

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



**Schiedamsevest 121,
Rotterdam**

**Services every Sunday at 10.30 am
Sunday 13th January 2013**

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Welcome and prayer

Praise: Praise my soul, the king of heaven (560)

Children's message

Praise: Give me oil in my lamp (67)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **Genesis 37: 1 – 36** (p. 41)

Praise: Make me a channel of your peace (456)

Sermon: **"From out of the pit"**

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: I have put my trust in you, lord
Wonderful grace (966)
Only by grace (914) – "Sonrise"

Offering and dedication

Open Spot

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Announcements

Praise: Dear Lord and Father of mankind (111)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 37)*

With trust and delight,
we wait for the Lord.

With desire and commitment,
we wait for the Lord.

With patience and stillness,
we wait for the Lord.

With hope in God's promises,
we wait for the Lord.

Thoughts for the week

"The account of the dreams makes God, not Joseph, the hero of the story: it is not a tale of human success but of divine sovereignty."
(Derek Kidner)

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."
(Albert Einstein)

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert

Elder: Ruud Witte

Organist: Jan Hendrik van der Kamp

Sonrise: Willemijn Gwanmesia

Children's message: Bob Hensen

Bible reading: Hank Meldrum

Welcome: Chandra Aldus & Jane Stoutjesdijk

Bookstall: George & Wil Ross

Crèche: Maaïke Koka

Counting: Samuel Enow & Bob Hensen

Door: Fred Booman

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Recording: Brenden van der Velden

Hospitality: Debby Purba, Raneë Damanik, Regina Pariury

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WHAT'S ON

Monday:

19:00 SKIN-Rotterdam (Lower Hall)

Wednesday:

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19.30 Emmaus discipleship:
"Reading the bible" (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Choir, new members

12.00 Soup lunch

Happy New Year

The Scots International Church wishes a blessed 2013 to everyone within the fellowship and to our many friends in other congregations.

Joseph

Today we begin a series of bible readings and sermons on the life of Joseph from the book of Genesis. A musical was made about his coat of many colours. Joseph is relevant for us over how he overcame his character defects, put God central, rose to a responsible position in public life and forgave his family.

.Birthdays

Today we give our warm congratulations to Merlin Gwanmesia (Tuesday), Christilito Cuvulay (Wednesday) and Lee Bouwman (Friday) on their birthdays this week.

Soup lunch

The soup lunch will be held next Sunday (rather than today) due to our support of the Russian Orthodox Church in their Christmas celebrations.

Herald January-February 2013

The New Year "Herald" newsletter is available from the bookstall for one euro or for free from the church website: www.scotsintchurch.com

Mission Offering for Mercy Ships

An offering was taken up for Mercy Ships after the Communion & Covenant service last Sunday. If you were not here but still want to give to Ben and Hannah, it is still possible to put it in a marked envelope "Mercy Ships" in the offering plate. Ben and Hannah Calvert have rejoined the 'Africa Mercy' where Ben is principal of the ship's Academy and Hannah serves as a nurse. They were in Rotterdam over Christmas and spoke about the emergency medical work in Guinea.

Warning!

At some petrol stations, key rings, stickers and other material are offered "free of charge" and "so called" as an "advertising gesture". Do NOT accept, this can be a new form of criminality. They may contain a chip and prospective burglars can follow you and your car. They may know exactly when you are NOT at home and/or when you are on your way back home. This advice is from the Registrar Punishment Court.

Welcome team

Next Sunday members of welcome team are asked to come directly to the downstairs room in the Cultural House next door to the church entrance). This is a short meeting and you have time to have coffee and soup afterwards.

Congratulations!

A daughter, Evie, was born to Cathryn and Carl Schultz (and a brother for Zachary) on 30 December. Many congratulations to you all.

New members

Next Sunday we welcome and introduce some new members to the congregation.

Stewardship

The "Stewardship" cards sent out at Christmas are available in the church entrance. Please prayerfully fill them up and place them in the offering plate or prayer box on the front table. Only one card was sent per household but you may take as many as you wish for your family.

Prayer co-ordinator

We seek help in co-ordinating prayer requests. This would be ideal for someone who has a passion for prayer, access to e-mail and has been in the congregation for a few years

Weekly Offering Envelopes

New offering envelopes are available from the treasurer Jim Taylor. They are dated for each Sunday in 2013 and for anyone who would like to give a regular amount every week. Anyone paying income tax is entitled to claim back for monies donated to the church & a receipt is prepared by the treasurer for this purpose.

After-work Social evening

On Friday 25 January you are invited to an after-work Dinner Show in the Church hall. Doors open from 16.30, welcome at 17.30 and dinner is at 18.00. There are two sets involving musicians, poets, storytellers, singers and others. The last set finishes at 21.00. Tickets are only 1.50 and are available at the door.

Migrant church tour

On Sunday 10th February some students from Tyndale Seminary will undertake a tour of eight migrant churches in Rotterdam from the Russian Orthodox church at 9.45 to the Urdu Protestant Church at 17.30. If you are interested to join the group, please speak to Robert Calvert.