



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 31st October 2021

Open Door Afternoons

The SICR is open on Fridays 1.30pm to 4pm.
Come and enjoy a refreshment and a chat

Something to Celebrate

This week we congratulate Bob, Gilberto, Christine and Irene v. G on their birthdays. Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team

In-person services

Welcome, if you are in church today for the in-person services. The number has been increased to 60 plus helpers. We would ask that you register through the church website to ensure a place on Sunday. Please follow the various instructions in place for your safety.

If you have issues registering contact the minister or church office. Thank you.

Live stream Services

Go to the church website at www.scotsintchurch.com and click on KERKDIENT GEMIST

**Our special month of
October Mission Offering
is for:**



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 through the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

Upcoming services

Please keep in your prayers the following dates

14 November - Remembrance Service & Evening Peace Service (see back page)

21st November - Youth Service

12th December - Sunday School Nativity Service

Something to Pray

Father God, we pray for love
A love that is strong of heart and mind and body
A love from God by the Holy Spirit.
A love in the shape of Jesus amen.

Consistory

Next meeting Friday November 5 from 6pm



Thought for the Day by Facebook and WhatsApp

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



Thank you for your giving

These are difficult times for many, so please don't feel obliged to contribute if you are not able. For those who are able to contribute, thank you for your offering. The church bank details are:
NL62 RABO 0373741006
or NL17 INGB 0000 175187

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 1	Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 2:15-23; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10
Tuesday 2	Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:1-7; Acts 7:17-29
Wednesday 3	Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:8-18; John 13:31-35
Thursday 4	Psalm 127; Ruth 4:1-10; Romans 5:6-11
Friday 5	Psalm 127; Ruth 4:11-17; Hebrews 9:15-24
Saturday 6	Psalm 127; Ruth 4:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Welcome

Call to worship

*Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
Your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
We celebrate your incredible love today.*
Adapted from Psalm 36:5-7

Musical item: Forlana from the Five Bagatelles by George Finzi (1901- 1956)

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1. Stand up and bless the Lord,
all people now rejoice:
stand up and bless the Lord your God,
with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear His holy name?
give thanks and glorify?

3. O for the living flame
from His own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!

4. God is our strength and song,
and His salvation ours;
then be His love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.

Congregational Singing

5. Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless His glorious name
both now and evermore.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Prayer of Approach, Confession and 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 Talk: 'The One rule'

Congregational Singing

Jesus love is very wonderful (x3)
O wonderful love.

Its so high you can't get over it.
So low you can't get under it.
So wide you can't get round it.
O wonderful love.

H. W. Rattle © Scripture Union

Bible Reading: Mark 12:28-34

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" 29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no commandment greater than these.” 32 “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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1. We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind,
that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

2. We sing a love that seeks another’s good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

3. We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another’s wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love,
live in our hearts today.

4. We sing a love, that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

Congregational Singing

5. We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
that seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

June Boyce-Tillman © 1993, Stainer and Bell Ltd

Sermon: The command

As we listen and reflect we give our offerings to God for the Church and the Mission

Musical item: Adagio by Heinrich Baermann (1784 - 1847)

Dedication of Offering

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1. As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.*

2. I want You more than gold or silver,
only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.
*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire
and I long to worship You.*

Congregational Singing

3. You’re my Friend and You are my Brother,
even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
so much more than anything
You alone are...

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Prayer for Others

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love Thou art;
visit us with Thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all Thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
glory in Thy perfect love.

Congregational Singing

3. Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction & Three-fold Amen

INTERNATIONAL PEACE SERVICE 14TH NOVEMBER 2021
Musical item: Carol from the Five Bagatelles by George Finzi (1901- 1956)

**INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE for PEACE**



at 7.30 pm in the

SCOTS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

Schiedamsesingel 2, ROTTERDAM

Speaker : Rev Graham Austin

Minister of the Scots International Church Rotterdam

**This Ecumenical Service was inaugurated in 1925
but is just as needed today!**

**Retiring Offering for
Justice & Peace Netherlands
(Stichting Justitia et Pax Nederland)**

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2021

Today's Worship Team

Preacher: Graham Austin
Prayer: Fred
Bible Reader: Jean
Organist: Jan Hendrik
Children's message: Graham

Vocalist: Sofi
Collection & Counting: Fred & Ato
Beamer & Live Streaming: Edwin & Daniël
Registration & Welcoming Bob & Margriet
Flowers arranged by Rinus
Hospitality: Irene J.

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Date	Sermon	Reading
31 October	The First Commandment	Mark 12:28-34