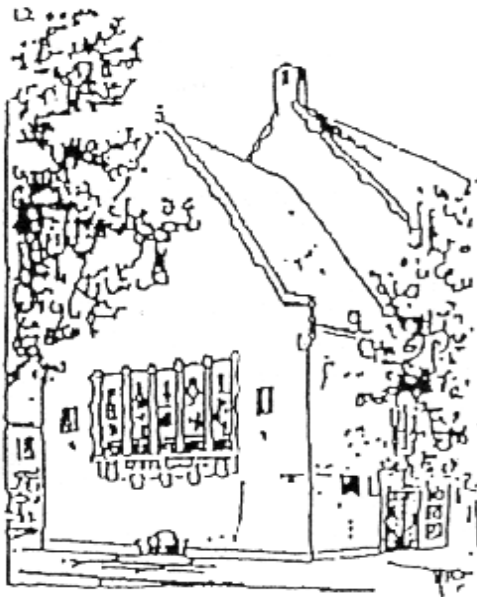


The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 24th February 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Process: "We are marching in the light of God"

Introit: "Amen, Amen" – the Joyful Singers

Welcome & prayer

Praise: Healing God, Almighty Father (226)

Children's message

Praise: Wide, wide as the ocean

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **Genesis 46:28–47:15** (p. 52)

Praise: Wonderful grace (966)

Sermon: **"Seize the Day!"**

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: I know not why (279)

Offering & offertory: "What shall I render?"

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: "Mayezinwe" – the Joyful Singers

Announcements

Praise: Amazing grace (31)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Recession: "Glory be to God in the highest"

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 27: 13-14)*

We believe we that shall see
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living;
Therefore let us wait for the Lord, be strong,
and let our hearts take courage.

Thought for the week

In the film “Dead Poets society”, the pictures of long-dead students leads to the reflection “These boys are now fertilizing daffodils” but more significantly leads to new action and initiative.

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert
Elder: Ato Cromwell
Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp
Joyful Singers: Esther Abang
Bible reading: Bob Hensen
Welcome: Daniel de Jong & Ann Schuursma
Crèche: Willemijn Gwanmesia & Maaïke Koka
Counting: Mavis Fleming & Eric Wenfua
Door: Bob Hensen
Beamer: Alan Paton
Recording: Brenden van der Velden
Hospitality: George Tetey

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.

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WHAT'S ON

Today

12:15 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday:

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19.00 Alpha Course (Lower Hall)

Friday

19.30 World Day of Prayer service

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Communion, Choir

Birthdays

We offer our warm congratulations to Dieudonné Gwanmesia, Catronia Ewing & Elisabeth Ashu (today), Tjerk Vollema (Wednesday), Licia Knoester & Gifty Dziwhorshie (Friday), Adje Acquaaah (Saturday), Nyomi Cairo, Fayola Cairo, Wyatt Kamara & Patience Takem (Sunday) on their birthdays this week.

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 on Sunday 10 March after the service to make some plan. If you like to join or want to know more about it, you are welcome to come or speak to Mavis Fleming.

AGM

Our Annual Review of the Congregation takes place after the service today. We will receive reports on the congregation and finance and elect new elders and deacons. We hope to start just after 12.00 and your support is appreciated.

Urban course

For six Wednesday evenings in March and April the minister offers a course in urban ministry that connects public life with issues of pastoral care and outreach. Through this course it is also possible to gain credits with Tyndale Seminary. Sign up today or speak to Robert Calvert.

World Day of Prayer

On Friday at 19.30 we host the "World Day of Prayer" with three other churches. The theme is "You were a stranger and you welcomed me." The prayer liturgy finished around 20.30. It would be a great help if some could help with welcoming and hospitality. Let Robert Calvert or Mavis Fleming know if you can help.

Blessings

Next Saturday if you would like to attend the 'Blesstalks' event in Hilversum with Robert Calvert, please let him know as soon as possible. Robert is speaking on '**Old Europe, New Europeans: voices that enrich our journey**'. For more info, see www.blessnet.eu

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.

Alpha course

This Thursday 28th February the big question for the new Alpha Course is “How can I be sure of my faith?” The course is an excellent introduction to the Christian faith which begins with a meal on Thursdays. The evening starts from 19.00 with a meal and finishes at 21.15.

Concerts and cultural activities

We want to bring 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.

Beginner's Dutch Lessons

For beginner's Dutch lessons, speak to Harry Jonckheere (tel. 010 501 5296). Lessons will be at “Mamre” on Wednesday mornings from 10.00.

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

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.