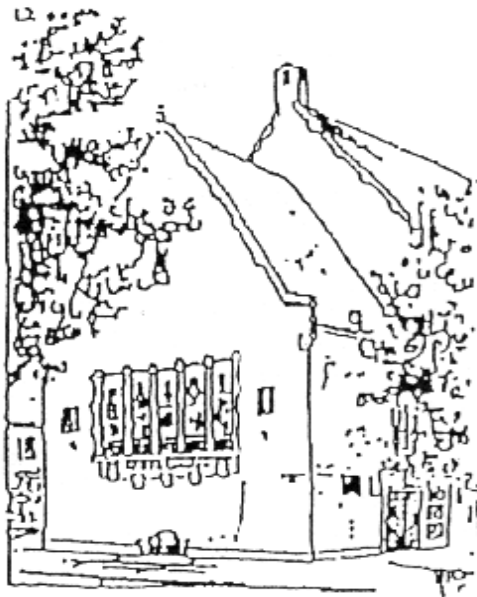


# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

**30th November 2014**

**THE GATHERING**

Call to worship

Welcome & prayer

Praise: O come, O  
Emmanuel (493)

come,

Children's message

Praise: Jesus bids us shine



**THE WORD**

Prayer of confession



Bible readings: **1 Corinthians 1 : 3 – 9**  
**Mark 13 : 24 – 37**

Praise: Lo, he comes with clouds descending (424)

Sermon: **“Happy New Year!”**

Praise: Tell out, my soul (631)

**THE THANKSGIVING**

Offering and dedication

Praise: All earth was dark (8)  
(Sonrise) My soul waits for the Lord  
We will walk with God (CH4, 803)

Open spot: St Andrew's Day

Prayers for others



**THE SENDING**

Announcements

Praise: Jesus calls us (359)  
*in v.2 line 1 replace “apostles” with “Saint Andrew”*

Closing Responses, Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

## **Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 64:1-9)**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down...  
**For your people watch and wait for your coming.**

We long for justice, we yearn for peace.  
**Yet we know our own complicity with evil.**

Fear and hope contend within us.  
**Through our tears we seek your face.**

We are all your people, the work of your hand.  
**Give us patience to wait, strength to watch  
and faith to pray,  
'O that you would tear open the heavens  
and come down'.**

### ***Closing Responses:***

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.  
**On that day the stars will fall from heaven  
and the powers will be shaken.**

But we do not know when the time will come.  
**So we watch and wait, and gather and give.**

Something is happening, someone is coming.  
**We will prepare for a revolution,  
we will be awake to the signs of transformation,  
we will watch for the day of the Lord to come.**

### **Thought for the week**



When out of poverty is born a dream that  
will not die,  
and landless, weary folk find strength  
to stand with heads held high,  
it's then we learn from those who wait  
to greet the promised day,  
'The Lord is coming; don't lose heart.  
Be blest; prepare the way!'

*Kathy Galloway (CH4, 291)*

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

19:30 Elders' Training

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

10:30 Mamre

19:30 ~~Bible Study~~ **Postponed**

See separate notice

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30 Holy Communion & Worship Service

### **The Service today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Ato Cromwell

Worship Leader: Esther Abang

Children's Message: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Organist: Magdalena Jones

Bible reading: Molly Foster

Welcome: Raneë Damanik, Daniel de Jong

Crèche: Maaïke van der Eerden, Nicole Ng

Counting: Mavis Fleming & Harmen Rebel

Door: Harry Jonckheere

Beamer: Andre van der Velden

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Hospitality: Magdalene Osa's

Flowers: Family Fleming



### **Birthdays**

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Daniel Calvert (Monday), Jan-Leif Gabriel Rebel (Monday), Eugene Ng (Tuesday), Rebecca Taylor (Wednesday) on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday to be mentioned? Then let us know when that day is (in advance).

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### **English lessons**

English lessons will temporarily stop. Lessons will begin again on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

### **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](mailto:j.brown56@gmx.de)

### **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.

### **Christmas Season**

The Christmas Season is already upon us, as this Sunday is already the First Sunday in Advent. A flyer and poster of our services during the Christmas Season is available at the entrance of the church. Make sure to take some and invite family & friends.

### **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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com).

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or a Minister, contact your Elder or the Church Office.



### **Looking ahead..**

Today our third locum, Rev. Derek Lawson will preach his sixth sermon. He and his wife Moira are with us for a total of 8

weeks till/incl. Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Then we welcome Rev. Jennifer Pridmore who will preach till the end of January. In the meantime Rev. Derek can be reached on 06 5716 2778 or [derek.lawson@sfr.fr](mailto:derek.lawson@sfr.fr)

### **"Lessons in Basic Christianity"**

**Unfortunately Study Leader Graham Jardine has to take on so much extra hours at his job, that he will not be able to continue to teach us. Therefore Lessons ten through thirteen will take place in January. Exact dates to be announced.**

### **"MEET YOUR ELDER" SEASON**

Every Sunday, before making the announcements, the Elder on duty will introduce him or herself briefly and mention the particular Pastoral Area for which he or she is responsible. This will give you and your area elder the opportunity to make the connection, and get to know each other better.

### **Elder Training**

Derek will be holding two evenings of Elder Training which all Elders are urged to attend. These will be on **Tuesdays 2 and 9 December at 19:30.**

### **Daily Bread**

The devotional "Daily Bread" for December – January is available from the Bookstall.

### **SICR Weekly Update**

Do you like to receive an update on activities, sermons, hymns etc. @ SICR every Thursday or Friday in your E-mail box? Then send a mail to: [editor-herald@live.com](mailto:editor-herald@live.com) and you will also receive The Herald-by-Email.

### **A Place at the Table**

The Mission offering on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December will be dedicated to the Presbytery Mission project 'A Place at the Table' which supports the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL) who provide food and hygiene packs to hundreds of displaced families in Syria and the surrounding countries.

### **Becoming a member of the SICR**

Have you been attending church with us and want to become a member? Speak to the minister or sign up with Ato Bob or

send a mail to the church office. On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December we plan to induct new members into the SICR.

**Lyrics (for the beamer)**

**ALL EARTH WAS DARK**

1 All earth was dark until You spoke,  
then all was light and all was peace.  
Yet still, O God, so many wait,  
to see the flame of love released.

Lights to the world, O Light of man,  
kindle in us a mighty flame,  
till every heart, consumed by love,  
shall rise to praise Your holy name.

2 In Christ You gave Your gift of life  
to save us from the depth of night.  
O come and set our spirits free,  
and draw us to Your perfect light.

Lights to the world ...

3 Where there is fear, may we bring joy,  
and healing to a world in pain.  
Lord, build Your kingdom  
through our lives,  
till Jesus walks this earth again.

Lights to the world ...

4 O burn in us, that we may burn  
with love that triumphs in despair;  
and touch our lives with such a fire,  
that souls may search and find You there.

Lights to the world ...

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## **MY SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD**

My soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning  
Watchmen for the morning  
My soul waits for the Lord.  
For with Him there is mercy.  
Hope in Him.

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## **WE WILL WALK**

We will walk with God, my brothers,  
we will walk with God.  
We will walk with God, my sisters,  
We will walk with God.  
We will go rejoicing  
till the kingdom has come.  
We will go rejoicing  
till the kingdom has come.

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