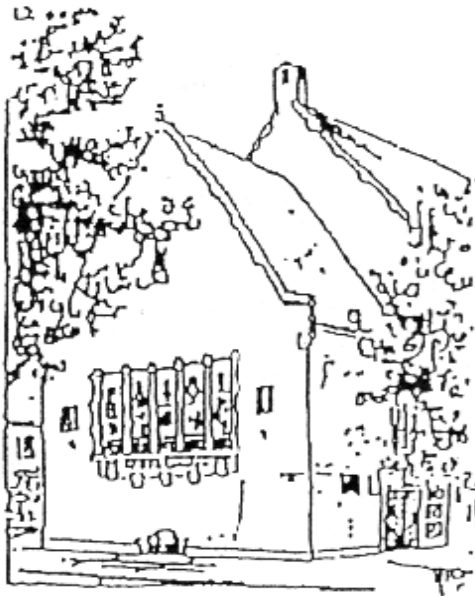


# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### **THE GATHERING**

Call to worship

Introit: "Lenten meditation" – the Choir

Welcome & prayer

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

Children's message

Praise: Give me oil in my lamp (167)

### **THE WORD**

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: Ruth 1: 1-20 (p. 267)

Praise: O, the love of my Lord

Sermon: "Broken, Bitter but Blessed"

### **THE THANKSGIVING**

Praise: Jesus Christ is waiting

Offering & dedication

Open Spot

Prayers for others

### **THE SENDING**

Anthem: "There is a balm in Gilead" – the Choir

Announcements

Praise: Lord, for the years (428)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

**Call to Worship** *(based on Psalm 85)*

Let us hear what God the Lord speaks to us,  
**for he will speak peace to his people.**

His salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

**Thought for the week**

Ten years ago Arundhati Roy's Booker prize-winning novel was entitled "The God of Small Things". The title might well have been applied to the book of Ruth, where the mighty God of Israel, who orders the paths of the planets and directs the affairs of nations, stoops low and involves himself in 'small things' – the lives of two 'small people' called Naomi and Ruth.

**The Service today**

Preacher: Mark Garavaglia  
Elder: Bob Hensen  
Organist: Jan Hendrik van der Kamp  
Choir: Anneke Pot  
Children's message: Richmond Mensah  
Bible reading: Tjerk Vollema  
Open Spot: Paul Criss  
Welcome: Jane Stoutjesdijk & Harmen Rebel  
Crèche: Matthew & Henriette Lane  
Counting: Joy Okojie & Janine Kooy  
Door: Anthony Evovo  
Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten  
Recording: Brenden van der Velden  
Flowers: Family Bouwman  
Hospitality: Debby Elfina & Raneë

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## **WHAT'S ON**

### **Tuesday:**

19.45 Council meeting

### **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)

### **Saturday**

10.00 Training for Council (Lower Hall)

### **Sunday**

10.30 Palm Sunday worship

## **Birthdays**

We offer our warm congratulations to Jim Taylor (Tuesday), MarieJose Schonewille (Wednesday), Feline Griesdoorn (Friday), Helen Tesema (Saturday) and Kwena Koka (Sunday) on their birthdays this week.

## **Welcome to Mark**

We give a warm welcome to Mark Garavaglia this morning. Mark is president of Tyndale Theological Seminary in Amsterdam where some of the students are potential or practicing pastors of migrant churches in the Netherlands.

Today Mark preaches from the book of Ruth as our pastor visits family in London this weekend.

### **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.

### **Congratulations**

We give our congratulations to Frank and Paula on their wedding which took place here on Friday afternoon.

### **Condolences**

The last week has been difficult week for many associated with this Christian community. On Saturday 9 march we held the funeral of our former elder Mr. Jim Bell who was buried in Wishaw, Scotland, on Thursday. Our sympathies are with Joke and his family and all who knew him best. On Monday 11 March, we held the funeral of Mrs. Sumiko Hara Her family and friends joined us together with members of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra. Our sincere condolences are with Tomoko and Silmere.

### **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.

### **Cultural evening**

A cultural evening is being planned for Friday 5 April with Southampton University Orchestra and Wind Tour. The evening will include two programmes of about 45 minutes long. The programme includes Radetzky March (Johann

Strauss), Scottish Dances (Malcolm Arnold), October (Eric Whitacre), Second Suite in F (Gustav Holst), Finale from The Firebird (Igor Stravinsky), Czech suite (Dvorak) and Symphony no. 6 'Le Matin' (Haydn). If you like more information or help with cultural activities at the church, speak with Molly Foster.

### **Easter week**

The following will take place in the week after next Sunday (Palm Sunday) in the week of Easter:

- Good Friday service on 29 March 19.30
- Alpha conference on "The Holy Spirit" on Saturday 30 March 10.00
- Easter breakfast at 09.00 on Sunday 31 March followed by 10.30 Family service with baptisms and Joyful Singers.

### **Alpha course**

On Thursday the big question at the new Alpha Course is "How does God guide us?" Please come for the meal from 19.00 and start at 20.00.

### **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.

### **Attention: all Council members!**

There is a Council meeting for all elders and deacons this Tuesday at 19.30 and a training session for Council members next Saturday 23 March from 10.00 to 12.00.

### **Migrant church tour**

Our minister Robert Calvert offers a tour of eight migrant churches next (Palm) Sunday from 09.30 to 18.00. If you would like to know more, you can reach him at [scotsintchurch@cs.com](mailto:scotsintchurch@cs.com)