

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 27th July 2014

THE GATHERING



Call to worship

Welcome and prayer

Praise: "Come let us sing of a wonderful love" (95)

Children's message

Praise: "God is good" (185)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading:

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52; Romans 8:26-39

Praise: "Through the love of God, our Saviour" (704)

Sermon: "The wonder-full love of God"

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: "Give thanks with a grateful heart" (170)

Offering and dedication

Open spot: 'Testimonies about the love of God'

Praise: "Teach us, Counsellor, Comforter" (Words, see below)

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Announcements

Praise: "The Lord's my shepherd" (1008)

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

Call to worship (based on Psalm 105)

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.
Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.
Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,
He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.



Thought for the day

"God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill all His promises . . . leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself. "

(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

The Service today

Preacher: Graham Jardine
Elder: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Worship leaders: Ediri Sobotie & Bob Hensen
Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Bible reading: Tjerk Vollema & Jessica Ndagire
Children's message: Bob Hensen
Welcome: Ann Schuursma & James Essel
Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Veronica Kind
Counting: Flora van der Zwaan
& Evelyn Koomson
Door: Ruud Witte
Beamer: Alan Paton
Recording: Brendan van der Velden
Hospitality: Helder Vanisse & Margreet Bakker
Flowers: Molly Foster

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday

10.30 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship

Birthdays



We give our warm congratulations to Simeon Calvert (Monday), as well as Tjakko Bouwman, Myron Etienne, Evelyn Koomson and Isabel Smart (all on Wednesday) on their birthdays this week.

Dutch language lessons

Start up in September.



The Garden Wall Mosaic



The team of the Garden Wall Mosaic has put the circles in the new fence. Go and see it, it looks really marvellous. Visit the Facebook page and tell your friends to come and see it too!
www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic

Mission Offering Sunday 3rd August

Coming Sunday the 'Living *Water Link*' project in Nigeria supported by our member Peter Aghasomba will benefit from the mission offering.

Peter will give a testimony today and give information about the project.



INTERIM MODERATOR

During the vacancy Rev. James (Jimmy) Brown minister of the English-speaking Christian Congregation (ECC) Bochum, Germany is our Interim Moderator. He can be reached at:

j.brown56@gmx.de

Our former minister Rev. Robert Calvert can be reached at:

robertacalvert@gmail.com

Summer Club 2014

The volunteers today are John and Justyna Wagenaar, while the theme is: "Polish craft and Polish dance" (Krakowiak). If you can help sometime during the coming weeks, please speak to Nicole Ng today!

Pastoral Care and Prayer Requests

Please note that pastoral care from an elder or a minister is always available. Contact your elder or the Church Office. Prayer requests can be put in the prayer box on Sundays, or sent via the Prayer Co-ordinator Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com.

Stanley needs to go home to see his family

Thanks to all who contributed last Sunday, you can still do so this and the following weeks.

Our caretaker Stanley Murithi has not been back to Kenya to see his family for almost five years. He needs to settle some family matters and see his wife and two daughters. He applied for financial help, as he cannot pay for his ticket. He will receive a small amount from the Consistory Fund and needs to augment the remainder through crowdfunding. We appeal to your compassion. Put donations in the collection in an envelope marked Stanley – Consistory Fund. Talk to Bob Hensen, if you wish to know more.

Looking ahead – Sunday by Sunday

During the vacancy

From this Sunday 27th July till the end of August we will rely on some local preachers, Irene Bom, Joost Pot, Jason Pridmore and today Graham Jardine.

Important support for these services will come from the worship leaders.

On 31 August our preacher will be Rev. Rhona Dunphy, who leads the Local Church Review team visiting us that weekend. Thereafter we can settle down to enjoy 4 weeks of Dave Robinson's ministry, including some workshops on pastoral care (a particular interest of Dave's).

Dave Robinson 7th September to 5 October 2014 (4 services)

Derek Lawson 26 October to 14 December (8 services)



Sunday School Songbook 2014

A while ago Irene Bom distributed copies of the new Sunday School Songbook to families, Sunday School teachers and others involved in children's ministry in our church. If you haven't received a copy or would like to have one, please see Irene. A digital version, which allows you to hear the music as well, is also available.

LYRICS for "Teach us, Counsellor, Comforter"

Teach us, Counsellor, Comforter
Teach us, teach us the language of love
Teach us, Counsellor, Comforter
Teach us, teach us the language of love

Love is kind, love is patient, love is wise
Love is open, ever hopeful
Love abides

Teach us, Counsellor, Comforter ...