

# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013

### **THE GATHERING**

Call to worship

Introit: "How long, O Lord?" (848) – the Choir

Praise: Lord, the light of your love (445)

Prayer & welcome

Children's message

Praise: Jesus' love is very wonderful

### **THE WORD**

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: 1 John 4: 7-21 (p. 1227)

Praise: As the deer pants for the water (37)

Sermon: "The Source and Symbol of Love"

### **THE THANKSGIVING**

Praise: When I survey the wondrous cross (755)

Offering & prayer

Open Spot: Update on Ascension Day

Prayers for others

### **THE SENDING**

Anthem: "You raise me up" – the Choir

Announcements

Praise: Love divine, all loves excelling (449)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

### **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 80)

Hear us Lord, and shine forth,  
**Stir up your might and come to save us!**

Restore us, O God, and let your face shine upon us, that we  
may be saved.  
**Stir up your might and come to save us!**

Come among us, Lord: open our lips to praise you, our hearts  
to love you,  
and our lives to welcome you.  
**Stir up your might and come to save us!**

### **Thought for the week**

“Lovers are normally face to face, absorbed in each other.  
Friends are side by side, absorbed in some common interest.”  
(C.S. Lewis in “The Four Loves”)

### **The Service today**

Preacher: George Aiomwanbor  
Elder: Bob Hensen  
Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp  
Bible reading: Thomas besong  
Children’s message: Richmond Mensah  
Choir: Anneke Pot  
Open Spot: Allen Foster & Eve Gnanaraj  
Welcome: Wisteria Cairo & Joyce Mensah  
Crèche: Wenli Wan & Sofie Rebel  
Counting: Anthony Evovo & Frieda Enow  
Door: Harry Jonckheere  
Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten  
Recording: Brenden van der Velden  
Hospitality: Menen Betre & Tina de Groot-Laban

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## **WHAT'S ON**

### **Tuesday**

19.45 Council meeting (Lower Hall)

### **Wednesday**

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

### **Thursday**

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)  
19.00 Alpha Course (Lower Hall)

### **Sunday**

10.30 Worship, Joyful Singers

## **Birthdays**

We offer our warm congratulations to James Howe (Monday), Oritsesegbemi Stoutjesdijk (Tuesday), Michellijne van Putten (Friday), Joke Cromwell (Saturday) and Robert Ewing (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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com) or leave a note in the prayer box in the church entrance.

### **Mission Offering**

On the first Sunday in May we take up a mission offering for the Ma Flo Foundation in Cameroon. We will get an update on the work with children next Sunday morning.

### **Message of thanks from Joke te Winkel**

“Zoveel bloemen, zoveel kaarten, zoveel warme woorden, zoveel belangstelling en zoveel troost. Hartelijk dank voor uw blijk van medeleven na het overlijden van mijn man, onze(schoon-)vader en opa **Jim Bell**. Vanwege de overweldigende belangstelling is het voor ons onmogelijk u allen persoonlijk onze oprechte dank te betuigen.” Joke te Winkel, Kinderen en kleinkinderen

### **Course in Pastoral Counselling**

A course in skills in pastoral counselling is planned over three Saturday mornings next month starting at 10.00 on 4 May. This is highly recommended for anyone involved in pastoral conversations. The minister has invited pastor Rose Fer to lead this course. For more information, please contact Robert Calvert.

### **Minister in Romania**

This weekend Rev. Robert Calvert is in Cluj in Romania with Alex & Peter and Paul Criss. They have taken part in a consultation about “Jesus in the city” with David Clark of Dundee. You can reach our pastor by text or e-mail. He will be available from Tuesday evening but in case of urgent attention, call any one of the elders.

### **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.

## **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).

## **Activities on Ascension Day**

On Thursday 9 May we plan to offer an interactive day of fellowship and fun. We will start to make the garden mosaic for the outside wall of the church. There will also be games, tea-garden, making music and poetry together with lunch – something for all the family! For more details, see Allen Foster, Wilma Paton, Andre vd Velden or Robert Calvert.

## **Herald newsletter**

Contributions for the May-June issue of the church newsletter are invited. Please send to Bob Hensen or to [editor-herald@live.com](mailto:editor-herald@live.com)

## **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.

## **Council meeting**

Deacons and elders are reminded of the Council meeting on Tuesday evening. Please try to arrive by 19.30 so we can get a prompt start. Agendas and papers are in the files in the church entrance.

## **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 Airomwanbor or Maaike Koka for details.

### **Alpha course**

The big question for the Alpha course this Thursday is "What about the church?" This the penultimate (second last) evening of the Alpha Course which starts with a meal from 19.00 and ends by 21.15.