



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery
Sunday 10th December 2023

May your time here be a blessing from God

The SICR Christmas Lunch

A Christmas Day Lunch in the Lower Hall after the 10:30 service. 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



December Mission Offering

For December we support the Youth Group's Compassion project: 'A Bible for a child in poverty'

If you would like to know more then visit www.Compassion.nl. Then scroll to the bottom and click on 'Blog'. On the right of the page click 'select category' and choose 'Funds'. Once again scroll down and click on 'A Bible for a child in poverty'. Thanks for your support.

Please note that you are not expected to give every week.

House Groups/Bible Studies

Pilgrims Group: Back 29 January

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)

For info: Contact Dee 0643136971 or Sofi 0684279243

International Presbytery

First a request. The International Presbytery hope you will take the time to fill in an email questionnaire, 'A sense of belonging: Ways to promote connectivity, unity, and a sense belonging within the Presbytery of International Churches.' Please ask for it from Ruud or Graham

Secondly an offer. There is an opportunity to travel to Iona, Scotland on pilgrimage for 12 people from 8th -16th June 2024. You need to book before 8 January 2024.

If you are interested in either please check the notice boards in the lower hall for further details.

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev Graham Austin
Prayer: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku
Children's Talk: Graham Austin
Bible Reader: Azmi Wahab
Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp
Live Streaming & Beamer: Daniel de Jong
Sound: Stanley Murithi
Hospitality: Erna & Fred Booman
Welcoming: Steve Russell & Ruud Witte
Flowers: The Church
Counting: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku & Molly Foster
Door: Peace Acquaaah

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 11	Psalm 27; Isaiah 26:7-15; Acts 2:37-42	<u>Something to Celebrate</u> Congratulations to Jan van Put, James Essel and Menen Tessema-Betre who celebrate a birthday this week.
Tuesday 12	Psalm 27; Isaiah 4:2-6; Acts 11:1-18	
Wed. 13	Psalm 27; Malachi 2:10-3:1; Luke 1:5-17	
Thursday 14	Psalm 126; Habakkuk 2:1-5; Philippians 3:7-11	
Friday 15	Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:2-6; Philippians 3:12-16	<u>Open Afternoon @ the SICR</u> Friday 29 December From 12 to 2pm in the Lower Hall
Saturday 16	Psalm 126; Habakkuk 3:13-19; Matthew 21:28-32	
Sunday 17	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; John 1:6-8, 19-28 Sunday service: Isaiah 40:1-11	

At the beginning of the service you will be asked to stand as the Bible is carried in

Joyful Singers

Welcome

Joyful Singers - Introit

Call to worship and Advent Candle
CH4 543 (chorus only) 'Christ be our light'

CH4 277 Hark the glad sound

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: Going on a journey

Song - 'When the road is rough and steep'

Church announcements

Bible reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

CH4 303 It Came upon the midnight clear

Sermon: Isaiah and the Messiah: 'Your God will come.'

CH4 191 Do not be afraid

Offering with the Joyful Singers

Dedication of Offering and Prayers for Others

CH4 283 The voice of God goes out to all the world

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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