

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 31st August 2014

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Welcome

Opening prayer

Praise: Immortal, invisible, God only wise (327)

Children's message

Praise: What a mighty God we serve (747)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

**Bible reading: Exodus 3:1-15;
Matthew 16:21-28**

Praise: Be still (50)

Sermon: "Who am I?"

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: I, the Lord of sea and sky (857)

Offering and dedication

Open spot

Praise: Father, hear the prayer we offer (132)

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Announcements

Praise: The God of Abraham praise (645)

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen



Call to worship (based on Psalm 105)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

Make known his deeds among peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him.

Tell of his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength.

Seek his presence continually.

Thought for the day



"Being religious means asking passionately the question of the meaning of our existence and being willing to receive answers, even if the answers hurt." (Paul Tillich)

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Rhona Dunphy

Elder: Ato Cromwell

Worship leader: Bob Hensen

Prayers: Dorothy Nitsche, Mary Couper

Children's message: Rev. Dave Robinson

Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp

Bible reading: Hans Stolk, Peter Aghasomba

Welcome: Jan Dirk Schouten, James Essel

Crèche: Gwendoline Keyere, Veronica Kind

Counting: Mavis Fleming, Ruud Witte

Door: Harry Jonckheere

Beamer: Andre van der Velden

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Hospitality: Soloman Stifanos, Emma de Zanger

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday

10.30 Mamre

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Holy communion & Worship Service

Birthdays

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Dirk Bouwman (Monday), Johan Wagenaar (Tuesday) and Jimmy van Putten (Thursday) 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.

Youth Group Sleep-over

If you are interested in joining the Youth Group Sleep-over next Saturday (6th September from 14:00 to 7th September), please contact Saskia (06-5473 6462) or Fayola (06-1479 9929).

Pastoral Care Course

Our new Locum, Rev. Dave Robinson, is offering a three-part course on Pastoral Care on Tuesday evenings: September 9, 16, 23 from 19.30 to 21.00. Sessions will include theory and practical exercises. Whether you're on the welcome team, an elder, a parent, a friend - whatever your role in church or in civil society - pastoral skills are a valuable asset. Feel free to join one or more of the sessions. Indicate your interest at editor-herald@live.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).

Bible Reading

If you would like to do the Bible reading in church sometime, please put your name down on the list on the notice board. You will be contacted.

Prayer Requests and Pastoral Care

Prayer requests can be put in the prayer box on Sundays. (Please write clearly and feel free to add a telephone number or name for clarification). Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Co-ordinator, Wilma Paton, at pray.sicr@gmail.com. For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or a Minister, contact your Elder or the Church Office.

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

Thanks to Johan and Justyna Wagenaar for organizing activities for the children this week.

This Sunday will be the last week for Summer Club. We wish to thank all volunteers for organizing activities for the children during these months. We appreciate the time devoted to preparation and planning. You have all been a great blessing to the children. We hope you enjoyed the experience too.

Stanley needs to go home to see his family

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

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: robertcalvert@gmail.com

Looking ahead ..

Our second locum, Rev. Dave Robinson, and his wife, Lucie, arrived last Monday from Perth, Australia and will be here until 5th October. Dave will conduct his first service on Holy Communion Sunday 7th September. When Dave and Lucie leave, Joost and Jimmy will each lead a service before our third locum Rev. Derek Lawson, his wife Moira and their (well behaved dog) will arrive from France to be with us for eight weeks.

Local Church Review

A Local Church Review (LCR) is a consultation exercise carried out by a team of ministers and elders of all churches within a Presbytery. It looks at all aspects of church life, focusing on the previous and future five years. The fact finding team of the Presbytery was here around the middle of May and between Thursday 28th and Sunday 31st August. They will speak with office bearers, Consistory, Council and others in the congregation. We look forward to an engaging conversation and advice. The team consists of Rev. Rhona Dunphy, Rev. Andrew Gardner, Elder Mary Couper, Elder Dorothy Nitsche and completed by our Interim Moderator Rev. Jimmy Brown.

On Sunday 31st Rhona will preach and Mary and Dorothy will pray.

Please note that we will have a pot luck lunch after the service.

