

Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the  
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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As part of our Prayer Meeting this morning,  
we prayed for the following countries in the Middle East  
and would ask everyone to hold them in your prayers  
throughout the coming month:

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Egypt	Lebanon	Jordan	Syria
Turkey	Cyprus	Greece	Iran
Iraq	Kuwait	Bahrain	Saudi Arabia
Qatar	UAE	Oman	Yemen

It is intended to continue this throughout the year  
so that we pray for every country in 2017 -  
not just once but for a whole month.

Please add your prayers to those who came  
to the Prayer Meeting -  
and why not come to the next one  
on Sunday 12 February at 9.15 a.m!

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ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2017

## Worship for Epiphany



*Call to Worship* (congregational responses **in bold**)

Gladly, O Lord, we come together in this place  
to seek your deeper presence in the silence.

*(silence)*

We bring before you our wounds  
and our weariness from the journey.

**Together we look with hopeful expectation  
to find the star which signals your arrival.**

Thankfully, we come forward  
to receive the glory of your presence.

**With our little gifts we are humbled before you.**

And we find among the straw,  
in the misty breath of the animals,  
**that you have come more humanly than we could imagine.**

Introit: (Joyful Singers)  
*Welcome*

*Prayer of Approach*

**Praise: Bethlehem, a noble city** (CH4 325)

*Prayer of Confession - Elder - and The Lord's Prayer*

*Children's Message*

**Praise: We three kings of Orient are** (MP 740)  
*Blessing on the Children*

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

Reflection:

**Praise: Wise men, they came to look for wisdom** (CH4 328)

Reading: **Ephesians 3: 1 - 12** (p. 1174)

Reflection:

**Praise: As with gladness men of old** (MP 39)

*Offering - during which the Joyful Singers will sing  
Prayer of Dedication*

*Church News*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

**Praise: Forth in the peace of Christ we go** (CH4 646)

*Benediction and Three-fold Amen*

**Soup & Christmas Pudding Lunch follows the service.**

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**DON'T FORGET!**

**Next Sunday, 15 January, at 7.30pm**  
**our first "Songs of Praise" Service with a**  
**selection of favourite hymns. Come**  
**along and sing to God's praise!**

**Songs**  
*of Praise*

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

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com) For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

### **Birthdays**

This week we congratulate Irene Bom, Florence Foyab-Bergner, Mildred Asare-Awuku and Alina Balatica on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned?  
Inform the Office Team!*

### **What's on the agenda?**

Tuesday 10 Jan Council Meeting at 7.45 p.m.  
Sunday 15 Jan Bible Study at 9.15 a.m. prompt  
Worship at 10.30 a.m.  
Songs of Praise at 7.30 p.m.

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**Who's who Today** - Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Rev Derek Lawson

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Joyful Singers: Esther Abang

Bible Reader: Molly Foster

Welcome: John Essel & James Essel

Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Wenli Wan

Deacons-Counting: Molly Foster & Mavis Fleming

Door: Peace Acquah

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Licia & Frank Knoester

Flowers: Mavis Fleming

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**For the Beamer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*English Language Liturgical Consultation Text 1998*