

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 23rd February 2014

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Procession/introit – the Joyful Singers

Welcome & prayer

Praise: Holy, holy, holy (237)

Children’s message

Praise: There are trees (Words see below)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: Matthew 5: 27-32, 48 (p.969)

Praise: If you believe (Zimbabwe) (Words below)

Sermon: “Sexual revolution”

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: I’m not ashamed (323)

Offering, dedication & offertory

Admission of new members



Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Announcements



Praise: We’ve a story to tell (744)

Benediction and ‘3-fold’ Amen

Recessional: “Bend low” – the Joyful Singers

Call to Worship (from Psalm 25: 4-5)

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
I wait for you all day long.

Thought for the week

“You can’t help who knocks at the door, but you can help who
you invite into the room.”

(Leslie Weatherhead)

The Service today

Preacher: Robert Calvert
Elder: Kees Knol
Organist: Netty Dijkstra-Geuze
Children’s message: Irene Bom
Joyful Singers: Esther Abang
Bible reading: Harry Jonckheere
Welcome: Ann Schuursma , Wilma Paton
Crèche: Licia Knoester, Nicole
Counting: Janine Kooy, Esther Abang
Door: Ato Cromwell
Beamer: Alan Paton
Recording: Brenden van der Velden
Hospitality: Hans & Roos Stolk, Teun Karreman
Flowers: Magdalene Osa’s

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After Work Dinner Show

The next "After Work Dinner Show" is on Friday 28th March. This free dinner is at 18:30 and the entertainment will be from 19:30 and 20:45 (end at 22:00). More info or sign up with Molly Foster

WHAT'S ON

Monday

19.00 New Testament Survey (Church house)

Tuesday

10.00 Garden Mosaic studio (Church house)

Wednesday

10.00 Dutch language class (Church house)

10.30 Mamre (Lower Hall)

19.30 Garden Mosaic studio (Church house)

19.30 Beta Bible study (Lower Hall)

Thursday

09.00 English language class (Church house)

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19.15 "Leading Worship" (Church house)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Choir, Communion

Birthdays

This week we give our warm congratulations to Oritsesholaye Stoutjesdijk (today), Dieudonné Gwanmesia, Catronia Ewing & Elisabeth Ashu (Monday), Tjerk Vollema (Thursday), Licia Knoester & Gifty Dziwhorshie (Saturday) and Adje Acquaaah (Sunday) on their birthdays.

Weekly Offering Envelopes



New offering envelopes are available from the treasurer Jim Taylor. They are dated for each Sunday in 2014 and for anyone who would like to give a regular amount every week. Anyone paying income tax is entitled to claim back for monies donated to the church & a receipt is prepared by the treasurer for this purpose.

Mission Offering

The mission offering next Sunday (2 March) is dedicated to the Ma Flo Foundation's education and support work for orphans in Cameroon. See Ma Flo or Bob Hensen for further information.

Friday 7 March: World Day of Prayer services

The World Day of Prayer is an International Ecumenical Prayer Movement which brings millions of people in over one hundred countries together in a day of prayer each year. This year the focus will be on Egypt and the service was written by Christians from that country on the theme of "Streams in the Desert."

In Rotterdam we plan two services on Friday 7th March at 10.30 in St. Mary's Anglican Church and at 19.30 here at Scots International. We welcome friends from Holland Methodist Church, Christ our Redeemer (Roman Catholic), the Wallonian Church and other churches.



'Beta' Bible studies

On Wednesday nights 'Beta' Bible studies offer help to everyone on themes about Christian faith and life. This week we read from **Matthew 5: 21-43** on the theme of **God at work**. We start at 19.30 and finish by 21.15.

New Testament Survey

From this Monday night 24 February to 12 May Bob Langdon of Tyndale Theological Seminary offers a "**New Testament Survey**" course. You can sign up today!

Joyful Singers

Our African rhythm worship group leads on the fourth Sunday of every month. We are looking for more men and women to join them. If you are interested, contact Esther Abang or the minister.

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. More information can be obtained from Pam Russell / 010 5914959.

New members!

This morning we are glad to recognise Hans and Roos Stolk, Magdalene Osa's and Justyna Glenbocka as new members of this church. Make sure you shake their hands in welcome!

Annual General Meeting

After the service today the annual meeting of the congregation meeting is in the Lower Hall. It begins from 12.00 and will finish by or before 13.00 There will be an update on our financial position as well as a report from the Consistory.

It is important that as many members of the church possible stay and take part in this review of the congregational life.



Minister to Dundee

Last week Robert Calvert intimated to the elders (and members by e-mail) that he has accepted an invitation to be minister of the Steeple Church in Dundee. It has been a difficult decision and he will write about it in the church newsletter.

Robert expects to be here until June but is away on four Sundays (9, 23, 30 March and 13 April). Members are being prepared to lead worship on those Sundays when we have visiting preachers.



The Garden Wall Mosaic



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

On 29 May (Ascension/Hemelvaart) the garden mosaic is to be erected on the church wall. Its creation has involved many people. On Sunday 1 June we will dedicate it after the service.

There are trees (85 in new SS songbook 2014)

*There are trees and there are flowers
There is sunshine and there are showers
There are millions of things around us
In the world that our God made.*

And He cares for each little sparrow
And He cares for each daisy too
Our god cares for everything
Including me and you
and you and you and you
There are trees and there are flowers..

If you believe I believe

If you believe and I believe
and we together pray,
the Holy Spirit shall come down
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
and set God's people free,
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and set God's people free.

