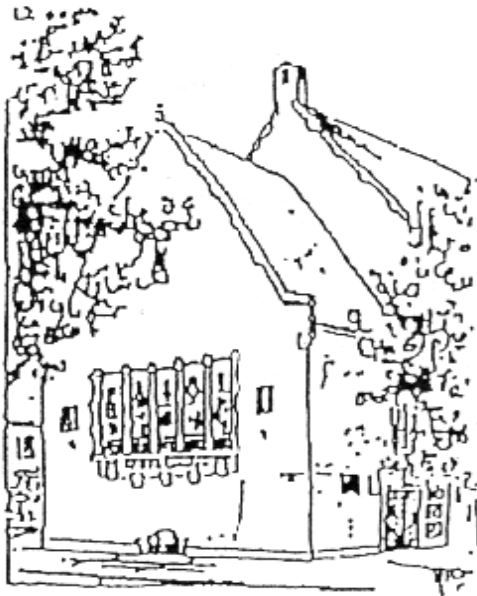


# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**THE GATHERING**

Call to worship

Introit: Eye Has Not Seen (Choir)

Welcome and prayer

Praise: To God be the Glory (MP 708)

Children's message

Praise: God is Good (SSS21/MP 185/JP055)

**THE WORD**

Prayer of confession

Bible reading: John 1:43-51

Praise: Amazing Grace (MP 31)

Bible reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Praise: We Love God (Hold Fast)

Sermon: “What We're About: The Gospel  
in Community”

**THE THANKSGIVING**

Praise: Give Thanks (MP 170)

Offering and dedication

Prayers for others

Anthem: Here is Love Vast as the Ocean (Choir)

**THE SENDING**



**Announcements**

Praise: Blessed Assurance (MP 59)

Prayers of thanksgiving

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

### **Call to Worship**

Joy comes to those who hope in God.  
**For the Lord is a Keeper of promises.**

Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!  
**The Lord will reign forever,**

Our God will keep faith with all generations.  
**We will praise the Lord both now and forevermore!**

Praise the Lord!  
**Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!**

### **Prayers of thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely  
bestowed upon us.  
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and  
sea.  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing  
the image of Christ,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our  
friends,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and  
faithful in adversity,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**We thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises  
given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To Jesus be praise and glory, with you, God our Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

### Thought for the week

“The Christian faith is meant to be lived moment by moment. It isn't some broad, general outline – it's a long walk with a real Person. Details count: passing thoughts, small sacrifices, a few encouraging words, little acts of kindness, brief victories over nagging sins.”

Joni Eareckson Tada

### WHAT'S ON

#### Today 18<sup>th</sup> January

15:00 Epiphany Tea with Pridmore family

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

10:30 Mamre

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

10:30 Voedselbank

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

10:30 Covenant Service



### The Service today

Preacher: Jason Pridmore

Elder: Rizal Sebastian

Worship Leader: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Children message: Rev. Jennifer Pridmore

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible reading: Samuel Enow

Welcome: Alina Balatica, Margriet van Overbeeke

Crèche: Gwendoline Keyere, Fayola Cairo

Counting: James Essel, Esther Abang

Door: Fred Booman

Beamer: Jan Dirk Schouten

Recording: Brendan van der Velden

Hospitality: Leydi Saldarriaga, Irene Jardine.

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### **Birthdays**

This week, we give our warm congratulations to Lee Bouwman (today), Zoe Calvert (Friday), Ethan Kekesi (Saturday) on their birthdays.

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

### **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)

### **Annual General Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **Speak out or write**

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](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 Jason Pridmore will preach, while our fourth (local) locum, Rev. Jennifer Pridmore will be the Worship Leader. She will be our locum 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](mailto:jjpridmore@gmail.com) or through 06-5753 4011.

### **SICR Weekly Update**

Would 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](mailto: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, sign up with Ato Bob or send a mail to the church office. On Sunday 25th January, at our Covenant Service we plan to induct new members into the SICR.

### **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 Nominating 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. ***We have just received the appraisal of the SICR for the Presbytery Plan. The Conclusion is that we should have a full minister!***

### **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

### **World day of Prayer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

The annual World day of Prayer is on the first Friday in March each year, with the service prepared by women from a particular country. This year it is the women from The Bahamas. More information to follow.

### **Lyrics not in Mission Praise**

#### **We Love God, (Hold Fast)**

We love God because He first loved us  
The Father sent His only Son  
that we might have life through Him.

Hold fast to the promises of the Lord of all.  
Hold fast. Live a godly life. Heed God's call.  
We are pilgrims. Heaven is our home.  
Hold fast believing God is faithful  
to those He calls to be His own.  
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