

# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

# Covenant Sunday 31st January 2016

## The Gathering



Call to Worship

Welcome & Prayer (incl. the Lord's Prayer)

Praise: *Come let us sing* (MP 94)

Children's Message

Praise: *Jesus love is very wonderful* (SSS 49)

## The Word

Prayer of Confession



Bible Reading:

**Jeremiah 1: 4-10; 1Corinthians 13: 1-13**

Praise: *Here is love* (MP 987)

Sermon: **"Love is all you need"**

## The Thanksgiving

Praise: *Give thanks* (MP 170)

Offering and dedication

Praise with Sonrise:

Be still (MP 50)  
Bless the Lord (10.000 reasons)  
We love God (Hold fast)

Covenant renewal (see below)

Prayers for others

## The Sending

Announcements

Praise: *In Christ there is no east* (MP 329)  
Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

### **Call to worship**

People of God, come hear the good news.

**But we hear the voice of God calling us  
to places we are afraid to go.**

People of God, take courage  
in the loving, sustaining presence of God.

**We are here to find strength and courage,  
to find faith and hope,  
to lean on the everlasting, loving arms of God.**

### **Thought for the Week**

"All you need is love, love is all you need!"

The Beatles



### **The Service Today**

Minister: Rev. Wylie V. Hughes

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's Address: Ato Bob

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Sonrise: Rev. Irene Bom

Bible reading: Alan Paton

Welcome: Steve & Pam Russell

Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Chanté Fleming

Counting: Mavis Fleming & Joy Okojie

Door: Eric Wenfua

Beamer: André v.d. Velden

Recording: André v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Maaïke & Nenna Koka

Flowers: Bridget Teisman

Closing: Mavis Fleming

### **Rev. Wylie's Bible Study continues**

Our locum minister Rev. Wylie V. Hughes will continue to lead the Wednesday Bible Study which started last Wednesday and had an enthusiastic following. All are welcome!

### **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](mailto:j.brown56@gmx.de)

### **Looking ahead: Locum or Local?**

Rev. Wylie V. Hughes is our locum till/incl. 14<sup>th</sup> February. He is a Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the USA, PC (USA). Reach him on 06-1370 1667 or at [wylievhughes@gmail.com](mailto:wylievhughes@gmail.com)



### **Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?**

Put your requests 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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com).

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

### **Covenant Service Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

In our annual Covenant Service today we reaffirm our Covenant with the Lord and any personal promises you might have made.

### **Do you want to become a member of SICR?**

Have you been attending this church and want to become a member? Speak to Rev. Irene Bom or Ato Bob or <mailto:info@scotsintchurch.com>

### **Birthdays**

This week, we congratulate Erna Booman (Monday), Joke te Winkel (Wednesday), Pjotr Lane (Thursday) and Elsie Chapman (Saturday) on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*



## **Agenda for the Week +**

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

10:30 Mamre

19:30 Rev. Wylie's Bible Study

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

10:30 Communion & Worship Service

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

10:30 Mamre

19:30 Rev. Wylie's Bible Study

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

10:30 Worship Service

**± 12:30 Extra Council Meeting**

### **SICR Weekly Update**

Would you like to receive an update on activities, services, sermons, news etc. @ SICR every Thursday or Friday in your E-mail box?

Then send a mail to: [editor-herald@live.com](mailto:editor-herald@live.com) and you will also receive The Herald-by-Email.

### **Annual SICR Dinner Show 29.01.16**

Much thanks to all volunteers and the Cultural Events Team and especially Erna Booman for organizing and cooking for the Dinner Show last Friday. Kudos to all the artists and surprise performers too! If you missed it so sorry!

### **AGM 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February immediately after the Service. ***All conveners of teams, groups etc. are to submit their reports before 7<sup>th</sup> February.***

### **Nominations for deacons wanted**

Two deacons are stepping down. Feel free to nominate candidates or *do you hear the call to be a Deacon?* Contact Ruud Witte: 06-2241 1465 or [ruudfwitte@planet.nl](mailto:ruudfwitte@planet.nl)



### **Dates for your agenda - SICR Events**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 – World Day of Prayer  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Concert Vocal Ensemble  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - North Sea (Jazz Big Band)

### **Manse closed for all activities**

From 1st January 2016 the Manse is closed for all activities, such as Consistory & Council meetings, Sunday School, Prayer meeting and rental. An exception is made for the SICR Office and the Youth Group using the attic.

### **Refugees - AZC Beverwaard**

Find info on Rotterdam City Council Cityportal  
<http://www.rotterdam.nl/asielzoekerscentrumrandbeverwaard>  
Volunteering: [www.Ready2Help.nl](http://www.Ready2Help.nl)

*Pray for the people of Beverwaard to be discerning and accept their new arrivals, with understanding, love and compassion!*

### **Book Group meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 1 p.m.**

'Five days left' by Julie Timmer, Ask Norma Taylor or Pat Ewnig for details.

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**Covenant Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

## **Lord's Prayer, to be projected at the end of the opening prayer**

Our Father, who is in heaven  
Holy be Your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Yours is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory forever  
Amen.

### **Jesus love is very wonderful**

*By H W Rattle*

Jesus love is very wonderful  
Jesus love is very wonderful  
Jesus love is very wonderful  
Oh, wonderful love!

So high you can't get over it  
So low you can't get under it  
So wide you can't get round it  
Oh, wonderful love!

### **BLESS THE LORD (10000 REASONS)**

Chorus  
Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

(repeat chorus)

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

(repeat chorus)

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

(repeat chorus)

## **WE LOVE GOD (HOLD FAST)**

We love God because He first loved us.  
The Father sent His only Son  
that we might have life through Him.  
Hold fast to the promises of the Lord of all.  
Hold fast. Live a godly life. Heed God's call.  
We are pilgrims. Heaven is our home.  
Hold fast believing God is faithful  
to those He calls to be His own.  
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to those He calls to be His own.



## THE COVENANT

God made a covenant....

Let us pray...

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins. For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ, reluctant to follow him, and afraid to bear the cross:

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship, the formality and selfishness of our prayers, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, and our hesitating witness for Christ:

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts, evade our responsibilities, and fail to be good stewards of your creation:

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, forgive.**

For the sin that has made us unwilling to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice, quick to condemn, and selfish in sharing your love with others:

Lord, have mercy, **Lord, forgive.**

*Silence*

**Have mercy on me, O God, in your constant love; in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences. Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Give me the joy of your help again and strengthen me with a willing spirit.**

*The minister says:* If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore to all who truly repent this is his gracious word: 'Your sins are forgiven'. Amen. Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands*

*The minister says:* Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us again accept our place within this covenant which God has made with us and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples. This means that, by the help of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's purpose for us, and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us. Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ. In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will; with joy we offer ourselves anew to you. We are no longer our own but yours.

**I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure; when there is work for me and when there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace. Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when I have all things, and when I have nothing. I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose. Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. May it be so for ever. Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.**

*Silence – all are seated*

As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone, but as God's servants and witnesses, let us pray for the Church and for the world. Loving God, hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:

**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

**establish justice and peace among all people.**

Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness, grief or trouble:

**deliver them from their distress.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:

**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray in silence for our own needs and for those of others . . .

*Silence*

Lord our God, you have helped us by your grace to make these prayers, and you have promised through Christ our Lord that when two or three agree in his name you will grant what they ask. Answer now your servants' prayers according to their needs; in this world grant that we may truly know you, and in the world to come graciously give us eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.