

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 1st December 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit: "Mary's song" – the Choir

Welcome & prayer

Praise: Tell out my soul (631)

Children's message

Praise: Up on the mountain top

THE WORD

Prayer

Bible readings: **Isaiah 2: 1 – 5** (p. 686)

Praise: Behold! The mountain of the Lord

(Paraphrase of Isaiah 2: 1-5; tune: Jackson)

Sermon: **"Meetings on the mountain"**

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering and dedication

Praise: Lord Jesus Christ (435)

Sacrament of Communion

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: "While we are waiting, come" – Choir

Announcements

Praise: Joy to the world (393)

Benediction and 'three-fold' Amen

Call to worship

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord
Let us learn his ways, let us walk in his paths

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord
Let us walk in the light of the Lord

Thought for the week

“To worship God is to realise the purpose for which God created us.” (Herbert Carson)

Today is the first Sunday in Advent!

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert
Elder: Peace Acquaaah
Organist: Netty Dijkstra-Geuze
Choir: Anneke Pot
Bible Reading: Molly Foster
Children’s message: Richmond Mensah
Welcome: Joyce Mensah, Ann Schuurmsma
Crèche: Gwendoline Keyere
Counting: James Essel, Bridget Teisman
Door: Harmen Rebel
Beamer: Andre van der Velden
Recording: Brendan van der Velden
Flowers: Eugene & Nicole
Hospitality: Regina Pariury & Alan Holloway

Birthdays

This week we give warm congratulations to two of our members abroad on their birthdays Daniel Calvert and Jan-Leif Gabriel Rebel (today) and Rebecca Taylor (Tuesday).

Philippines Disaster

Please consult the noticeboard for info on giro numbers. for emergency donations to Christian NGOs.

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WHAT'S ON

Monday

19.15 Old Testament Survey (Church house)

Tuesday

10.00 Mosaic workshop (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" (Church House)

Thursday

09.00 English language class (Church house)

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Sonrise, Advent 2, baptism and new members

The Garden Wall Mosaic

Everyone is welcome to the Attic Studio to work on Tuesday from 10:00 to 15:00 and Wednesday from 19:30 to 22:30. Contact Andre vd Velden at 0653641271 or Wilma Paton at 0616236652

www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic

Mission offering

This morning the mission offering taken up at the end of the service is to be given to the **Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza**. This is the Presbytery of Europe's mission project for 2013-2014. The Hospital is respected as a provider of the quality health care for all. It works closely with the Palestinian National Authority Ministry of Health and is the first to receive the overflow from the government hospital in Gaza. The hospital is open to all,

irrespective of their faith. It treats the poor without charge. It treats those hurt in the crossfire. This hospital works because the staff, Muslims and Christians, work unstintingly to take care of those around them. The Chief Surgeon is a Muslim and the Director of the Hospital is a Christian. Check out: www.jmecca.org.uk

Alpha Course

The theme of the Alpha Course on Wednesday is “**How does God heal today?**” We start with dinner at 19.00 and after a presentation there are discussion groups which finish by 21.15.

Communion

In the communion service after the sermon, 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.

Christmas at Scots International

Next Sunday we welcome new members. On **Sunday 15th** the 10.30 we have a family service. After the Christmas parties there will be a festive **Christmas tea** at 17.00, followed by the opportunity for carol singing at 18.00 and a Carol service at 19.00. On **Christmas Eve** there is a service at 19.30 and on **Christmas Day** at 10.30

Christmas Play

The Sunday School Christmas play is on Sunday 15 December. The children have received a letter telling about it. There will be a practice directly after the service next Sunday and on 15 December need to be in church early at 10.00.

Prayer

You can join this new e-mail prayer network and actively intercede in prayer from home. Call Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com or leave a note in the prayer box in the entrance.

Scots International Church on internet

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

Books at Scots International Church

Check out the church bookstall for gifts. **Beth Hooper's** book "The Roots that Clutch" is available on the bookstall at 14.95 euros and Beth will donate 4-95 to the church! **Iveren Agbatse** book "My thoughts" is a recently published collection of poems about God.

Language learning?

If you would like to learn **Dutch**, there is a class for beginners with Harry Jonckheere on Wednesdays at 10.30. There are still places at the 09.00 group to learn **English** on Thursday mornings. Info from Pam Russell 010 5914959.

Book group for mums

The next meeting of the book group for mothers is on Tuesday 10 December from 09.30 to 11.00 in the crèche room. All mothers with their children are welcome. Contact Justyna Glebocka at: justynaglebocka@gmail.com

Reading group

The next meeting of the reading group is on Friday 10th January at 13.00 when the book is "The Colour" by Rose Tremain. For more info contact Norma Taylor at j.taylor@versatel.nl or Patricia Ewing at 010-5216263.

Songs not in Mission Praise

Up on the mountain top

Up on the mountain top
Down in the valley below
Go and tell the love of Jesus
Go and tell it everywhere

Behold! The mountain of the Lord

Behold! The mountain of the Lord
In latter days shall rise
On mountain tops above the hills,
And draw the wondering eyes.

To this the joyful nations round,
All tribes and tongues, shall flow;
Up to the hill of God, they'll say,
And to his house we'll go.

The beam that shines from Zion hill
Shall lighten every land;
The King who reigns in Salem's towers
Shall all the world command.

Among the nations he shall judge;
His judgements truth shall guide;
His sceptre shall protect the just,
And quell the sinner's pride.

No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds
Disturb those peaceful years;
To ploughshares men shall beat their swords,
To pruning-hooks their spears.

No longer hosts, encountering hosts,
Shall crowds of slain deplore:
They hang the trumpet in the hall,
And study war no more.

Come then, O house of Jacob!
Come to worship at his shrine;
And, walking in the light of God,
With holy beauties shine.

