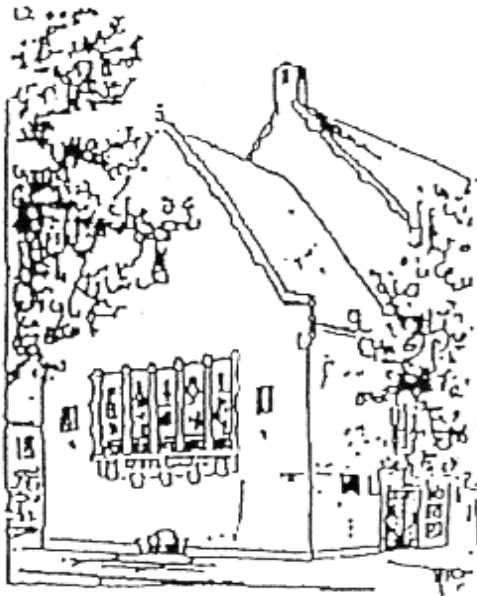


# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### **THE GATHERING**

Call to worship

Welcome & prayer

Praise: The King of love my shepherd is (649)

Children's message

Praise: My God is so big

### **THE WORD**

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: Luke 15: 1 – 32 (p. 1048)

Praise: God forgave my sin (181)

Sermon: "Leaving home"

### **THE THANKSGIVING**

Praise (with Sonrise):

Hallelujah my Father (206)

I will offer up my life (990)

Salvation belongs to our God (924)

Offering & dedication

Open Spot

Prayers for others

### **THE SENDING**

Announcements

Praise: How deep the Father's love for us (988)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 62: 5-8)

“Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;  
**My hope comes from him.**

He alone is our rock and salvation;  
**He is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.**

Our salvation and honour depend on God  
**He is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

Trust in God at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
**God is a refuge for us.”**

**Thoughts for the week**

There was a church where the caretaker never spoke to the organist. When he asked why, he said that he had had a big quarrel ten years before. “What was the quarrel about?” he was asked. “I can’t remember,” he said, “but we’re not speaking.”

“We must not drag the chain of the past with us wherever we go.” (Marley’s ghost in “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens)“

**The Service today**

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert

Elder: Kees Knol

Organist: Jan Hendrik van der Kamp

Sonrise: Willemijn Gwanmesia

Children’s message: Alex & Peter

Bible reading: Jean Galloway

Welcome: Alina Balatica & Ann Schuursma

Crèche: Chante Flemming & Fayola Cairo

Counting: Molly Foster & Evelyn Koomson

Door: James Essel

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Recording: Brenden van der Velden

Flowers: Aletia Baiye

Soup Lunch: Licia & Frank Knoester, Virginia Hendriks and  
Lina Sebastian

Hospitality: Anna & Esther Abang

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **Today**

12.00 Soup lunch & Social team meeting

### **Monday**

13.15 Funeral of Mrs. Sumiko Hara

### **Wednesday:**

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

19.30 Urban Ministry course (Church house)

### **Thursday**

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19.00 Alpha course (Lower Hall)

### **Friday**

16.30 Wedding of Frank and Paula

### **Sunday**

10.30 Worship, Choir, Mark Garavaglia

### **Birthdays**

We offer our warm congratulations to Aletia Baiye & Nelly Schonewille (today), Annemarie Fleming (Monday), Sijmen Griesdoorn, Faith Abunum & Maxine Fleming (Tuesday) and Esther Hensen-Gwanmesia (Wednesday) on their birthdays this week.

### **Guest preacher**

Next Sunday we give a warm welcome to Mark Garavaglia, president of Tyndale Theological Seminary, who preaches from the book of Ruth.

### **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.

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### **The Prodigal Son**

Today's theme is the story of the lost son as depicted in the famous painting by Rembrandt.



### **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. Today you can sign up or chat to Robert Calvert.

## **Alpha course**

This Thursday the big question at the new Alpha Course is "Why and how should I read the Bible? pray?" We begin with a meal from 19.00.

## **Wedding bells**

Frank Olie gets married to Paula next Friday and you are invited to the ceremony here at 16.30. Frank has been coming to the church and Alpha.

## **Sympathy and condolences.**

This week has been a difficult week for many associated with this Christian community. On Sunday, Sumiko Hara died with her daughter and grand-daughter at her bedside. Members of the church had visited shortly before. We shall remember this talented Japanese lady for her faithful testimony and witness. Our sincere condolences are with Tomoko and Silmere.

On Tuesday we were shocked to hear of the sudden death of our former elder and Consistory clerk. Jim Bell was a regular in this church and a great friend and companion to many since he joined in 1988. His passing leaves a big gap at the back of the church where he customarily sat. Our sympathies are with Joke and his family and those who knew him best.

## **Social team**

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

## **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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com) or leave a note in the prayer box in the church entrance.

### **Mosaic project & concerts**

- If you like to join the mosaic project on the church wall, speak to Wilma Paton.
- If you like to develop cultural activities at the church, speak with Molly Foster.