



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

Newsletter - Lent 2024

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and on-line www.scotsintchurch.com**



It's the season of Lent! It is a time of preparation that takes us to **Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday**. As part of getting ready for this most important Christian celebration there will a seven week **Lent Bible studies** at SICR. It starts on **Wednesday 14 February** from 7.30pm to 9pm and is entitled 'The Bible Series'. The session will focus on key biblical themes as follows:

Part 1: **Introducing the Bible** – What is the Bible? See the Bible's relevance in the twenty-first century.

Part 2: **Origins and Meaning** – Why were we created? Genesis shows us that we are created on purpose, for a purpose.

Part 3: **Exodus and Freedom** – What is freedom? Explore freedom from captivity and freedom in Jesus.

Part 4: **Exile and Peace** – How do we deal with suffering? Find hope beyond the darkness.

Part 5: **Messiah and Love** – Who is Jesus? Discover the source of true love.

Part 6: **Spirit and Community** – What part do we have to play? See how God uses normal people like us and how we are made for community.

Part 7: **Hope and home** – How does the story of the Bible end? Our future hope inspires confidence in our uncertainty today

Studying these themes will deepen your understanding of the Bible and its over-arching story, and help you engage in great conversation with others.

'Thought for the Day'

Each day throughout most of the year a 'Thought for the Day' is posted on the church Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ScotsInternationalChurchRotterdam/>

and is available via WhatsApp which you can sign up for by texting 0630599641

Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread APP

Please note that the Daily Bread App can be downloaded at :

<https://ourdailybread.org/sg-mobile-app-download/>



World Day of Prayer

This year **World Day of Prayer** event will take place in the **SICR** on **Friday 1 March** from **10.30am** followed by tea and coffee in the Lower Hall. The material for the service was develop by an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women. Their theme for the 2024 program is **"I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love,"** based on Ephesians 4:1-7. *'This program calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression.'* (quoted from the website) for more information visit

<https://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>. All are welcome !!



2024 International Youth Presbytery in Budapest



This year we are sending two of our young people to Budapest for the International Youth Presbytery. They are Cindel Fleming and Joshua Babu. The theme is, 'Seeking God's will in daily decision making'. I know from previous attendees from our church that Cindel and Joshua will have a brilliant time. We will hear from them when they get back. Please pray for Cindel and Joshua as they represent the SICR on their adventure.



Fellowship Groups



House Groups/Bible Studies

Prayer Warriors: Last Friday of the month
at church 6-9pm worship, prayer & Bible study
Contact Frieda Enow 06 85297922

Fellowship Groups/Bible Studies

Pilgrims Group: Resumes after the Lente studies
Time: 20.00 to 21.30 – gather from 19.30.
Contact Irene Bom for details

LFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)

Contact Dee 0643136971 or Sofi 0684279243

Open Afternoons

A monthly activity on the last Friday of the month.
from 12 to 2pm, all are welcome for tea and Coffee and
delicious soup at €2.

The 18's to 35ish group

Met: Friday 2 February at 19:30pm
contact: Erin & Barend
Bentvelsen-MacDonald
tel:0642776267

Gentle-men's Group

Met: Sunday 21 January: after the service
for a walk to Delfshaven



A Worship Band is in development that will lead worship on the fourth Sunday and other occasions. We are appealing for talent and equipment. Would you like to be part of the group to lead songs etc.? please get in touch with Sofi and Malcolm on 0684279243

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