



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

May the Lord bless you as we worship together.

Sunday 21 February 2021
First Sunday in Lent



Grainfields painting by **Edwin Evans** 1844-1923
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Something to pray

Send us out, Lord Jesus,
to travel with you joyfully,
to follow you faithfully,
and to speak of your love
to everyone we meet.
Amen.

Something to Celebrate **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Carol, Dieudonné
and Tjerk
**And may the Lord bless you in
the coming year!**

Online Services only

In the meantime the SICR services will be available online. Go to the church website at www.scotsintchurch.com and click on KERKDIENTST GEMIST



Our February Mission Offering is for the Iona Abbey Appeal.

For more information see the online SICR Bulletin. You can sign up for the Bulletin by emailing the Church office. (contact details on the back)

The Consistory

Even though we cannot have our usual chat after the Sunday services we can still contact our church family by phone, and remember, calling via internet can be free of charge. If you don't have someone's phone number, then email the church office on: info@scotsintchurch.com or call Bob/Molly (0625 538 320) our church office volunteers and they will figure out for you how you can acquire the required number.

**Keep in touch by phone
email
text
letter**

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 22	Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10
Tuesday 23	Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a
Wednesday 24	Psalm 77; Proverbs 30:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11
Thursday 25	Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18; Romans 3:21-31
Friday 26	Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:1-6; Romans 4:1-12
Saturday 27	Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30

Welcome & Call to Worship

*We have been brought by love through the waters of baptism,
from dark death to glorious life, and into the life of God's kingdom.
The time is fulfilled, the kingdom comes near.
Come, gather together as God's people,
repent and believe the good news of Jesus. Amen.*

CH4 560 (vs 1-3, 5)

1. Jesus, the very thought of Thee
with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far Thy face to see,
and in Thy presence rest.
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
Saviour of humankind!
3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind Thou art!
how good to those who seek!
5. Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
as Thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

Probably 12 century

Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession & 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 forever.
Amen

Children's Message: 'Could you repeat that?' by Graham

*God loves you and I love you
and that's the way it should be
God loves you and I love you
and that's the way it should be*

1. You can be happy, and I can be happy,
and that's the way it should be.
You can be happy, and I can be happy,
and that's the way it should be.
God loves you and I love you...

2. You can be very sad, I can be very sad;
and that's the way it can be.
You can be very sad, I can be very sad;
and that's the way it can be
God loves you and I love you...

3. We should love others
like sisters and brothers,
and that's the way it should be.
We should love others
like sisters and brothers,
and that's the way it should be.
God loves you and I love you...

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Bible Reading: Mark 1:9-15

9 At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." 12 At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert, 13 and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. 14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near."

CH4 191 (1-3, 5)

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*

1. When you walk through the waters,
I'll be with you.

You will never sink beneath the waves.
Do not be afraid,...

2. When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.
Do not be afraid,...

3. When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember
I am at your side.
Do not be afraid,...

5. You are mine, O my child;
I am your Father, and I love you
with a perfect love.
Do not be afraid,...

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Sermon: The Kingdom of God

Offerings

As we give our Offering to Church & the Mission Offering: 'Iona Abbey Appeal'
we listen to 'Lift up your hearts'::

CH4 654 (1-2, 5)

1. 'Lift up your hearts':
I hear the summons calling
forth from the heavenly
altar where he stands -
our great High Priest,
the Father's love revealing,
in priestly act, with
pleading outspread hands.

2. 'Lift up your hearts':
with hearts to heaven soaring
the church exulting
makes her glad reply -
'We lift them up
unto the Lord', adoring;
our God and thine,
through thee, we glorify.

5. I dare not waver by such grace invited,
I yield my heart, dear Lord: I close the strife.
Lift thou my heart until, with thine united,
I taste anew the joy of endless life.

John Macleod (1840-1898)

Dedication of Offerings (Elder)

Church News

Prayers for Others: (Elder)

CH4 641

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things
shall be added unto you,
Allelu, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door
shall be opened up to you,
Allelu, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

3. You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu, Alleluia!...

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Benediction & Three-fold Amen



Sing and Study is a series of studies during the period of Lent 2021 coming to you via Zoom. Please register for a place through info@scotsintchurch.com
 The virtual meetings will begin on Wednesday 17 February at 7.30pm for 6 weeks. Each week a well-known song and a special focus will lead us into our study of the gospel reading.

	Date	Reading	Song	Special focus
1	17 Feb	Mark 1:9-15	Seek ye first	Kingdom of God
2	24 Feb	Mark 8:31-38	O Jesus, I have promised	Disciple
3	3 Mar	John 2:13-22	Be still for the presence	Authority
4	10 Mar	John 3:14-21	I heard the voice of Jesus	Light
5	17 Mar	John 12:20-33	There is a redeemer	Eternal life
6	24 Mar	Mark 11:1-11	All glory, laud and honour	Son of David



Thought for the Day by WhatsApp and Facebook
 If you would like a Daily Devotion by mobile phone, then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641



Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?
 Or do you know someone who is?
 Would you like the minister to phone you?
 Please send in your requests via email, text, phone or PM though the church Facebook page
 Contact details below.

Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

The Service Today
 Minister: Rev. Graham Austin
 Elder: Ruud
 Organist: Netty
 Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin
 Vocalist: Raneë
 Bible Reader: Bob
 Live Streaming: Rizal
 Flowers: Anna-Marie Smith arranged by Bridget

Up coming Services

Date	Sermon	Reading
Feb 28	Disciple	Mark 8:31-38
Mar 7	Authority	John 2:13-22
Mar 14	Light	John 3:14-21
Mar 21	Eternal life	John 12:20-33

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