) a tour of the city of Delft is on offer with some of our international students. If you would be interested to come to come, see Robert Calvert for further details or call 06 2097 4849. The plan is to meet at Delft station at 12.00.

### 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.

### 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 \*\*\*

## **Philippines Disaster**

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

### **Mission offering**

The mission offering to be taken up next Sunday after the communion service is for Mamre – a ministry set up at the end of the 1990s to serve uprooted people. Each week a warm meal is served to fifty (or more) persons in the Lower Hall. For information on Mamre, see Isaac Dierx or call him at 010 – 421 2853. New volunteers are welcome!

### **Book group for mums**

The next meeting of the book group for mothers is on Tuesday 7 January. The following meetings are planned for 21 January and 4 February. All mothers with their children are welcome. Contact Justyna Glebocka: [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.

### **Congratulations!**

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

### **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)