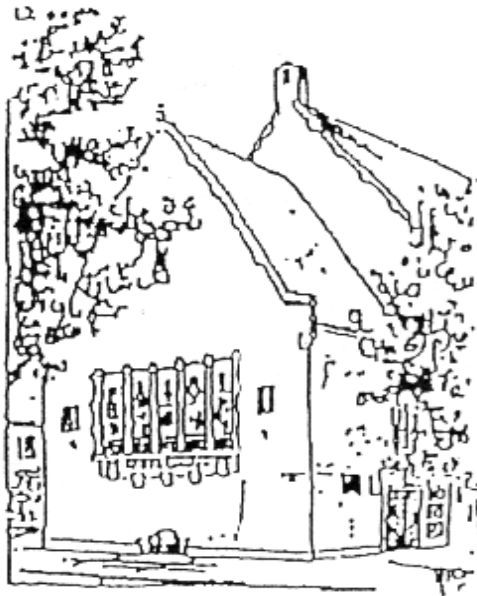


The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 9th November 2014

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

We meet, in the presence of God, on this Remembrance Sunday, to worship God.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

We confess with shame those occasions when nations have lightly chosen conflict and war rather than dialogue and peace. And we pray for all who continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror: whether bereavement, disability, pain or displacement.

We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

Procession: 'Father, Help us Oh Lord' (JS)

Introit: 'Beh boh Mandem' Joyful Singers

Welcome & prayer

Praise: God is our strength and refuge (188)

Children's message

Praise: There are trees and there are flowers (SSS 85)

Call to Remembrance:

Please respond by saying the line in bold:

... at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

The Last Post – Lament – Silence – Reveille

Following the concluding prayer please join in saying this pledge:

***We pledge ourselves
to work for peace and reconciliation
in our homes, our neighbourhood,
our country and our world.***

Praise: Longing for light, we wait in darkness (CH4, 543)

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: 1Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18
Matthew 25: 1 – 13

Praise: “I have a dream”, a man once said (CH4, 710)

Sermon: “Be Aware!”

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering and dedication

‘I will bring my gift to God’ Joyful Singers

Praise: Make me a channel of your peace (456)

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: ‘ Mandem ache ekong’ (JS)

Announcements

Praise: Lord for the years (428)

Benediction and ‘3-fold’ Amen

Recession: ‘Everybody’ Joyful Singers

Thought for the day



Waste of Muscle, waste of Brain,
Waste of Patience, waste of Pain,
Waste of Manhood, waste of Health,
Waste of Beauty, waste of Wealth,
Waste of Blood and waste of Tears,
Waste of Youth’s most precious years,
Waste of ways the Saints have trod,
Waste of Glory, waste of God -
War!

*G A Studdart Kennedy 1st WW Anglican Army Chaplain k/a
“Woodbine Willie”*

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Derek Lawson
Elder: Ruud Witte
Worship Leader: Bob Hensen
Children's message: Bob Hensen
Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp
Bible reading: Harmen Rebel
Welcome: Joyce Mensah, Alina Balatica
Crèche: Gwendoline Keyere, Veronica Kind
Counting: Ato Cromwell, Eric Wenfua
Door: Rizal Sebastian
Beamer: Anthony Evovo
Hospitality: Ingrid Evovo, Virginia Hendriks
Recording: Brendan van der Velden
Flowers: Wisteria Cairo

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday 12th November

10:30 Mamre
19:30 Bible Study

Thursday 13th November

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Sunday 16th November

10:30 Worship Service

Birthdays

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Elizabeth Dorn-Lee (today) and Elizabeth Adzra (Saturday) on their birthdays.

Dutch and English lessons

English lessons will temporarily stop. Lessons will begin again on Thursday 8th January.

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Prayer Requests and Pastoral Care

Prayer requests can be put in the prayer box on Sundays (*please write clearly and you may 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.



Speak out or write it down

Feel free to make remarks or suggestions about anything that happens at SICR. Please speak to an elder, put a written note in the suggestion box, or send an email.

Looking ahead..

Today our third locum, Rev. Derek Lawson will preach his third sermon. They will be with us for a total of 8 weeks. Rev. Derek can be reached on 06 5716 2778 or derek.lawson@sfr.fr

Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday 9th November we will remember those who suffered and gave their lives in world wars and conflicts around the world. We will be joined by a piper and bugler. From 12:00 there will be a short ecumenical act of remembrance at Crooswijk Cemetery.

Poppies are available today in the church entrance. They are worn in lapels to remember those who suffered. You can take these and other mementoes and place a donation in the collection box provided. Your gifts will be passed on to the memorial fund.

UNITED INTERNATIONAL PEACE SERVICE

This evening at 19:30 we will have the annual Peace Service, which has been a tradition for more than ninety years, hosted by the SICR.

We will have ministers and members of various churches attending. Let's have a good turnout of the SICR also!

Interim Moderator

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

"Lessons in Basic Christianity"

This week's session is Lesson 6: *Jesus the Messiah*. There are 13 lessons in total, led by Graham Jardine. Everyone is welcome on Wednesdays from 19.30 to 21.00, even if you did not attend previous lessons.

Reading group

The next meeting of the book group will be on Friday 14th November in the crèche room (or alternative) at 1 p.m. The book is *The Girl who Saved the King of Sweden* by Jonas Jonasson. As always sharing lunch beforehand. Contact. Norma Taylor 071 3625835 or email j_taylor@versatel.nl or Pat Ewing at ewing@planet.nl

Meeting on Sunday School Christmas Party

Olaf de Zanger, our Sunday School Superintendent, calls for a meeting after the service today in the crèche, to plan the Sunday School Christmas Party.

Lyrics (for the beamer/choir)

Praise: Longing for light, we wait in darkness (CH4, 543)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
Longing for truth we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace our world is troubled.
Longing for hope many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

“I have a dream”, a man once said (CH4, 710)

‘I have a dream’, a man once dais,
‘where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love.’
in freedom and in love.’

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and though sacrifice
of standing for the right.
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content;
for thoughts and words don’t ease the pain;
unless there’s action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vison, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don’t let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.
uniting us in peace.

There are trees and there are flowers
SSS 85

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 the daisy too
Our God cares for everything,
Including me and you
And you and you and you.

Our God cares for everything
Including me and you.