



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**May your time here be a blessing from God**

### Today's service...

Our last look at the Isaiah passages and the Messiah he longed for. Today we considered the best known Old Testament passage Isaiah 9.

### The SICR Christmas Lunch Tomorrow - tickets still available!



### 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 Jesus the Messiah,



Please note tomorrow:

**25th December 10:30 Christmas Day service**

### 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](http://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

**LFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)**

Next meeting TBA

Contact Dee 0643136971 or Sofi 0684279243

### Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev Graham Austin

Prayer: Molly Foster

Bible Reader: Molly Foster

Children's Talk: Rinus Dekker

Music: Jan-Hendrick v.d. Kamp, Jaco Jacobs & The Band

Live Streaming & Beamer: Stefan Sprangers

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Menen Tessema-Betre & Evelyn Koomson

Welcoming: Raneë Damanik & Christine Galloway

Flowers: The Church

Counting: Molly Foster & Evelyn Koomson

Door: Olaf de Zanger

### Something to Celebrate

The birthday names were omitted last week in error so a belated happy birthday to: James Essel, Menen Tessema-Betre, Richmond Mensah, and Doreen Asare-Awuku-Dankwa. Congratulations to Christabel Okoro Tijjudy, Pam Russell-Knott, Christa Jacobs, Sophie Tataw Jacob, Monica Vondenbusch and Stanley Chege Murithi who celebrate a birthday this week.

### Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 25	Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12); John 1:1-14
Tuesday 26	Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 1:19-28; Hebrews 8:1-13
Wed. 27	Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Mark 11:1-11
Thursday 28	Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18
Friday 29	Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50
Saturday 30	Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13
Sunday 31	Isaiah 61:10—62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7 Sunday text: Luke 2:22-40

### SICR Open Afternoon

**Friday 29 December**  
From 12 to 2pm in the Lower Hall

Open Afternoon returns in the New Year on the last Friday of the month

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

Welcome

Musical item – introit: Jan-Hendrik and Daniella

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

CH4 296: While humble shepherds watched their flocks

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: Count your blessings

Church announcements

The Band: 'Mary did you know'

Bible reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

CH4 300 The virgin Mary had a baby boy

Sermon, 'For unto us...'

Offering and Musical item: Jan-Hendrik and Daniella

Dedication of Offering

The Band: 'O holy night'

Prayers for Others

CH4 304 O little town of Bethlehem

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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