

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 28th April 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit: – the Joyful Singers

Praise: God is our strength and refuge (188)

Prayer & welcome

Children's message

Child dedication

Praise: He's got the whole wide world (225)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **Habakkuk 1** (p. 940)

Praise: Faithful One, so unchanging (825)

Sermon: **“Questioning God”**

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: God is working his purpose out (189)

Offering & offertory – Joyful Singers

Open Spot: Ma Flo Foundation

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: – the Joyful Singers

Announcements

Praise: My Jesus, my Saviour (1003)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Recession – the Joyful Singers

Call to Worship (from Psalm 62: 7, 8)

Trust in God at all times, O people,
Pour out your heart before him.

God is our mighty rock, our refuge,
God is a refuge for us!

Thought for the week

“How good is the God we adore,
Our faithful, unchangeable Friend!
His love is as great as his power,
And knows neither measure nor end!”

(Joseph Hart)

The Service today

Preacher: Robert Calvert
Elder: Charles Ashu
Organist: Jan Hendrik van der Kamp
Bible reading: Hilary Mugisha
Children's message: Bob Hensen
Joyful Singers: Thomas Besong, Esther Abang
Open Spot: Ma Flo, Bob Hensen
Welcome: Ann Schuursma, Margriet van Overbeeke
Crèche: Matthew & Henriette Lane
Counting: Kees Knol, Mavis Fleming
Door: Bob Hensen
Beamer: Alan Paton
Recording: Brenden van der Velden
Hospitality: Alan Holloway
Flowers: Jean Galloway

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WHAT'S ON

Today

12.00 Social team meeting

Wednesday

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19.00 Alpha Course (Lower Hall)

Saturday

10.00 Pastoral Counselling (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Communion, Choir

Birthdays

We offer warm congratulations to Robert Ewing (today), Klazina Rigters and Alexander Cuvulay (Wednesday) on their birthdays this week.

Mission Offering

Next Sunday after the communion service we take up a mission offering for the Ma Flo Foundation in Cameroon. This morning we will get an update on the work with orphan children.

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.

Activities on Ascension Day

For ‘Hemelvaart’ on Thursday 9 May there will be 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, pick up a flier in the church entrance or speak with Allen Foster.

Course in Pastoral Counselling

Next Saturday a course in skills in pastoral counselling begins and continues over two more Saturday mornings from 10.00. 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.

Social team

There is a meeting of the Social team after the service today to plan for the fun day on 9 May.

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).

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 Airomanbor or Maaïke Koka for details.

Caretaking the church

Our caretaker person George Tettey needs to go back to Ghana in order to obtain a form for residing in the NL. George has reserved a flight on 10 May and now needs to raise funds for the return trip. We are therefore looking for someone who from May to possibly July is able to help the church with opening and setting up the church. If interested, speak to the minister or to an elder.

Child dedication

This morning we dedicate Lief-Jan Gabriel, son of Harmen and Sophie Rebel, to God. The short ceremony involves laying on of hands instead of water used for baptism. We welcome family and friends from Sweden and the Netherlands.

Coffee after the service

The coffee and tea after the service is free and is served by volunteers from the congregation. If you wish to make a donation of 50 cents it is always appreciated.

Prayer Network

The SICR prayer network can be accessed by writing to Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com or leave a note in the prayer box in the entrance.

Alpha course

The big question for the last Alpha course session next Thursday is "How can I make the most of the rest of my life"
The evening starts with a meal from 19.00 and ends by 21.15.

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