

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 3rd November 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit: "Where shall I be" – the Choir

Prayer & welcome

Praise: All are welcome / Let us build a house

Children's message

Praise: God is good to me

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: **2 Thessalonians 1** (p. 1189)

Praise: Turn your eyes upon Jesus (712)

Sermon: **"God is just"**

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering and dedication

Praise: The love of God comes close (940)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: "For all the saints" – the Choir

Announcements

Praise: Love divine, all loves excelling (449)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to worship (from Psalm 95 and 100)

Come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
Make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Come, let us worship and bow down:
Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

Thoughts for the week

"I learn more from life's trials than from its triumphs."

"The Christian life is a bed of roses, thorns and all."

God promises a safe landing but not a calm passage."

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert
Elder: Emmanuel Asare Awuku
Organist: Netty Dijkstra-Geuze
Choir: Andrea Hayter, Anneke Pot
Children's message: Irene Bom
Bible reading: Emma de Zanger
Welcome: Mavis Ettienne, Maureen Vollema
Crèche: Wenli Wan, Sofie Rebel
Counting: Bridget Teisman, Frieda Enow
Door: Eric Wenfua
Beamer: Eugene Ng
Recording: Brendan van der Velden
Flowers: Regina Pariury
Hospitality: Tine de Groot-Laban, Regina Pariury

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WHAT'S ON

Monday

19.15 Old Testament Survey (Church house)

Tuesday

10.00 Mosaic workshop (Church house)

19.45 Consistory (Church house)

Wednesday

10.30 Dutch language class (Church house)

10.30 Mamre (Lower Hall)

19.00 Mosaic workshop (Church house)

19.00 "Alpha course" (Lower Hall)

Thursday

09.00 English language class (Church house)

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Remembrance, Sunrise

19.30 International Peace service

Birthdays

This week we give warm congratulations to Irene van Ginkel (Tuesday), Wil Ross (Wednesday) and Sow Kheen-Elizabeth Dorn-Lee (Saturday).

The Garden Wall Mosaic

Everyone is welcome to the Attic Studio to work on: Tuesdays 10:00 -15:00 and Wednesdays 19:30 - 22:30. For more info, contact Andre van der Velden (0653641271) or Wilma Paton (0616236652). For updates:

www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic

Prayer

Join the prayer network and actively participate in intercessory prayer. You can call Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com or leave a note for her in the prayer box in the entrance. Also the monthly prayer meeting is on the third Friday at 19.30.

New elders and deacons

If you have suggestions, let the minister or one of the elders know as soon as possible.

International Peace Service

Next Sunday we host the International Peace Service at 19.30. It would make a big difference if you could support this inter-church event. Please put in your agenda and bring someone with you or let us know if you can help with ushering visitors.

Remembrance

Every year we take time to remember those who suffered and gave their lives in world wars and conflicts around the world. Next Sunday we will be joined for the occasion by a piper and bugler. Afterwards there will also be a short ecumenical act of remembrance at Crooswijk Cemetery.

Poppies are available today in the church entrance. They are worn in lapels to remember those who suffered. There are also a number of other mementoes which you may pick up – and we simply ask you place a donation for them. Your gifts will be passed onto the memorial fund.

Baptism and membership

If you seek baptism or like to become a member of this church, speak to Robert Calvert today.

Help for Hungarian teenager?

A minister from Hungary seeks some temporary cleaning or baby-sitting work to supplement the costs of his daughter's four month placement here from January. If you are interested, please speak to Robert Calvert as soon as possible.

Communion

In the communion service today, 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 serving 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 at the heart of the communion service.

Mission Offering

After the communion service today a mission offering will be given to SKIN (Samen Kerken in Nederland) for their work in supporting the witness of migrant churches in the Netherlands.

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course is on Wednesday evenings. The Lower Hall is set up for an evening meal from 19.00. Afterwards the theme is "How does God guide us?" The Alpha evening includes discussion around small tables and we finish by 21.15.

Scots International Church is on the internet!

You can watch a programme about this church at www.station-r.nl or [Gebedshuis van de Week - Scots International Church Rotterdam Centrum](#)

New visitor's forms

If you are new to this church and have not filled in a visitor's form, you are invited to do so and we will put your flag up on the wall at the start of the service the following week.

Book group for mums

The next meeting of the Small (book) group for mothers (the mum's group) is on Tuesday 12 November from 09.30 to 11.00 in the crèche room. All mothers with their children are welcome. The contact person is Justyna Glebocka at: justynaglebocka@gmail.com

Language learning?

If you like to learn Dutch, talk to the minister or Harry Jonckheere about classes on Wednesdays.

There are places at the 09.00 group on Thursdays. For more info, see Pam Russell: 010 5914959

Christmas decorations

If you are interested in helping with Christmas decorations or transporting a Christmas tree, contact Sofie Rebel sofie.rebel@gmail.com or Debby Purba eflina@yahoo.com

All are welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children
Tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of God's grace,
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands
Will reach beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

God is good to me

God is good to me
God is good to me
He holds my hand
He helps me stand
God is good to me

God is good to me
God is good to me
He holds me tight
He helps me fight
God is good to me