

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 24th August 2014

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit (instrumental)

Welcome & prayer

Praise: God is love, let heaven adore him (187)

Children's message

Praise: **What a friend we have**
(SSS 2014 No. 98) (Words see below)



THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: Matthew 16:13-20

Praise: Thy hand, O God, has guided (705)

Sermon: "Responding to Jesus' Question"



THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: Fairest Lord Jesus (823)

Offering and dedication

Praise: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (251)

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem (instrumental)

Announcements

Praise: **The church's one foundation** (640)

St Patrick's breastplate prayer

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen





Call to worship (based on Psalm 124)

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth, who comes to our aid in times of need, who gives us the courage to do what is right, who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us and confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.

**This is our God!
Let us worship Him together.**

Thought for the day



One way to define spiritual life is getting so tired and fed up with yourself you go on to something better, which is following Jesus.

(Eugene H. Peterson)

The Service today

Preacher: Jason Pridmore
Elder: Richmond Mensah
Worship leader: Bob Hensen
Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp
Musician: William Hayter
Children's message: Irene Bom
Bible reading: Rose Stolk
Welcome: Joyce Mensah, Jimmy van Putten
Crèche: Chante Fleming, Fayola Cairo
Counting: Ruud Witte, Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Door: Andre van der Velden
Beamer: Eugene Ng
Recording: Brendan van der Velden
Hospitality: Magdalene Osas, Beth Hooper

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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 Henriette Lane (Monday), Daniel Oppong-Sarfo (Wednesday), Max Ferdinandus (Thursday) and Thomas Ewing (Friday) on their birthdays.

Dutch and English lessons

Dutch for beginners and three levels of 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. 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).

Summer Club 2014

Today's activity: Games and Sweet Tooth. Thanks Anneke Bode and Trevor Gibson for taking care of the children.

Welcome Baby Girl



We are thrilled to hear about the arrival of Harmen and Sofie's second child, Valborg Shelise Rebel on 19th August 2014.

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.

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).

Stanley needs to go home to see his family

Thanks to all who contributed for the last four weeks. You all have been very, very compassionate and generous! Bless you all for that! € 948 has been collected. This is enough for his ticket and other costs.

'Our Daily Bread' September – November

The excellent guide for your daily devotion is now available at the Book Stall.

Induction of Reverend Dr Lance Stone

The English Reformed Church, Amsterdam invites members of this church to attend the induction service of Reverend Dr Lance Stone on Saturday, 27th September at 14:00 hrs. The church is located at: Begijnhof 48, 1012 WV Amsterdam.

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

Next week the Local Church Review team (Rev. Rhona Dunphy, Rev. Andrew Gardner, Mary Couper and Dorothy Nitsche) will be with us for a few days, to meet with office bearers and others in the congregation. Rhona will be with us on Sunday, when she'll preach, and Mary and Dorothy will also be involved in the service in some way. (Andrew and Jimmy - our interim moderator - return home on Saturday, to lead worship in their own congregations on Sunday.)

After church next week there will be a pot-luck lunch. Please bring something tasty to share.

Our next locum, Dave Robinson, and his wife Lucy arrive at the end of this week, and will be with us on Sunday. Dave conducts his first service on 7th September (communion).

Dave has offered to lead a series of workshops on pastoral care while he's here. More about that shortly.

After Dave and Lucy leave, Joost and Jimmy will each lead a service, and then it's time for our next locum to join us: Derek Lawson, who will be with us from 26th October for eight Sundays, accompanied by his wife, Moira, and their dog.

Lyrics for:

Children's song:

What a friend we have

What a friend we have
We have a friend in Jesus
What a friend we have
When Jesus is our friend
What a friend we have
We have a friend in Jesus
He's the very best friend
We could ever have.

