

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 17th February 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit: "Breathe on me breath of God" – Choir

Welcome & prayer

Praise: God is our strength and refuge (188)

Children's message

Praise: Hallelu, hallelu

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **Genesis 45: 1 – 15** (p. 50)

Praise: God forgave my sin (181)

Sermon: **"Choice, chance or providence?"**

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: And can it be? (33)

Offering & dedication

Open Spot

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: "In the bulb there is a flower" – Choir

Announcements

Praise: Lord for the years (428)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 19)*

Creator God, every part of creation declares your glory,
we come into your presence with praise and wonder.
Your word is sure and revives our soul,
we seek your wisdom for our lives and our communities.
Your commands are clear, your way is just,
we come that we might walk in your light.
Your plans for our lives are righteous and enduring,
we desire your way more than gold,
you are our strength and our redeemer.

Thought for the week

The Latin phrase “Nisi Dominus frustra” is the basis for the motto of the city of Edinburgh in Scotland. It means “Without the Lord it is vain.”

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.”
(Psalm 127:1)

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert
Elder: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp
Choir: Anneke Pot
Children's message: Bob Hensen
Bible reading: Alan Paton
Welcome: Margriet van Overbeeke & Wisteria Cairo
Crèche: Gwendoline Keyere & Silvia Aiomwanbor
Counting: Evelyn Koomson & Charles Ashu
Door: Chinedum Koka
Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten
Recording: Brenden van der Velden
Hospitality: George Tettey

WHAT'S ON

Today

12.00 Meeting of Social team
Prayer for Alpha (Church)

Wednesday:

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19.00 Alpha Course (Lower Hall)

Friday

12.00 Reading group (Crèche)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Joyful Singers

12.15 Annual General Meeting

Birthdays

We offer warm congratulations to Oritsesholaye Stoutjesdijk (Saturday), Dieudonné Gwanmesia, Catronia Ewing & Elisabeth Ashu (Sunday) on their birthdays this week.

Reading group

The next meeting of this group is on Friday 22 February at 13.00. The book is "Sunset Song" by Lewis Grassie Gibbon and includes some Scots dialect. See Dr. Pat Ewing for more information.

Prayer Network

Using e-mail, we hope to be better connected, informed and encouraged to pray for the church and the world we live in. We want to share specific information as far as we are able to, but not personal details that should be regarded as confidential. If you would like to be part of this SICR Prayer Network and actively participate in intercessory prayer, please send to Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com or leave a note in the prayer box in the church entrance.

Social team

The Social team meets today after the service to plan events. If you would like to join or want to know more about it, you are welcome to come to the meeting or speak to Mavis Fleming.

Lenten Table

In the season of Lent in the run-up to Easter, many Christians take on personal disciplines. There is a table in the hall today to stimulate ideas and prayers. You are invited to share your own practice to inspire others.

Alpha course

This Thursday 21 February the question for the new Alpha Course is "Why did Jesus die?" The course is an excellent introduction to the Christian faith which begins with a meal on Thursdays. Register now! The evening starts from 19.00 with a meal and finishes at 21.15. More information is in the front entrance or speak with Alan Paton. To pray for Alpha after the service Alan will be at the front of the church.

Concerts and cultural activities

We are thinking of bringing together a group to plan concerts and cultural activities at the church. If you are interested in this, please speak with Molly Foster (or Robert Calvert).

Young adults

We are having a discussion about forming a young adults group that will meet for fellowship on perhaps a monthly basis. If you are interested or have ideas, speak with the minister or with Eugene Ng. We want to offer support to those who are over 18 and left the youth group.

Romanian students

We warmly welcome Ciuchi-Luca Alexandru and Enache Petru Cornel arrive from Iasi in Romania to stay for three months on placement with us. They will live at Muller House above the crèche.

Annual General Meeting

Next Sunday 24 February we have the Annual General Meeting after the service. Reports from all groups and organisations in the church are needed as soon as possible by Bob Hensen.

Beginner's Dutch Lessons

If you are interested in starting some beginner's Dutch lessons, speak to Harry Jonckheere (tel. 010 501 5296). The lessons will be at "Mamre" on Wednesday mornings from 10.00.

European Youth Presbytery

This weekend four of our congregation are visiting Regensburg, Germany, to attend the European Youth Presbytery. We wish them an excellent weekend and pray for them today.

Stichting Living Water Link

The foundation Living Water Link still collects electronics that are in working condition for the project in Nigeria. They would be interested in such items as TVs, computers, mobile phones, etc. If you have any to be picked up, please call Peter Agbasomba at 010 479 3933 or at: tessca@hetnet.nl. Info at: www.livingwaterlink.nl

'Herald' for next month

The deadline for next month's Herald newsletter is today. Please send all information and articles to Bob Hensen at: editor-herald@live.com

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.

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