

The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

Sunday 4th January 2014

The Gathering

Call to Worship

Introit: Empty, Broken, Here I Stand (Choir)

Welcome and Prayer

Praise: Lord Jesus Christ (MP 435)

Children's Message

Praise: We Bring Him Gold (SSS 95) (WORDS SEE BELOW)

The Word

Prayer of Confession

Bible Reading: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Praise: Panis Angelicus (Choir)

Bible Reading: Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Sermon: Your light has Come

**Praise: We Three Kings (MP 740)
N.B. v. 1 – 4 by the Choir, refrain 7 v. 5 all**

Open Spot: Mamre

Offering and Dedication

Invitation to Holy Communion

Praise: We come as guests invited (MP 732)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Peace

Praise: Praise my Soul the King (MP 560)

The Sending

Announcements

Praise: We love God (Hold Fast) Irene

Benediction and 3-fold Amen.

Call to Worship

Come, we will worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who studied the heavens and followed a guiding star.

Come, we will worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

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**The Messiah who embodies the Word unveils God's plan,
Making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the
gospel of Jesus Christ!**

**Come, we will worship the Lord, for God has done
wondrous things!**

Thought for the week

Thought for the week: "If you do not find Christ in the beggar at the church door, neither will you find him in the chalice." St. John Chrysostom

The Service Today

Preacher: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Elder: Esther Abang

Organist: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Choir: Anneke Pot

Bible reading: Margriet van Overbeeke

Open Spot: Isaac Dierx

Welcome: Wisteria Cairo, Irene van Ginkel

Crèche: Sofie Rebel, Karen Baiye

Counting: Frans van der Meer, Molly Foster

Door: Harmen Rebel

Beamer: Eugene Ng

Hospitality: Maaïke van der Eerden

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Flowers: Christine Galloway

WHAT'S ON

Sunday 4th January

10:30 Holy Communion & Worship Service

Wednesday 7th January

10:30 Mamre

19:45 Consistory meeting

Thursday 8th January

10:30 Voedselbank

Birthdays

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Prince Adarkwah (today), Peace Acquah (Tuesday), Irene Bom (Saturday) and Florence Foyab-Bergner (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 will start again after a seasonal break 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

Annual General Meeting 22nd February

All conveners or leaders of e.g. Consistory, Council, Youth Group, Social Team, Caretaking, Choir, and Sunday School etc. are requested to submit their brief reports before 25.01.15

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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 fourth sermon and continue to do so every Sunday till the end of January. We look forward to welcome back our former SICR member and teaching Elder, Graeme Kent who will be our fifth locum during February. In the meantime Jennifer can be reached at jjpridmore@gmail.com or through 06-5753 4011

SICR Weekly Update

Do you like to receive an update on activities, services, sermons, news 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.

How do we end this vacancy?

As our former minister is at the Steeple Church of Dundee, Scotland, the SICR is vacant (without minister) since the beginning of June 2014. As the International Presbytery (former Presbytery of Europe), of which we are part, is in the process of drawing up the International Presbytery Plan, we can't now call for a new minister. A Presbytery Plan determines among other things how many ministers are necessary or whether some churches may not need a full time minister. This will last till March 2015 when the Plan should be ready and we may get the go ahead and can start calling for candidates to be the minister at SICR.

What do we have to do before March 2015?

We have to draw up and confirm the Electoral List of SICR members, who are entitled to vote, when the final candidate is known and has preached as 'single nominee' at SICR. The selection of candidates will be done by the Nomination Committee, whose members will be proposed and elected by the SICR members from March 2015. So please start thinking who you want to be on this committee. N.B. Not necessarily Elders or Deacons, just dedicated members. Want to know more or don't you understand all this? Ask your Elder, Rev. Irene or Ato Bob.

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

We bring Him gold
by Irene Bom

**We bring Him gold
for Jesus is the King of Kings
We bring Him myrrh
for Jesus is our Saviour
We bring Him frankincense
for Jesus is our God
He is our God,
Our Saviour and our King.**