



Welcome to the

**Scots International  
Church Rotterdam**

a congregation of the  
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**Thought for the Week**

How terrible for us,  
when we ignore the presence of strangers.

How terrible for us,  
when the sick and the old remain lonely.

How terrible for us,  
when the little ones are hurt or ignored.

How terrible for us,  
when the prisoner is deemed beyond redemption or love.

How terrible for us,  
when we do not question laws that reward the strong  
and put down the weak.

How terrible for us,  
when we know what we should do, and walk the other way.

How terrible for us,  
for we bring God's anger upon ourselves  
and we walk into outer darkness.

Ruth Burgess

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**Order of Service for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Sunday 16 July 2017  
"The Story we find ourselves in" - Part 2



*Please stand to receive God's Word into your midst.*

Welcome

Call to Worship - (congregational responses are in bold)

We are here today for many reasons:

**some of us are tired, and need a place to rest;**

some are lonely, and need fellowship;

**some are afraid, and need to find courage;**

some feel that wherever they look in the world  
there are crises, and wonder what can be done.

**To whom can we turn to meet needs such as ours?**

Only God will meet your needs, and you are here because  
this is where God's presence is celebrated.

**Then let us worship God.**

**Praise: Fight the good fight with all your might** (MP 143)

Children's Message - Blessing of Tochi Elizabeth Omomut  
during which we'll sing **The Lord bless you and keep you**

**Praise: He's got the whole wide world in his hands**  
(MP 225)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Approach

**Praise: O worship the King, all glorious above** (MP 528)

Prayer of adoration and confession  
– ending with The Lord's Prayer

Reading: Genesis 3: 1 - 24 (p. 5)

**Praise: Praise to the Holiest in the height** (MP 563 omit v 4)

Sermon followed by Time to Respond

**Praise: God is working his purpose out** (MP 189)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayers for Others - Elder

**Praise: Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation** (CH4 261)

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

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**The story continues over the coming weeks ...**

**Next week: 23 July: Calling**

(30 July - Guest Preacher - Rev Eric Foggitt)

**6 August: Conversations**

**13 August: Christ**

**20 August: Church**

**27 August: Consummation**

As part of the process of learning about 'The story we find ourselves in', if there's anything in this series of sermons that you'd like a future Bible Study to cover or to be the subject of a more detailed sermon

please let Derek know, so that together  
we can explore God's story further.

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

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

### **Birthdays**

This week we congratulate Chinedum Koka, Maureen Vollema, Olivia Adu-Poku, Hendrick Etienne, Andrew Sondengam and Kei Otsuki on their birthdays.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

*Inform the Office Team!*

### **What's on the agenda?**

Sunday 23 July 10h30 "The story we find ourselves in"  
- "Calling"

### **Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Bob Hensen

Children's message: Rev. Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Hank Meldrum

Welcome: Mavis Ettienne & Jaco Jacobs

Crèche: Wenli Wan & Chante Fleming

Deacons-Counting: James Essel & Frans v.d. Meer

Door: Peace Acquaah

Beamer: Daniel de Jong

Recording: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Regina Pariury & Raneer Damanik

Flowers: Rose Stolk

Summer Club: Baking with Moira, Anca & Rebecca

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*English Language Liturgical Consultation Text 1998*