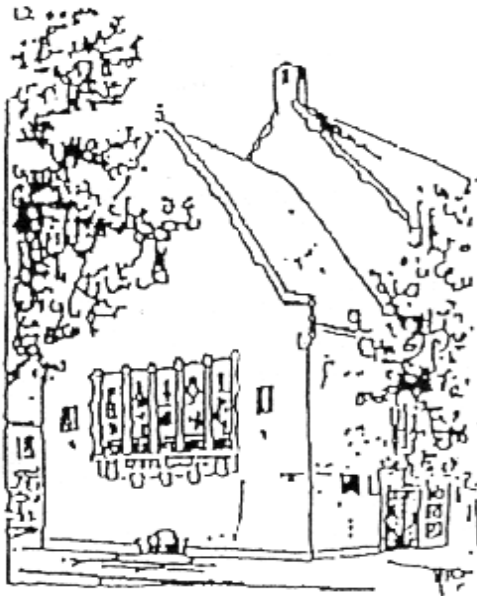


The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit: - "O holy spirit by whose bread" -the Choir

Prayer & welcome

Praise: This is the day (691 v 1 & 3)

Children's message

Praise: When we pray

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: John 13:34-35, 14:15-17,
Acts 2:1-13

Praise: Fear not, rejoice and be glade (144)

Sermon: "Teach us the language of love"

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: O breath of life (488)

Offering & prayer

Open Spot: Farewell to Alex & Peter

Praise: Teach us, Counselor, Comforter

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: - "Spirit of God renew the face of the earth"- the Choir

Announcements

Praise: We sing a love (CH4:622)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to Worship

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:
You speak to us of Jesus,
and show us the depth of his love.
**Come, Spirit of Truth, dwell in us and
lead us in the way of our Lord.**

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame:
You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to share your good news.
**Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold
witnesses of your redeeming love.**

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Peace:
You break down barriers of language, race,
and culture, and heal the divisions that separate us.
**Come, Reconciling Spirit,
and unite us all in the love of Christ.**

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life:
At the close of the age, all creation will be
renewed to sing your praise.
**Come, Creator Spirit, and make us
new creations in Jesus Christ.**

Thoughts for the week

In Jesus there is but one language: the language of love,
grace, and forgiveness, spoken by the Holy Spirit in a way all
of us can understand. (Earl C. Davis)

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Saturday

10.00 Mosaic Building (Church house)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Joyful Singers, Rev. I. Bom

14.00 Concert in Waalse Kerk

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Irene Bom
Elder: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp
Bible reading: Eve Gnanaraj
Children's message: Richmond Mensah
Choir: Anneke Pot, Andrea Hayter
Open Spot: Alan Paton
Welcome: Steve Russell, Pam Russell
Crèche: Licia Knoester & Nicole Chai
Counting: Charles Ashu, Frieda Enow
Door: Fred Booman
Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten
Recording: Brenden van der Velden
Hospitality: Gwanmesia Neville
Flowers: Lina, Rizal Sebastian

Birthdays

We offer our warm congratulations to Rizal Sebastian, Anthony Evovo (Tuesday), Ladislav Brhel (Thursday) and Norma Taylor (Friday) on their birthdays this week.

Bible studies in June!

A new series of bible studies on Wednesday evenings begin next month – from 5th June.

'Send us a friend' CD release concert

In aid of the Ethio-Berhan Foundation working in the slums of Addis Abeda. Meet the “**friends & neighbours**” of all ages who took part in this project, enjoy the music and help raise funds for a worthy cause. **Saturday, 15 June 2013 at 7.30pm** (doors open at 7pm). CDs will be on sale at EUR 10. (EUR 5 of each CD sold will go straight to the charity).

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.

Work-team for Galati

Last week Annemarie Fleming told us about the need for three people to join a similar number from the Steeple Church Dundee to assist in a family project in Galati (Romania) in October. If interested let Annemarie or the minister know.

General Assembly

Rev. Robert Calvert and our elder Ruud Witte are attending the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland from the 18th to 24th in Edinburgh. Please pray for the peace of the church in its deliberations and discussion. The minister will take a week's holiday to go fishing and be away for two Sundays (19th & 26th May).

Concert

Our organist Jan Hendrik van der Kamp is giving a concert with the Erasmus Wind ensemble at 14.00 this afternoon at the Waalse Kerk across the road. Tickets are 10 euros (5 for children).

Pentecost

Pentecost refers to the pouring of the Holy Spirit out on the believers in Jerusalem (Acts 2) and to the empowering of the church to be a witness.

Reading group next week

The next meeting of the reading group on Friday 31st May at 13.00 in the crèche at the back door of the church. This month the book is "Farewell my Lovely" by Raymond Chandler.

Farewell

Roy Hiller and Vanessa Borchers leave us this month to return to South Africa. We wish them and their daughters a fond farewell for we will certainly miss them. Be assured of our prayers on your settlement in Cape Town.

Work-a-day

A short 'Work-a-day' is planned for Saturday 15 June from 10.00. Your help is appreciated to clear or work on different parts of the large church premises that we are responsible for!

'Nacht der Kerken'

Please put the 'Night of the churches' in your agenda for Saturday 22 June. The church will be open from 18.00 to the public. We would like to give visitors an introduction to the

garden wall mosaic, a special tour, poetry workshop and refreshments. We need your help and for more info, contact Bob Hensen or the minister.

Herald newsletter

The May-June edition of the Herald newsletter is available from the bookstall for one euro or fee from the church website.