

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 21st December 2014
4th Sunday in Advent

The Gathering

Call to Worship

Introit: "All That is Gold" (Choir)

Welcome and Prayer

**Praise: O Come, O come Emmanuel
(493: v1, 3-5)**

Children's Message

Praise: Jesus bids us



shine

The Word

Prayer of Confession

Bible Reading: Romans 16: 25 - 27

Praise: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (102)

Bible Reading: Luke 1: 26 - 38

Sermon: The Hope of Glory

Anthem: While Shepherds (Choir)

Offering and Dedication

Prayer for others

The Sending

Announcements

Praise: Lo! He comes (424)

Closing Responses

followed by the Benediction and 3-fold Amen.

Call to Worship

This is the season of Advent, of holy preparation.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We await your coming in glory.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We choose light over darkness; life over death.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We look to you in hope.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We rejoice in your salvation!

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.

Closing Responses

This is the season of holy waiting.

We watch for the One who scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly.

We wait for the day when our spirits will rejoice to know God's favour.

We watch while the light of day begins to fill the sky.

Come let us walk in the light of God!

Amen!

Thought for the week

"... God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Colossians 1: 27

The Service Today

Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Elder: Rizal Sebastian

Worship Leader: Alan Paton

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible reading: Steve Russell

Welcome: James Essel, Maureen Vollema

Crèche: Licia Knoester

Counting: Joy Okojie, Bridget Teisman

Door: Anthony Evovo

Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten

Hospitality: Pam Russell

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Flowers: Family Awuku

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WHAT'S ON

Wednesday 24th December

19:30 Christmas Eve Service
Jointly with Hope Baptist Church

Christmas Day Thursday 25th December

10:30 Christmas Day Service

Sunday 28th December

10:30 Worship Service

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Birthdays

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Doreen Asare-Awuku (Tuesday), Pam Russell (Wednesday), Isabella Snoeren-Quashie (Wednesday), Christa Jacobs (Thursday), Esther Abang (Friday), Sophie Tataw Bessem (Friday), Brian Elvis Essel (Sunday), Robin Opoku-Polly (Sunday) (Saturday) 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 fourth 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 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 fourth (local) locum, Rev. Jennifer Pridmore will preach her first sermon and continue to do so every Sunday till the end of January. She will be further introduced at the beginning of the service.

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

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. Put it in an envelope marked 'A Place at the Table' on the

collection plate or transfer by bank to the SICR.

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 25th January, our Covenant Service we plan to induct new members into the SICR.

CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITE

Margriet and Irene are hosting a Christmas dinner on Thursday 25 December at Margriet's home (within easy walking distance of Rijswijk station).

Address: **Fagotstraat 30, 2287 BD Rijswijk**. Time: 5pm

If you'd like to reserve one or more places at the table, please contact

Margriet, preferably by Tuesday 23 December: **06-1980 5541** - margriethelena@gmail.com

The more the merrier!

Lyrics not in M P.

Jesus Bids Us Shine

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

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him;
Well He sees and knows it if our light is dim;
He looks down from heaven, sees us shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around,
Many kinds of darkness in this world abound:
Sin, and want, and sorrow—we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

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.