

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



Christmas Day 25th December 2014

*"For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government
will be on his shoulders."*

Isaiah 9: 6

**Schiedamsevest 121,
Rotterdam**

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The Gathering

Call to Worship

Opening hymn: Joy to the World (MP 393)

Welcome & Prayer

Praise: Hark! The Herald-Angels Sing (MP 211)

The Word

Prayer of Confession

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High (*text see below*)

Reading: Luke 2:1-14

Praise: Away in a Manger (MP 47)

Sermon: Glory to God!

Praise: O Come All Ye Faithful (MP 491)

Offering and Dedication

Prayer of God's people

Response: God of Love, Grant Our Prayer

The Sending

Announcements

Closing Praise: Ere zij God, Ere zij God (*Text see below*)
(*Traditional Dutch Christmas song*)

Benediction & 3-fold Amen

Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song;

Sing to our God all the earth.

Glory to God in the highest heaven!

Peace on earth to all!

The heavens are telling the glory of God,

Let the earth rejoice, let trees of the forest sing for joy!

Glory to God in the highest heaven,

Peace on earth to all!

Closing Responses

God has entered our world.

Glory to God in the highest!

Jesus has come to set us free.

Glory to God in the highest!

Sin and death hold no power over us.

Glory to God in the highest!

All praise and glory be to our God!

Glory to God in the highest!

The Service Today

Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Elder: Ruud Witte

Worship Leader: Bob Hensen

Organist: tba

Bible reading: Bob Hensen & Ruud Witte

Welcome: tba

Crèche: tba

Counting: tba

Door: tba

Beamer: André van der velden

Hospitality: Pam Russell

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Flowers: tba

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 28th December

10:30 Worship Service

English lessons

English lessons have temporarily stopped. Lessons will begin again on Thursday 8th January.

Interim Moderator

Our Interim Moderator during the vacancy is Rev. James (Jimmy) Brown minister of the English-speaking Christian Congregation (ECC) Bochum, Germany. He can be reached at: j.brown56@gmx.de

Speak out or write it down

Feel free to make remarks or suggestions about anything that happens at SICR. Please speak to an elder, put a written note in the suggestion box, or send an email.

Christmas Season

We welcome all visitors who worship with us this Christmas season. Please join us for coffee, tea and fellowship and identify yourself to us, so we can know you.

Prayer Requests and Pastoral Care

Prayer requests can be put in the prayer box on Sundays (*please write clearly and you may add telephone number or name for clarification*). Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Co-ordinator Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com.

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or a Minister, contact your Elder or the Church Office.

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Looking ahead..

Today our fourth (local) locum, Rev. Jennifer Pridmore will preach her second sermon and continue to do so every Sunday till the end of January. She will be further introduced at the beginning of the service.

SICR Weekly Update

Do you like to receive an update on activities, sermons, hymns etc. @ SICR every Thursday or Friday in your E-mail box? Then send a mail to: editor-herald@live.com and you will also receive The Herald-by-Email.

Becoming a member of the SICR

Have you been attending church with us and want to become a member? Speak to the minister or sign up with Ato Bob or send a mail to the church office. On Sunday 25th January, our Covenant Service we plan to induct new members into the SICR.

A Place at the Table

Sunday 7th December the Mission offering was dedicated to the Presbytery Mission project 'A Place at the Table' which supports the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL) who provide food and hygiene packs to hundreds of displaced families in Syria and the surrounding countries. If you missed this chance to contribute, you still can. Put it in an envelope marked 'A Place at the Table' on the collection plate or transfer by bank to the SICR.

A Peek at Next Year 2015

Sunday 4th January

Holy Communion & Worship Service

Sunday 11th January

Worship Service & Soup Lunch

Sunday 18th January

Worship Service

Epiphany Tea at The Pridmore's

Sunday 25th January

Covenant & Worship Service
Confirmation of New members

Epiphany Tea : Sunday, 18th January 3-5 pm

The Pridmore family (Jennifer, Jason, Maggie, Esther Hope, Terry, Judie. and their family dog, Bear) are hosting an Epiphany Tea at their home on Sunday, 18th January from 3-5pm. Bring the whole family for tea and home-made baked goodies, as well as Epiphany Fun and Fellowship.

Address: Gruttosingel 61, 2903 EE Capelle a/d IJssel (within easy walking distance of Capelle Centrum Metro Station). Tel: 010-7518144

Jim & Norma Taylor's 40th Wedding anniversary

Jim and Norma would like to thank everyone for the greetings, messages and flowers. Your sharing In our happiness means a great deal.

Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see.
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Ere zij God

Ere zij God
Ere zij God
In de hoge, in de hoge, in de hoge

Ere zij God
Ere zij God
In de hoge, in de hoge, in de hoge
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde
In de mensen een welbehagen

Ere zij God in de hoge
Ere zij God in de hoge
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde
Vrede op aarde, vrede op aarde
In de mensen, in de mensen een welbehagen
In de mensen een welbehagen, een welbehagen

Ere zij God
Ere zij God
In de hoge, in de hoge, in de hoge
Vrede op aarde
Vrede op aarde
In de mensen een welbehagen
Amen, amen