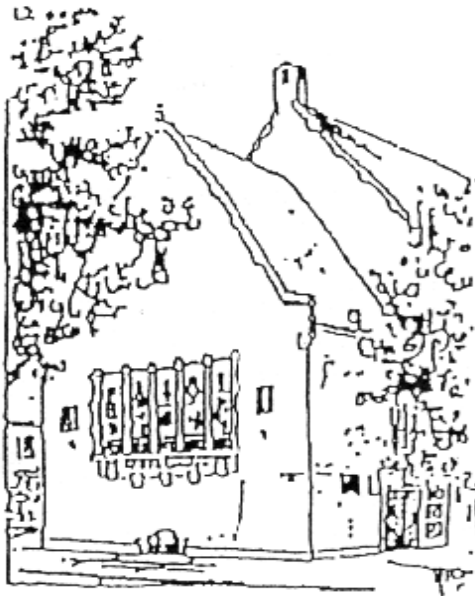


# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013

### **THE GATHERING**

Call to worship:

Introit: "Now the green blade rises" – the Choir

Praise: All are welcome

Prayer & welcome

Children's message

Praise: God's not dead

### **THE WORD**

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **John 20: 1-31** (p. 1089)

Praise: Lord, I lift your name on high (881)

Sermon: **"Sceptics welcome!"**

### **THE THANKSGIVING**

Offering & offertory: All that I am, all that I do

Prayer of dedication & invitation to communion

Praise: Lord Jesus Christ (435)

Sacrament of Communion

"Take and eat" – the Choir

"Bless the lord, my soul" (after 'the peace')

Prayers for others

### **THE SENDING**

Announcements

Praise: When I survey the wondrous cross (755)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

### **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 126)

The Lord has done great things for us:  
**And we rejoice.**

The Lord has done great things for us:  
**Our mouths are filled with laughter  
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord.  
**May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.**

### **Thought for the week**

“How often have I said to you when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.”

(Sherlock Holmes in *The Sign of Four* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

### **The Service today**

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert

Elder: Peace Acquah

Organist: Netty Dijkstra-Geuze

Bible reading: George Tettey

Children's message: Willemijn Gwanmesia

Choir: Anneke Pot

Welcome: Maureen Vollema & Jimmy van Putten

Crèche: Gwendoline Keyere & Silvia Aiomwanbor

Counting: Evelyn Koomson & Joy Okojie

Door: Eric Wenfua

Beamer: Eugene Ng

Recording: Brenden van der Velden

Hospitality: Silvia Scott

Flowers: Margaret Asemota

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## **WHAT'S ON**

### **Tuesday**

19.45 Consistory meeting (Church house)

### **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**

12.00 Reading group (Crèche room)

### **Sunday**

10.30 Worship, Sunrise

## **Birthdays**

We offer our warm congratulations to Pelle Brits (today), Caroline Kudlička (Tuesday), Ian Calvert, Elizabeth Baiye & Karen Baiye, George Tettey (Wednesday) and Olaf de Zanger (Saturday) 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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com) or leave a note in the prayer box in the church entrance.

### **Easter greetings!**

The tomb is empty. Jesus is risen, so let us greet our Saviour and be glad. Alleluia!

### **Alpha course**

The big question for the Alpha course next Thursday is “Why and how should I tell others?” The evening starts with a meal from 19.00 and ends by 21.15.

### **Mission offering**

The mission offering taken up at the end of the Communion service is for “Stichting Diwa” which provides education opportunities for kiln workers and their families in Pakistan. The latest programme is to build four classrooms, and renovate, whitewash and paint others. “Wilde Ganzen” provides one third of the costs and we want to make a contribution. St. Diwa is planning a cultural evening here later in the autumn.

### **Crèche**

The crèche is a safe and warm place for children up to the age of three years old. Parents are also able to hear the service – so you don’t miss out!

The Crèche is a great way for parents of young children (0-3) to meet one another! If you are interested to look after children, contact Silvia Aiomwanbor or Maaïke Koka for details.

### **Youth Group**

The Youth Group is for youth from 13 to 18 years old. They meet every Sunday during the service upstairs in the attic – except the last Sunday of the month. If you want to join, you're always welcome. For more info, talk to Rignalda Fleming,

Fayola Cairo, Jeroen Naaktgeboren or Saskia Dorsman (010290 0292).

### **Consistory**

Church elders are reminded of the Consistory meeting on Tuesday and the papers in their folders at the church entrance.

### **Reading group**

The next reading group is on: Friday 12th April at 13.00. The book is "Chocolat" by Joanne Harris.

### **Confirmation**

Anyone wishing to confirm the vows made for them as a child and join the church are asked to speak with Robert Calvert as soon as possible.

### **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.

### **Pastoral Counselling**

You may sign up today if you are interested in a course on skills in pastoral counselling. It is likely to begin on Saturday mornings in May.

### **Urban course**

This Wednesday the urban course is about leadership. This is the last of the present urban ministry course which connects public life with the Gospel. It may be on offer again this autumn.

## **Communion**

In the communion service believers in Christ and their families are invited to come forward. What we call 'the common cup' contains wine while individual cups contain grape juice. The elders who serve the bread and wine say "The Body of Christ, broken for you" and "The Blood of Christ, shed for you" as a reminder of the mystery of receiving Christ which is the heart of worship.