

# **Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

19<sup>th</sup> April 2015

THE GATHERING

Call to Worship

Introit: *Grant us your Peace* (Choir)

Welcome and Greeting

*Song of Praise: Praise to the Lord* (MP 564)

Children's Message

*Song of blessing: All Things Bright* (MP 23)

THE WORD

Call to Confession (Ps145: 8, 18-19)

Prayer of Confession (based on 1 Samuel 3) Assurance of

Pardon: Faithful One (MP 825)

God's will for our lives (from Psalm 100:1-3)

Prayer for Others

Bible reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8; 23-24;

Acts 16:11-15

The Message:

And Then What?.....: Parish and Place

Response: *Take my life and let it be* (MP 624)

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering and dedication

Song of dedication:

*All to Jesus I surrender* (MP 25)

THE SENDING

Anthem: *Come people of the risen King* (Choir)

Announcements

Closing Song: *Great is thy Faithfulness* (MP 200)

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

## Call to Worship

In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst.

**Come worship a God who feeds the hungry**

In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed.

**Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.**

In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumours of war.

**Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.**

In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness.

**Come worship a God who gives life meaning.**

**Come worship a God whose grace and love know no end.**

## Call to Confession:

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love, He is close to all who call on Him in truth, listening to their cries for help and offering them salvation. So let us bring our confession to God, knowing that he will hear our prayers and forgive.

God's will for our lives (from Psalm 100:1-3)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

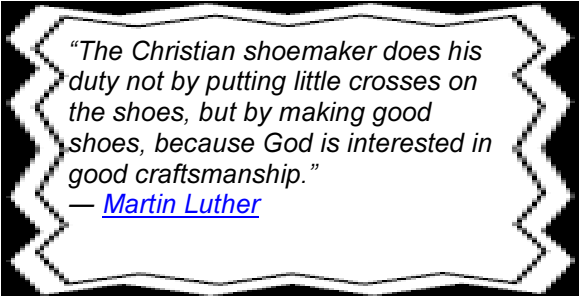
**Worship the Lord with gladness:**

Come before him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God**

**It is he who made us and we are his**

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.



*“The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes, because God is interested in good craftsmanship.”*

— [Martin Luther](#)

## **Agenda for the Week**

*Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April*

10:30 Mamre

19:30 Bible Study

*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April*

10:30 Voedselbank

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April*

10:30 Worship Service

## **The service today**

Preacher: Pastor Ed Top

Elder: Emmanuel Asare Awuku

Worship Leader: Pastor Michelle Top

Children message: Pastor Ed Top

Organist: Konstanz Hofer

Bible reading: Molly Foster

Welcome: Harmen Rebel & Alina Balatica

Crèche: Sofie Rebel & Karen Baiye

Counting: James Essel and Rizal Sebastian

Door: Bob Hensen

Beamer: Alan Paton

Recording: Brenden v/d Velden

Hospitality: Dorcas Nthoki & Magdalene Osa's

Flowers: Magdalene Osa's

## **Birthdays**



This week, we give our warm congratulations to Emmanuel Asare-Awuku (today), Russell Nteleh Arikai-Besong Tajocho (Saturday) on their Birthdays this week. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Then inform the Office team!

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### **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 Minister, contact your Elder or the Church Office.

### **New Bible Study has started!**

Last Wednesday the new weekly Bible Study on Apostle John's Epistles, John 1, 2 and 3 started with a group of fifteen with the introduction. Join us on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Ask Graham Jardine for more information.

### **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)

### **Looking ahead..**

Our sixth locums, Pastor Ed & Michelle Top, are in their second month with us, until they leave by the end of April. They can be reached on [et4647@telus.net](mailto:et4647@telus.net) or 06-06 4438 8760

### **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.

### **Office Team needs help**

The Office team regrets that Nicole Ng can no longer support the Office Team as her husband Eugene has been transferred back to Malaysia. Is there another volunteer to help with the order of service, rosters, contact list and other secretarial duties? Contact Molly or Ato Bob.

**Next phase in vacancy procedures**  
**Selecting a Nominating Committee (NC)**

Last Sunday after the Service the Consistory met and closed and confirmed the Electoral Register (ER). The Interim Moderator, Rev. Jimmy Brown and the Consistory Clerk, Ato Bob, then co-signed the ER, which contains a list of 227 names. Those on this list will nominate the candidates for the Nominating Committee (NC). The nomination and voting (if there are more candidates than the 13 places available) will happen in the **Congregational Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> May** after the Service.

The nominating Committee will then proceed with its task to advertise the post, conduct interviews, arrange to hear selected candidates preach and finally select a sole nominee. This minister will come to preach for us upon which we express our appreciation in a vote.

**Who should be on the NC?**

The NC (Nominating Committee) should consist of SICR members who deeply care for and are well informed about our church. Together and individually they should reflect our diversity of as Scots, Dutch, African, Caribbean and many other nationalities, but also youth, elderly, International students and more.

*N.B. Please make sure your candidate(s) agree to be nominated and prepared to do their job!*

**Congregational meeting Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

This meeting is called to nominate candidates of the Nominating Committee. If you are on the Electoral Register (ER) and can't be there send your name(s) by e-mail to the Church Office [info@scotsintchurch.com](mailto:info@scotsintchurch.com) or Consistory Clerk [editor-herald@live.com](mailto:editor-herald@live.com) latest 1<sup>st</sup> of May.