

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

- a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery



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A Harvest Blessing

May God who supplies seeds to sow and bread to eat
supply us with all we need to produce a rich harvest.

May God bless all our work and worship,
done in Christ's way and for Christ's glory,
today and every day. Amen.

Simon Taylor (From 'Acorns and Archangels')

Sunday 24 September 2017
Harvest Celebration

*Call to Worship (congregational responses are **in bold**)*

Holy Spirit of God,

we invite you among us.

As we come to celebrate your harvest
and to pray for your justice,

we also ask you to bring your peace.

So that the quiet place inside us may speak,

in stillness may we be at one with you. Amen

(silence)

As we prepare for worship now,
our good lives can be tangled with thorns:
thorns of failure and sadness;
tangles of duties and demands.

Lord, cut away the thorns that wound and choke.

Free us to live and to grow in your light.

Introit: Glory be to God 7 Alleluia (Joyful Singers)

Welcome & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise: Now we sing a harvest song

(Tune: St George's Windsor)

1 Now we sing a harvest song,
clear and joyful, loud and strong;
think of bread and think of meat,
think of all we have to eat;
all God's gifts to us in love,
earth and rain and sun above,
thank you, God, for all you give,
thank you, God, by whom we live.

2 Now we sing a sadder song
of injustice, hunger, wrong;

those with not enough to eat,
suffering every sort of need.
they've no home, no work, no pay,
scraping through from day to day.
Do they thank you that they live?
Thank you, God, that we can give.

3 As we sing our harvest song,
clear and joyful, loud and strong,
help us, Father, now to see
how to set those people free;
how to share the gifts you give
so that they may also live,
so the harvest song may sound
to your praise the earth around.

Alex Mitchell

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Children's Message

Praise: Pears and apples, wheat and grapes (v.1,
2,3,6)

(CH4 232)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer: What is Harvest?

A story from "The story we find ourselves in":

Manna -

Exodus 16: 2 – 15

(p.74)

Reading: Ruth 1: 8 – 18; 2: 1 – 16; 3: 1 – 11

(p.267)

Praise: For the fruits of all creation

(MP 153)

Sermon: "What does the story of Ruth have to say to us today?"

At the end of which, please join in this prayer of commitment:

**Where you go, I will go.
Where you stay, I will stay.
Your people will be my people. Amen**

Praise: Longing for light, we wait in darkness (CH4 543)

Offering - during which the Joyful Singers will sing

God is so good & Father of Harvest

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication & 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.**

Sonrise will lead our praise in singing
Jehovah Jireh
Give thanks with a grateful heart

(MP 354) and
(MP 170)

Church News

Prayers for Others - Elder

Praise: We plough the fields and scatter (MP 732)

Benediction and three-fold Amen

Harvest Soup & Pudding Lunch

Following the Service and the Auction of Harvest Gifts,
please stay on for a Soup & Pudding Lunch in the hall.

Next Sunday, 1 October,
we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion
to which we invite all who love the Lord Jesus
Christ.

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

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 Kelly Bouwman, Sharon Ganesh, Andil Aboudou, Sinead Wolfert-Schot and Shanon Fleming on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned?*

Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Wed 27 Sept 19h00 Alpha Course – Why and how do I pray?

Sunday 1 Oct 10h30 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Ruud Witte

Children's message: Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Welcome: Jimmy van Putten & Steve Russell

Crèche: Maaïke v.d. Eerden & Nnenna Koka

Deacons-Counting: Frans v.d. Meer & Mavis Fleming

Door: Peace Acquaah

Beamer: Andre v.d. Velden

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Emma, Elaine & Joanne de Zanger

Flowers: Family van der Hulst

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For the Beamer

24.09.17 Church News announced by the Elder

- **Pam Russell** has news about the **Solar Panels** and the **Plastic Waste Recycling Event**

- **Sewing Group**
Any ladies interested in being part of a group to make banners for the Church (the first 4 will be for Advent) and Chrismon symbols to decorate the Christmas tree please speak to or e-mail Moira (moira.lawson@sfr.fr).
- **Ladies Bible Study** continues Monday 25th September 8pm studying the book: "**A Heart for God: Learning From David Through the Tough Choices of Life**" by Rebecca Manley Pippert. There are still some opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.
- **Today** we celebrate **Harvest, presenting a symbolic sample** during the Service and **auction various produce and items** in the Lower Hall afterwards. We express our gratefulness to God for supplying us from His bounty and chance to raise income for our church. We welcome all sorts of items for the auction.
- Contributions for the **September – Autumn Herald** are welcome, talk to Ato Bob.
- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.
 - If you **did not hear these announcements properly**, find them on the Notice Board downstairs
 - ***Please note: the spoken word counts!***