

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the  
Church of Scotland International Presbytery  
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### **Bible Readings for the Coming Week**

Monday, April 1: Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8

Tuesday, April 2: Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10

Wednesday, April 3: Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17

Thursday, April 4: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24

Friday, April 5: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1

Saturday, April 6: Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57

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### **The Family of God**

(Duncan L Tuck)

As the family of God,

we affirm that this is the place where we have no prejudice.

Under God, here may we be mothers, fathers and children,  
beyond the limits of genes and blood.

Here we are the children called to love as God loves:  
as mothers care for, and as fathers would protect, their own.

Here it is not our blood that holds us apart,  
but the blood of Jesus that draws us together.

Here is our fulfilment, as we follow the one  
who has mothered and fathered us.

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# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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

Return to the Lord your God,

**for God is gracious.**

Confess to the Lord your God,

**for God is merciful.**

Repent to the Lord your God,

**for God is slow to anger.**

Praise the Lord your God,

**for God abounds in steadfast love.**

Worship the Lord your God.

**Together, let us worship God!**

*Welcome*

*Prayer of Approach*

**Hymn 181 For the beauty of the earth**

*Children's Message*

**MP 54 Bind us together, Lord**

*Blessing on the Children*

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession -*

*ending with 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.**

**Hymn 461 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

Readings: **2 Corinthians 5: 16-21** (p.1162)  
**Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32** (p.1048)

**Hymn 526 This is a day of new beginnings**

(Tune: Spiritus Vitae, MP 488)

Sermon:

**Hymn 615 Holy Spirit, ever living**

*Offering*

*Prayer of Dedication*

*Church News*

*Prayer for Others - Elder*

**Hymn 555 Amazing grace**

*Benediction & Three-fold Amen*

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## **Moira & Derek's Brexit Update**

We wish we knew what was happening!

The whole Brexit situation remains so uncertain.

The UK could leave without a deal in less than 2 weeks,  
(a disaster for us) or with a deal in May -  
or Brexit might even not happen (the least likely scenario!).  
Hopefully, by Sunday, a verbal - and clearer - update can  
be given on. Meantime, we sit and wait!

## **Joint Lenten Study Series**

with our friends from St Mary's Anglican Church  
continues **this Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at 7.30pm in SICR**  
when we'll be looking at another person who witnessed  
Jesus' crucifixion.

Come along and share your Lenten journey!

### **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 Shanny on her birthday.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

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

Monday 1 Apr 10.00 Stewardship Team Meeting

Wed 3 Apr 19.30 Joint Lenten Study in the SICR

Thursday 4 Apr 20.00 Finance & Governance WG

Saturday 6 Apr 10.00 Training in Leading Worship  
Sunday 7 Apr 10.30 Sacrament of Holy Communion

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### **Draft Church news announced by the Elder 24.03.19**

Please take the Order of Service home, so you can refer to it for our activities over the coming weeks and follow the Daily Bible reading shown on the front.

**Friday evening 5<sup>th</sup> April there will be another After Work Dinner Show** – Calling performers!! Singers, poets-writers, musicians, actors, dancers, comedians, art display, audience etc., to participate in a theatrical evening.

Children performers 18:30, Dinner about: 19:00, Adult

Performers: from 19:40. ***Dinner & drinks are free of charge funded by our cultural events.***

Register your performance, on the sheet at the entrance. For details contact Molly Foster.

Coming **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** is Communion & Worship Sunday, but also the day of the **Rotterdam Marathon**. Hence many roads will be closed. We count on your creativity to find an alternative route to reach the church or use public transport.

Our **Mission Offering** after the Communion Service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** will benefit the victims of hurricane **Idai** in Southern Africa.

If you didn't hear these announcements correctly, find them on the notice board with a copy to take away.