

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 14 December 2014
Family Service for the 3rd Sunday in Advent

The Gathering

Call to Worship

Praise: Jesus put this song into our hearts (376)

Welcome, lighting of the third Advent candle, and Prayer

Praise: Emmanuel (SSS 16)

The Living Nativity

Praise: Jesus came for young and old (SSS 47)
I'm not a shepherd (SSS 42)

Children's Message

Praise: Jesus bids us shine

Prayer of Confession

The Word

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61 : 1-4, 8-11

Reflection - "Transformers"

Praise: Make way, make way (457)

New Testament Readings:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1 : 6 - 8, 19-28

Reflection - "How well do we witness to Christ?"

Praise: Child in the manger (71)

Offering and Dedication

Praise: Use this money (SSS 92)

Prayer for others
please respond: "hear our prayer."

The Sending

Announcements

Praise: We are marching in the light of God (954)

Closing Responses followed by the Benediction and 3-fold Amen.

Call to Worship

We gather as the Church family here in this place
to bring God our worship and praise,

to hear his Word for us and seek his will for us,
to bring him our prayers in this season of Advent.

For we know he is coming in the power and gentleness of the Spirit,
and we will always rejoice;

he is bringing good news to the poor,
and we will never stop praying;

he is binding up the broken-hearted,
and we will give thanks in every circumstance;

he is proclaiming liberty to captives
and release to prisoners,
**and so we will not quench the Spirit,
nor despise the words of prophets;
but test everything, and hold fast to what is good;
for God has promised, and God is faithful.**

Closing Responses -

He is coming in the power and gentleness of the Spirit.
Holy is his name.

He has scattered the proud in heart
and brought down the powerful.
Holy is his name.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
Holy is his name.

For the Lord loves justice and reveals goodness
to the nations.
**Our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour.
We bear witness to the light.**

Thought for the week

“You don’t choose your family.
They are God’s gift to you –
as you are to them.”

Desmond Tutu

“What can you do to promote world peace?
Go home and love your family.”

Mother Theresa

WHAT’S ON

Today Sunday 14th December

Today after the Family & Worship Service

12:30 Sunday School Christmas Party

16:00 Christmas Tea

17:00 Carol singing

19:30 Carol Service



Wednesday 17th December

10:30 Mamre

Thursday 18th December

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19:30 Carol singing in the Cool

Sunday 21st December

10:30 Worship Service

The Service today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Fred Booman

Children’s Message: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp

Bible reading: Thomas Paton, Joanne de Zanger, Michael Paton

Welcome: Steve Russell, John Essel

Crèche: Gwendoline Keyere & Veronica

Counting: Ato Cromwell & Richmond Mensah

Door: Eric Wenfua

Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Hospitality: Hans and Rose Stolk

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Birthdays

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Toluwani Cornelia Reb Kisters (Tuesday), James Essel (Wednesday), Menen Tessema-Betre (Wednesday) and Richmond Mensah (Friday) on their birthdays.

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

English lessons

English lessons have temporarily stopped. Lessons will begin again on Thursday 8th 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

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 upon us, as this Sunday is already the third 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.

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 eighth sermon. He and his wife Moira will leave tomorrow, having been with us for a total of 8 weeks. We have enjoyed Derek's energetic preaching and his' and Moira's fellowship. Next week we welcome Rev. Jennifer Pridmore who will preach till the end of January.

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 and you will also receive The Herald-by-Email.

A Place at the Table

Last Sunday 7th December the Mission offering was 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.

If you missed this chance to contribute, you still can by putting it in an envelope marked 'A Place at the Table' on the collection plate or transfer by bank to the SICR account.

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 21st December we plan to induct new members into the SICR.

Carol singing in the Cool

The Cool neighbourhood has invited us to join them at their 'buurthuis' at Van Brakkelstraat, just behind 'Het Landje' plein. Thursday 18th December 19:30. Call or talk to Molly if you are interestred. 06-2553 8320.

Lyrics for beamer

Emmanuel

1. Sing a song, a song of joy
Come along and see the boy
A baby boy who from heaven came
Emmanuel is His Name

CHORUS:

Emmanuel - God is with us
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God is with us - Emmanuel

2. Shepherds heard the angels sing
Bringing news of a baby king
So they went without delay
To see the baby in a manger where he lay

CHORUS

3. Wise men came from afar
They were led by a star
They brought him gifts, gifts of joy
Gold and myrrh and frankincense for the boy

CHORUS

Jesus came for the young and old

1. Jesus came for young and old,
Jesus came for everybody.
Jesus came for you
So come, come, everyone.
Everyone come meet God's Son.

2. Jesus came for rich and poor ...

3. Jesus came for big and small ...

I'm not a shepherd

I'm not a shepherd, nor a wise man,
Nor an angel, that is true.
I'm not a shepherd, nor a wise man,
Nor an angel, nor are you.

But we can follow their example
We can worship Jesus too.
And like the shepherds,
the wise men and the angels
We can also spread the good news:

God has sent His Son (x2)
God has sent His Son, I tell you.
God has sent His Son.

Jesus bids us shine

Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
Like a little candle, burning in the night.
In this world of darkness, so let us shine,
You in your small corner and I in mine.

*Add to words for 'This little light of mine' the following in Dutch:
(for the beamer)*

Jezus zegt, dat Hij hier van ons verwacht.
Dat wij zijn als kaarsjes brandend in de nacht.
En Hij wenst, dat ieder tot zijn ere schijnt.
Jij in jouw klein hoekje en ik in 't mijn.

Use This Money (Collection Song)

1. Use this money to be a blessing
to your work, O Lord.
Use this money so that other people
may also hear God's Word.
Thank you for all you've given us
and for teaching us to share.
Use this money and use me too
so others may know you care.

2. Use me, Jesus, to be a blessing
to your work, O Lord.
Use me, Jesus, so that other people
may also hear God's Word.
Thank you for all you've given us
and for teaching us to share.
Use me, Jesus, my whole life through,
so others may know you care.

