

# **The Scots International Church Rotterdam**



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

# **Family Service 20th December** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

## **The Gathering**



Call to Worship

Welcome Lighting of the Advent wreath

Opening Prayer

Praise: *Come and join the celebration* (MP 83)

Sunday School play: **4 burning candles**

Praise: Advent wreath song (verse: “hope”)

Praise: *This little light of mine* (JP 258)

– chorus only

## **The Word**



Bible Reading: **Matthew 2: 1 - 12**

Praise: As with gladness men of old (MP 39)

Reflection: **“Together on a treasure hunt”**

## **The Thanksgiving**

Praise with Sunday school:

The star shines brightly (SSS 79)  
I'm not a shepherd (SSS 42)

Invitation to the offering

Praise: Use this money (SSS 92)

Dedication of the offering

Prayers for others

Praise: Our Father in heaven (SSS 58)

## **The Sending**

Announcements

Praise: Emmanuel (SSS 16)

Benediction and ‘3-fold’ Amen

**Call to worship** (based on Zeph. 3: 14-20)

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

**The glory of God shines in the darkness.**

Lift up your eyes and look around.

Follow the star, wherever it leads!

**We're on a journey,  
a journey that leads to the child.**

Let your hearts rejoice.

Be overwhelmed with joy!

**We worship the Christ child,  
the light and hope of the world.**



**Thought for the Week**

*"It matters that we hold the light for one another. It matters that we bear witness to the Light that holds us all."* (© Jan Richardson. janrichardson.com)



**The Service Today**

Minister: Rev. Irene Bom

Elder: Rizal Sebastian

Sunday school Children, Teachers & Sunday school  
Music Team

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible reading: Molly Foster

Welcome: Silvia Scott & Pam Russell

No Crèche at Family Service

Counting: Ediri Sobotie & Molly Foster

Door: Peace Acquaaah

Beamer: Daniel de Jong

Recording: André v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Mavis Fleming & Gwen Wenfua

Flowers: Awuku Family

Closing: Ato Bob

### **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>

### **Are you in need of prayer of pastoral care?**

Put your requests 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.

*Sjoerdije & Johan van Heek, now living near Arnhem, still miss us. They send greetings and enjoy listening to us through the internet every Sunday.*

### **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?**

Rev. Irene Bom leads and preaches in our family service today, as well as on Christmas Day. The Christmas Eve Service is jointly celebrated with Hope Baptist Church. Rev. Joost Pot preaches on the 27<sup>th</sup>, the last Sunday of the year. Rev. Wiley V. Hughes will be our new locum from 3<sup>rd</sup> January till/incl. 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Birthdays**

This week, we congratulate Doreen Asare Awuku (Wednesday), Pam Russell-Knot and Isabella Snoeren (Thursday), Christa Jacobs (Friday) and Sophie Tataw and Esther Abang (Saturday). *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team*

### **Entering or leaving the sanctuary**

*A member remarked that there is too much going in and out during the service. She suggests that entering or leaving the*

*sanctuary should be avoided as much as possible during prayers, Bible reading or the sermon.*

### **Agenda for the Week**

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

10:30 Mamre

19:30 Advent Bible Study

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

19:30 Christmas Eve Service

*Joint with Hope Int. Baptist Church*

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30 Christmas Day & Worship Service

### **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.

### **Refugees - AZC Beverwaard**

To help as volunteer [www.Ready2Help.nl](http://www.Ready2Help.nl)

A follow-up of the meeting, organized by SKIN, is now being planned. Find more info on SKIN website and SICR Weekly Update.

*Pray for the people of Beverwaard to be discerning and accept their new arrivals, with understanding, love and compassion!*

### **Mamre Foundation has a new website**

For most members of the congregation Mamre means the weekly (Wednesday) home and a warm meal for Rotterdam's lost and uprooted.

Look at the new website [www.mamre.nl/en/](http://www.mamre.nl/en/) Mamre needs another volunteer, talk to Isaac.

### **Last Sunday's Christmas Market Stall**

Thanks to all that organized and patronized!

The amount of proceeds was € .....

## **Bible Reading, Hospitality, Flowers**

Can you read the Bible, make & serve coffee or tea or bring the flowers for the communion table? Please enlist on the noticeboard!



## **Christmas Programme**



### **Today Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30 Family Service

12:30 Sunday School Party

16:00 Kids to be collected

17:00 Christmas Tea

18:00 Carol Singing in Cool

19:30 Carol Service

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 19:30**

#### ***Christmas Eve Service***

Joint with Hope Int. Baptist Church

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:30**

#### ***Christmas Day Service***

## **Advent song (week 4)**

### **(A. lighting the advent wreath)**

Come, Lord, come  
Shine your light  
Come, chase away the darkness  
Come and bring us love  
Yes, please, Lord  
Come and bring us love

### **(B. after the Sunday School play)**

Come, Lord, come  
Shine your light  
Come, chase away the darkness  
Come and bring us hope  
Yes, please, Lord  
Come and bring us hope

## **This little light of mine**

This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine  
I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine  
Let it shine

