

# The Scots International Church Rotterdam



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

**Sunday 30th August 2015**

**The Gathering**

**Call to Worship**

**Introit: Instrumental by Thomas Paton**

**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**(incl. The Lord's Prayer)**

**Praise: *Immortal, Invisible* (MP 327)**

**Children's Message:**

**Psalm 150: I praise you, Lord**

**Praise: *When we sing the psalms***

**Baptism of: Skye Siena Howe**

**The Word**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Bible Reading: 1 John 4:16b - 21**

**Praise: *A new commandment* (MP 1)**

**Bible Reading: Matt 5:38 - 48**

**Sermon: "Love is the greatest"**

**The Thanksgiving**

**Praise: *Brother, sister let me serve* (CH4 694)**

**Offering and Dedication  
others**



**Prayers for  
others**

**The Sending**

**Anthem: Instrumental by Thomas Paton Announcements**

**Praise: *Love divine, all loves excelling* (MP449)**

**Benediction and 3-fold Amen**

**Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 150)

Praise God! Praise God in this house of prayer.

**Praise Him in his mighty heavens.**

Praise God for His acts of power.

**Praise Him for his magnificent greatness.**

Praise God with the blast of trumpets.

**Praise Him with keyboard and guitar.**

Praise God with tambourines and dancing.

**Praise Him with flute and violin and saxophone.**

Praise God with African drums.

**Praise Him with the thundering organ.**

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

**Praise Him, yes, praise our wonderful God!**



**Thought for the Week**

*“Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.” (Martin Luther King Jr.)*

**Agenda for the Week**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

10:30: Mamre

19:30: Bible Study

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

10:30 Holy Communion & Worship Service

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

10:30 Joint Worship Service with Hope Baptist



## **The Service Today**

Preacher: Rev. Dave Robinson  
Elder: Peace Acquaaah  
Worship leader: Esther Abang  
Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom  
Organist: Netty Dijkstra  
Bible reading: Irene Jardine  
Welcome: Steve Russell & Jimmy van Putten  
Crèche: Wenli Wan & Amanda van Oord  
Counting: Mavis Fleming & Joy Okojie  
Door: Harry Jonckheere  
Beamer: André v.d. Velden  
Recording: André v.d. Velden  
Hospitality: Alfa Maria, Dorcas Nthoki  
& Juliet Moses  
Flowers: Jean Galloway  
Summer Club leaders: Wenwen Xiang  
and Robbert van Hattem

### **Birthdays**



This week, we give our warm congratulations to Dirk Bouwman (Tuesday), Johan Wagenaar (Wednesday), Hank Meldrum & Jimmy van Putten (Friday)) on their Birthdays this week. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

### **Baptism of Skye Siena Howe**

In today's service, baby Skye Howe, born 29.06.15 will be baptized. Parents presenting her are Trevor Stuart & Cara Jennifer Howe. Skye's brother James will be in attendance and so will grandparents Jim & Norma Taylor.

### **Book Group**

**The Book Group** will begin after the Summer break on Friday 11th September. Please contact Norma at [jimandnormataylor@gmail.com](mailto:jimandnormataylor@gmail.com) or Pat at [010 521 6263](tel:0105216263) or Pat for more information.

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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.

### **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: Locum or Local?**

Our current locum, Rev. Dave Robinson, and his wife, Lucie, are still with us till the end of August.

You can reach them on 06-1370 1667.

Rev. Norman Hutcheson & his wife Elizabeth will be back with us for the month of September and first week of October.

### **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.

### **Keep praying for the Nominating Committee**

Continue to pray for guidance, wisdom and understanding for the Nominating Committee.

*N.B. The members of the Nominating Committee are bound to absolute confidentiality and are not allowed to talk about their assignment, so please do not ask! **The unrestricted call is now on the SICR website!***

## **Wedding Esther Abang & Teun Karreman**

Saturday 17.10.15 14.30 prompt @ SICR.

## **Upcoming events be involved!**



### **A. Monuments Lecture Wednesday 9/9/15**

Interesting lecture on post-war monuments.

More info in the SICR Weekly Update.

### **B. Weekend 12 - 13/9 Open Monuments Days & Witte de With Festival**

*We show our history and what church we are.*

Contact Christine Galloway

### **C. Living Water Link Rommel Markt**

*Friday 25th & Saturday 26th September*

Contact Peter Aghasomba 010-479 3933

### **International Students get-together 27/9**

We are planning an International Students

get-together over lunch after the service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

September. For more information talk to and/or register with

Elder Rizal Sebastian or Ato Bob [editor-herald@live.com](mailto:editor-herald@live.com)

### **Children's messages Summer series Psalms**

This is the last in our nine-part series on the Psalms. The psalm for today is Psalm 150. Theme: *I praise you, Lord.*

### **Do you want to become a member of SICR?**

Have you been attending this church and want to become a member? Speak to Rev. Irene Bom or Ato Bob or <mailto:info@scotsintchurch.com>

**Bible Study will be back this Wednesday!**

The weekly Bible Study on Apostle John's Epistles, John 1, 2 and 3 continues every Wednesday from 2<sup>nd</sup> September. You are welcome again to join us.

**Lyrics (Children's song)**

**When we sing the psalms**

When we sing the psalms  
We learn what it means to be God's people  
When we sing the psalms we are praying  
When we sing the psalms  
We sing the songs that Jesus sang  
Sing Hallelujah!  
Sing the psalms  
Praise God's name

**PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

**(inspired by 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13)**

Lord, because love is patient...

**Help me to be slow to judge, but quick to listen,  
hesitant to criticize, but eager to encourage,  
remembering your endless patience with me.**

Because love is kind...

**Help my words to be gentle and my actions to be  
thoughtful. Remind me to smile and to say "Please"  
and "Thank You" because those little things still  
mean so much.**

Because love does not envy or boast, and it is not  
proud...

**Help me have a heart that is humble and sees the good  
in others. May I celebrate and appreciate all that I**

**have and all that I am, as well as doing the same for those around me.**

Because love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs...

**Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me. When I want to hold onto a grudge, gently help me release it so I can reach out with a hand of love instead.**

Because love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth...

**Help me stand up for what is right and good. May I defend the defenceless, and help the helpless. Show me how I can make a difference.**

Because love always protects and always trusts...

**Help me to be a refuge for those around me. When the world outside is harsh and cold, may my heart be a place of acceptance and warmth.**

Finally, because love always perseveres...

**Help my heart continually beat with love for You and others. Thank you for showing us what the word love really means.**

Amen.