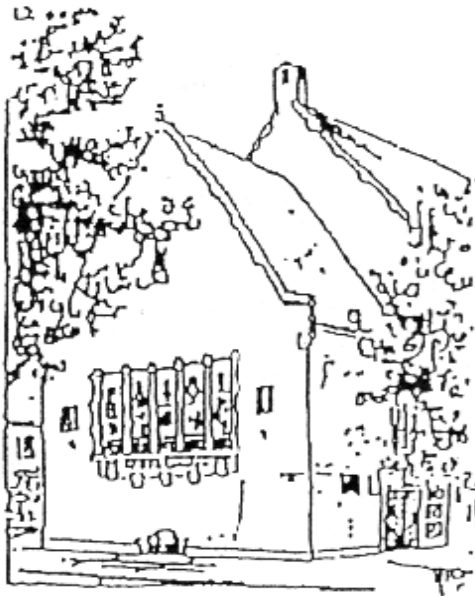


The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 28th December 2014

The Gathering

Call to Worship

Praise: Angels from the realms of Glory (MP 35)

Welcome and Prayer

Children's Message 'Jesus Came for Everybody'

Praise: Jesus came for young and old (SSS 47)
(Text see below)

The Word

Prayer of Confession

Bible Reading: Galatians 4: 4 - 7

Praise: What child is This (MP 749)

Bible Reading: Luke 1: 22 - 40

Sermon: The Culmination of Expectation

Sonrise:

- We are Here to Praise You (MP 717)
- Christ be Our Light (Text see below)
- Jesus Help Us Grow (Text see below)

Offering and Dedication

Prayer for others

The Sending

Announcements

Praise: Go, Tell It on the Mountain (MP 179)

Closing Responses

followed by the Benediction and 3-fold Amen.

Call to Worship

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors through the prophets.

But in these last days God has spoken to us by a Son.
God appointed Jesus as the heir of all things.

Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous!

Give thanks to his holy name!

For to us has come a Saviour,

And this is Christ the new-born King.

Hallelujah! Amen.

Closing Responses

In Jesus, we are no longer slaves.

In Jesus, we are God's children.

And because we are God's children,

We are also heirs in Christ.

We give thanks to God for our salvation.

Thank you, Abba, Father! Amen.

Thought for the week

"In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds."

Henri Nouwen (Dutch Priest, Writer 1932 -1996)

The Service Today

Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Elder: Bob Hensen

Worship Leader: Jason Pridmore

Children's Message: Bob Hensen

Organist: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Bible reading: Rignalda Fleming

Welcome: Pam Russell, Jimmy van Putten

Crèche: Meriam, Maaïke Koka

Counting: Frieda Enow, Flora v/d Zwaan

Door: Kees Knol

Beamer: Andre van der Velden

Hospitality: Shanon Fleming

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Flowers: Esther/Teun

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 4th January

10:30 Holy Communion & Worship Service, Choir

Tuesday 6th January

10:30 Consistory meeting

Wednesday 7th January

10:30 Mamre

Thursday 8th January

10:30 Voedselbank

Birthdays

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Brian Elvis Essel (today), Robin Opoku-Polly (today), Stanley Murithi (Monday), Helena Brhelova (Thursday), Jana Brhelova (Thursday), Cindel Fleming (Saturday) and Prince Adarkwah (Sunday) 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

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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.

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 third sermon and continue to do so every Sunday 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.

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.

Jim & Norma Taylor's 40th Wedding anniversary

Jim and Norma would like to thank everyone for the greetings, messages and flowers. Your sharing in our happiness means a great deal.

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.

Epiphany Tea : Sunday, 18th January 3-5 pm

The Pridmore family (Jennifer, Jason, Maggie, Esther Hope, Terry, Judie. and their family dog, Bear) are hosting an Epiphany Tea at their home on Sunday, 18th January from 3-5pm. Bring the whole family for tea and home-made baked goodies, as well as Epiphany Fun and Fellowship.

Address: Gruttosingel 61, 2903 EE Capelle a/d IJssel (within easy walking distance of Capelle Centrum Metro Station). Tel: 010-7518144

Lyrics NOT IN Mission Praise

Jesus came for the young and old

by Irene Bom

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

Jesus came for rich and poor ...
Jesus came for everybody.
Jesus came for you
So come, come, everyone.
Everyone come meet God's Son.

Jesus came for big and small ...
Jesus came for everybody.
Jesus came for you
So come, come, everyone.
Everyone come meet God's Son.

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

1. 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.

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

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

REFRAIN

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

REFRAIN

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

REFRAIN

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

REFRAIN

JESUS HELP US

1. Jesus help us grow in wisdom
Help us to grow
Jesus help us grow in wisdom
Help us to grow

To be like you, to be like you
To be like you, Jesus
We want to be like you.
To be like you, to be like you
To be like you, Jesus
We want to be like you.

2. Jesus help us grow in grace ...

