

Welcome to the



**Scots International
Church Rotterdam**

- a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery



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A Harvest Blessing

Lord of the harvest who has given us so much;
help us to be generous like you,
that the world may know your goodness and blessing.
And may the blessing of God, Maker, Son and Holy
Spirit, remain on us, and be made known through us,
now and always.

Amen.

Simon Taylor (from 'Acorns and Archangels')

Order of Service - Sunday 23 September 2018

Harvest Celebration

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

God created the world and all its wonders for us:
so that we might use it and enjoy it;
**so that it might provide for all our needs;
but also entrusting it to our care.**

Today, few of us grow our own food
or have to worry about where
the next meal is coming from.

**But still we gather to give thanks for harvest,
acknowledging God's goodness to us
and our need to share
what he has so generously given us.**

Come, then, bring God your worship and praise.
Come, then, open your hearts and minds,
your hands and all you have to share God's love.

Introit : We sing a love that sets all people free

(CH4 622 verses 1 & 2)

Welcome & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise: Now we sing a harvest song

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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(Tune: St George's Windsor)

Children's Message

Praise: God, whose farm is all creation (CH4 226)

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession-Elder-concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Reading: **Genesis 2 : 4 - 9** (p.4)

Reflection : "God and humanity must work together"

Praise: God in such love for us lent us this planet
(CH4 240)

Reading: **Mark 4 : 30 – 32**
(p. 1006)

Reflection : *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*

Praise: Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
(CH4 259)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Praise: For the fruits of all creation (CH4 231)
Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos, 562

Prayers for Others

Praise: We plough the fields and scatter (CH4 229)

Benediction and three-fold Amen

Auction of Harvest Produce
will take place in the Hall after the Service and
the proceeds will go to ‘Kerk in actie’ for relief work in
South Sudan.



Daily Bible Readings

Monday, September 24: Psalm 128; Proverbs 27:1-27;
James 4:8-17
Tuesday, September 25: Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16;
James 5:1-6
Wednesday, September 26: Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20;
John 8:21-38
Thursday, September 27: Psalm 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts
4:13-31
Friday, September 28: Psalm 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts
12:20-25
Saturday, September 29: Psalm 124; Esther 3:1-15;
Matthew 5:13-20

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.

What's on the agenda?

Wed 26 Sept 19h00 Bible Study
Sunday 30 Sept 10h30 Morning Worship

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Church news announced by the Elder 23.09.18

Please take the Order of Service home, so you can refer to it and also follow the Daily Bible reading shown on the front page.

Today we celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving.

The produce and other items brought in by the Joyful Singers, will be sold in an auction downstairs after the service. The Proceeds will go the PKN 'Kerk in Actie' for their relief work in South Sudan.

The **Evening Ladies Bible Studies** will continue on Wednesday 26.09.18. Ask Rev. Irene Bom or look on the Notice Board.

That very Wednesday 26.09.18 Graham Jardine will continue the new Bible Study series **Paul's Letter to the Colossians**, in the Lower Hall at 19:30.

375th celebration

If you didn't get a chance to pick up your 'free' 375-anniversary booklet please do so this Sunday - these will be available before and after the service. The 'mosaic' coasters will also be on sale for 10 euro (4 coasters) together with the 'St Andrews cross' bracelet at 0,50 euro cent.