

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 5th January 2014

THE GATHERING



Call to worship:

Introit: "Another Year is Dawning" – the Choir

Welcome and prayer

Praise: Father, it is right and fitting (*words see below*)

Children's message

Praise: We bring Him gold (*words see below*)

THE WORD



Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **Matthew 2: 1-12** (p. 966)

Praise: Brightest and best (65)

Sermon: **"A Walk To Worship"**

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering and dedication



Covenant prayers

Praise: As with gladness men of old (39)

Covenant commitment



Sacrament of Communion

THE SENDING

Anthem: I have decided to follow Jesus – Choir

Announcements

Praise: O Jesus, I have promised (501)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 80)

Hear us Lord, and shine forth.

Stir up your might and come to save us!

Restore us, O God, and let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Stir up your might and come to save us!

Come among us, Lord: open our lips to praise you, our hearts to love you, and our lives to welcome you.

Stir up your might and come to save us!

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 realization that the Christ-child is the Son of God. It is about the coming of the true light into the darkness of the world.

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert

Elder: Kees Knol

Organist: Maarten Altena

Choir: Anneke Pot

Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom

Bible reading: Lesley-Ann Calvert

Welcome: Jan Dirk Schouten, Maureen Vollema

Crèche: Marcel & Veronica Kind

Counting: Frieda Enow, Janine Kooy

Door: Anthony Evovo

Beamer: Eugene Ng

Recording: Brenden van der Velden

Flower: Family Baiye

Hospitality: Stanley Murithi

Happy New Year! 

The Scots International Church wishes a blessed 2014 to everyone within the fellowship and to our many friends in other congregations.

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WHAT'S ON

Tuesday

- 09.30 Mum's book group
10.00 Garden Mosaic studio (Church house)
19.45 Consistory meeting

Wednesday

- 10.30 Mamre (Lower Hall)
19.30 Beta bible study (Lower Hall)
10.00 Garden Mosaic studio (Church house)

Thursday

- 11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Friday

- 13.00 Reading group (crèche room)

Sunday

- 10.30 Worship, Sonrise
12.00 Soup-lunch

Covenant Service

On this first Sunday of 2014 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.

Communion Service



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.

Courses for 2014?

Let the minister know if you are interested in any of the suggested menu of courses by registering your name on the table in the church entrance.



Birthdays

Today we give our warm congratulations to Peace Acquaaah & Destiny Amadin, (Monday), Florence Foyat-Bergner, Irene Bom & Matthew Sebastian (Friday) and Mildred Asare-Awuku (Sunday) on their birthdays this week.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

New offering envelopes are available from the treasurer Jim Taylor. They are dated for each Sunday in 2014 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.

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



On Wednesday evenings the 'Beta' bible studies offer help for everyone on themes about Christian faith and life. This week we read from John 14 and discuss spiritual growth and development. We start at 19.30 & finish by 21.15

Old Christmas cards?

The Sunday school would like to do something creative with used Christmas cards. If you intend to throw your cards away, could you please donate them to the Sunday school for their Christmas party next year? See Olaf de Zanger!

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

Mission offering

The mission offering to be taken up after the communion service will be dedicated to Mamre – a ministry set up in 1998 to serve uprooted people. Each week a warm meal is served to about fifty persons in the Lower Hall. For information on Mamre, speak to Isaac Dierx / 010 – 421 2853. A leaflet about Mamre is available this morning.

Book group for mums

The next meeting of the book group for mothers is this Tuesday. The following meetings are planned for 21 January and 4 February. All mothers with their children are welcome. Contact Justyna Glebocka: justynaglebocka@gmail.com

Reading group



The next meeting of the reading group is this Friday in the crèche room at 13.00 when the book is “The Colour” by Rose Tremain. For info, contact Norma Taylor at taylor@versatel.nl or Patricia Ewing at 010–5216263.

Next Sunday

The minister will be away from this Thursday to the following Wednesday 9 – 15 January. Next Sunday’s service will be led by Rev. Irene Bom and followed by a soup-lunch.



Prayer

Join the e-mail prayer network and intercede from your home, by registering with Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com.

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. More information can be obtained from Pam Russell / 010 5914959.

Father it is right and fitting

(To the tune "Ode to Joy" – MP 600)

1 Father, it is right and fitting
We should bring You thanks and praise;
Here we make our great thanksgiving,
Here our hearts to You we raise.
You alone are the Creator
Of this world in which we live;
For its beauty and its splendour
Grateful thanks to You we give.

2 Thank You for the life of Jesus,
Child of Mary, Son of God;
For the way He opened for us
As our suffering path He trod.
For His fateful, firm obedience
Leading to the cross of wood,
And the joyful, hopeful radiance
Shining from our Risen Lord.

3 On the night of His betrayal,
This same Jesus gladly shared
With His friends His final meal,
Blessed the food they had prepared.
"In this wine My blood is given,
And My body in this bread.
Eat and drink, proclaim My dying;
Do this 'til I come," He said.

4 Here we keep our Lord's instruction,
Here His bitter death recall;
Here proclaim His resurrection,
In His service offer all.
Come, Lord, come. Yes, through the Spirit,
May these people and this food
Be Christ's body here incarnate,
To sustain us in this world.

5 Here we join with all creation
In the endless hymn of praise;

Every age and every nation
All as one their voices raise.
Holy, Holy, Lord Almighty,
You are God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with glory,
Through earth's darkness floods Your light.

We bring Him gold

We bring Him gold
For Jesus is the King of Kings
We bring Him myrrh
For Jesus is our Saviour
We bring Him frankincense
For Jesus is our God
He is our God,
Our Saviour and our King.