

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 9th March 2014

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Welcome & prayer



Praise: Praise my soul, the king of heaven (560)

Children's message

Praise: I have decided to follow Jesus (272)

THE WORD



Prayer of confession

Bible reading: Matthew 6: 16 – 24 (p.971)

Praise: As the deer pants (37)

Sermon: “Jesus’ advice for Lent”

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise (with Sonrise): Bless the Lord, my soul (CG 14),

There is a redeemer (673),

In my life, Lord, be glorified (335)

Offering and dedication

Prayers for others



THE SENDING



Announcements

Praise: How lovely on the mountains (249, popular version)

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

Call to Worship (from Psalm 15)

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right.

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever speaks the truth from their heart.

Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Let us worship God together; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Thought for the week

“The challenge of Lent, where the cost is not less than everything, turns out to be simultaneously an invitation to a way of celebration, a journey taken in the best possible company. For to follow the way of Jesus is to join the apparently insignificant ‘little ones’ who will be the first in the Kingdom of God.” (Morley)

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Calum MacLeod

Elder: Fred Booman

Organist: Jan Hendrik van der Kamp

Worship leaders: Eugene Ng, Esther Abang

Children’s message: Bob Hensen

Sonrise: Margriet van Overbeek

Bible reading: Magdalene Osa’s

Welcome: Alina Balatica, Daniel de Jong

Crèche: Veronica & Marcel Kind

Counting: Frieda Enow, Bridget Teisman

Door: Kees Knol

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Recording: Brenden van der Velden

Soup lunch: Anneke Bode, Hank Meldrum, Chandra Aldus

Hospitality: Brendan vd Velden, Licia Knoester

Flowers: Aletia Baiye

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WHAT'S ON

Monday

19.00 N.T. Survey course (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)

Friday

13.00 Reading group (Crèche room)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Choir, new elders & deacons

12.00 Creche meeting with parents & friends

Birthdays

This week we give our warm congratulations on their birthdays to Dorothy Kingsale (today), Aletia Baiye (Monday), Annemarie Fleming (Tuesday), Faith Abunum (Wednesday), Maxine Fleming & Esther Hensen-Gwanmesia (Thurs).

Today

This weekend the Presbytery of Europe meets in Gibraltar and the minister is involved in conferences in Berlin and Brussels.

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.

'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 **Luke 24: 13-48** on the theme of **Being centred on the Cross**. We start at 19.30 and finish by 21.15.

Crèche meeting

Veronica and Maaïke host a meeting for parents who have children in the crèche – and for people interested to help. It is next Sunday 16 March after the service. We want to discuss how things are going, see how we can find more to help and get to know each other better. All are welcome!

Sunday School on "Communication"

On Saturday 29 March the Sunday School organize a training from 10:00–13:00 on "communication". We want to look at communication with the children, teachers together, parents and teachers, children together. This is open to all in any group of the church and will finish with a simple lunch.

Reading group

The next date for the reading group is this week Friday 14th March at 13.00. Contact Norma Taylor at j_taylor@versatel.nl for more details.

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.

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.

Leading Worship

The minister is preparing members of the church to lead worship over the next three months before he departs in June. Robert is also away on four Sundays (9, 23, 30 March and 13 April). This morning Eugene Ng leads before the sermon and Esther Abang after.

Minister to Dundee

Our minister has intimated that he has accepted an invitation to be minister of the Steeple Church in Dundee. It has been a difficult decision and he has written about it in the church newsletter.

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

www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic

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.

Join the gROWTH group!

Join us today after service! We are meeting in the crèche room at 12.30. All are welcome! For more info, please contact Eugene Ng and Frans van der Meer. All are welcome!

Songs for Beamer:

Bless the Lord, my Soul (Teizé)

Bless the Lord, my soul,
And bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul,
Who leads me into life.