

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 17th August 2014

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Welcome & prayer

Praise: All creatures of our God and King (7)

Children's message

Praise: He is Lord (220)



THE WORD

Prayer of confession



Bible reading: **Isaiah 56:1, 6-8;**
Matthew 15:21-28

Praise: How lovely on the mountain (249)

Sermon: "**A house of prayer for all nations**"

THE THANKSGIVING

Reflection

Praise: Let us build a house (CH4 198) (Words see below)

Offering and dedication

Prayers for others



THE SENDING

Announcements

Praise: We've a story to tell to the nations (744)

St Patrick's breastplate prayer

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen



Call to worship (based on Psalm 67)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.
**For you judge the people with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

Thought for the day



Faith and prayer are the vitamins of the soul; man cannot live
in health without them.
(Mahalia Jackson)

The Service today

Preacher: Rev Irene Bom
Elder: Kees Knol
Worship leader: Ediri Sobotie
Organist: Herman Nolet
Bible reading: Richmond Mensah
Children's message: Richmond Mensah
Welcome: Steve Russell, Harmen Rebel
Crèche: Wenli Wan
Counting: Esther Abang,
Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Door: Bob Hensen
Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten
Recording: Brendan van der Velden
Hospitality: Eunelda Cairo, Tini Roos



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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday

10.30 Mamre is closed in August

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship

Birthdays

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Sharon Cromwell (today), Jean Galloway (Monday), Beverly Bouwman (Tuesday), David Dziworshie (Thursday) and Evert Dorn (Friday) on their birthdays.

Dutch and English lessons

Dutch for beginners, Basic English and “Brush up your English” classes will restart in September.

Talk to or ask for Harry Jonckheere and Pam Russell.

The Garden Wall Mosaic

The Garden Wall Mosaic Team have put the circles in the new fence. Go and see it. It looks really marvellous. Visit the Facebook page and tell your friends to come and see it!

www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic

Bible Reading

If you would like to do the bible reading at a Sunday service, please write your name down on the notice board with your contact details. We will contact you.

Youth Group Sleep-over

6th September (Saturday) to 7th September (Sunday) - the Youth Group plans a sleep-over from 14:00 on Saturday. Please contact Saskia (06-5473 6462) or Fayola (06-1479 9929).

Open Monuments Day (OMD) tour and Witte de With (WdW) festival 13 & 14 September

Open Monuments Day (OMD) celebrates all designated Dutch National Monuments, such as the Wallonian Church near us. The OMD Tour takes visitors from the Wallonian Church to the Russian Orthodox Church and back to us, the SICR. We need volunteers to guide people around the church, direct them to a slide show and offer light refreshments. The Garden Wall Mosaic fits in the 'Art in the Street' theme of the WdW and will also need additional volunteers.

Summer Club 2014

Today's activity: 'African Beats'. Thanks to Magdalene Osa's and Stanley Murithi for taking care of the children.

Pastoral Care and Prayer Requests

Please note that pastoral care from an elder or a minister is always available. Contact your elder or the Church Office. Prayer requests can be put in the prayer box on Sundays, or sent via the Prayer Co-ordinator Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com.

Lockers

Those working in the kitchen for Mamre and others have complained for some time that there was no safe place to keep their bags or other personal items. One of our members

has now secured lockers, which are placed in the corridor to the manse (Church house).

Sunday School Songbook 2014

A while ago Irene Bom distributed copies of the new Sunday School Songbook to families, Sunday School teachers and others involved in children's ministry in our church. If you haven't received a copy or and would like to have one, please see Irene. A digital version, which allows you to hear the music as well, is also available.

Stanley needs to go home to see his family

Our caretaker Stanley Murithi has not been back to Kenya for almost five years. He needs to settle family matters and see his wife and two daughters. He applied for financial help. He will receive a small amount from the Consistory Fund and needs to augment the remainder through crowdfunding. We appeal to your compassion. Put donations in the collection in an envelope marked Stanley – Consistory Fund. Talk to Bob Hensen, if you wish to know more.

Thanks to all who contributed over the past weeks. An amount of € 867.50 (without bank deposit) has been donated so far.

Interim Moderator

During the vacancy Rev. James (Jimmy) Brown minister of the English-speaking Christian Congregation (ECC) Bochum, Germany is our Interim Moderator. He can be reached at: j.brown56@gmx.de

Our former minister Rev. Robert Calvert can be reached at: robertacalvert@gmail.com

Looking ahead – Sunday by Sunday during the vacancy

Today Rev. Irene Bom will preach, while on 24th August Jason Pridmore, Assistant Professor at Erasmus University, will be with us again.

The Local Church Review team will be with us for three days at the end of August. Rev. Rhona Dunphy will preach on 31st August.

Our second locum Dave Robinson arrives on 25th August with his wife, Lucy. They will be here till 5th October.

Derek Lawson our third locum will be here from 26th October until 14th December.

Lyrics for:

Let us build a house

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:

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

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 free us:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

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

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