



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

May your time here be a blessing from God

### In the service today...

...we welcome Irene Bom who will bring our first sermon of the Advent season on Isaiah 11:1-10

### To ponder

"Isaiah 11 does allow us to celebrate Jesus' ministry in the past and especially in the present, but the text also urges us to the place of intercession, where we long for creation's promised destiny, as a place where peace, justice, and grace have the final word." (Michael J. Chan)

### Christmas Market Koln, Germany

A coach trip to the Koln Christmas Market Saturday 9 December. The cost will be €37 including snack and water. Max 50 people. If interested please speak to :  
Ruby Everts: tel. nr. 0638068490.

### The SICR Christmas Lunch

A Christmas Lunch in the Lower Hall.  
Adult €7 Child €3



### The Christmas build up...

In **Advent 2023** Irene and Graham are taking us through a theme called:

We will explore some of the texts of this Old Testament prophet as he looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, **Jesus**.



### Please note these dates

Dec 17: 10.30am Christmas Family service  
Followed by Sunday School party  
7.30pm Carol service

### House Groups/Bible Studies

**Pilgrims Group:** Mondays, 20.00 to 21.30 - gather from 19.30 at Bergpolderstraat 53A 3038KB Rotterdam.

**Prayer Warriors:** Last Friday of the month at church 6-9pm worship, prayer & Bible study  
Contact Frieda Enow 06 85297922

### LFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)

Next meeting **Friday 8 Dec. Christmas Night**  
Contact Dee 0643136971 or Sofi 0684279243

### Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev Irene Bom & Rev Graham Austin  
Prayer: Frida Enow  
Children's Talk: Irene Bom  
Bible Reader: Esther Karreman-Abang  
Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp  
Live Streaming & Beamer: Rizal Sebastian  
Sound: Stanley Murithi  
Welcoming: Silvia Scott & John Essel  
Flowers: Family Everts  
Counting: Frieda Enow & Mavis Fleming  
Door: Dennis Acquaye

### December Mission Offering

Thank you for the supporting the November mission offering for **SKIN-Kerken Samen Kerk in Nederland**. The total raised was **€199.35**  
For **December** we support the **Youth Group's** Compassion project: **'A Bible for a child in poverty'** (See insert) Please note that you are not expected to give every week.

### Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 4	Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8	<u><b>Something to Celebrate</b></u> Congratulations to Rebecca Taylor and Patience Asabea who celebrate a birthday this week.
Tuesday 5	Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10	
Wed. 6	Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38	
Thursday 7	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thes. 1:2-10	
Friday 8	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26	
Saturday 9	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33	<u><b>Next Open Afternoon</b></u> <b>Friday 29 December</b> From 12 to 2pm in the Lower Hall
Sunday 18	Isa. 40:1-11; Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Pet. 3:8-15a Sunday text: Isaiah 35:1-10 'Isaiah and the Messiah'	

At the beginning of the service you will be asked to stand.

Choir

Welcome

Call to worship and Advent Candle  
'Christ be our light'

CH4 472 - Come, thou long-expected Jesus

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

Song - Jesus came for young and old

Church announcements

Bible reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

CH4 273 - O come, o come Emmanuel (v 1, 2, 4)

Sermon: 'Roots and branches'

CH4 273 - O come, o come Emmanuel (v 5, 6, 7)

Offering and Dedication of Offering

Invitation to communion

CH4 510 - Jesus calls us here to meet him

Communion

Choir

Prayers for Others

CH4 256 - May the God of hope go with us

Benediction and Threefold Amen  
Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

After service fellowship in the Lower Hall for tea, coffee and chat

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