

Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 7th January 2024

May your time here be a blessing from God

January's Mission Offering
 Thank you for supporting **December's Youth Group's Compassion** project: **'A Bible for a child in poverty'**
 The amount raised was **€261.23**. Thank you

This month we support **The Leprosy Mission** and we welcome **Cor van Leeuwen** who will speak for a few minutes about the work of the organisation.

The **Mission Offering** is a retiral collection at the end of the service and please remember that you are not expected to give every week.

Something to Celebrate
 Happy birthday to Irene Bom and Florence Foyab-Bergner for the coming 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)
 Contact Dee 0643136971 or Sofi 0684279243

Gentle-man's Group
 Saturday 20 January - More details soon

The 18s to 30ish Group
 Next meeting: Friday 2 February at 19:30pm

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 8	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Genesis 17:1-13; Rom. 4:1-12
Tuesday 9	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Exodus 30:22-38; Acts 22:2-16
Wed. 10	Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; Isaiah 41:14-20; John 1:29-34
Thursday 11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:6-15; 2 Cor. 10:1-11
Friday 12	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Judges 2:16-23; Acts 13:16-25
Saturday 13	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Sam. 2:21-25; Matt. 25:1-13
Sunday 14	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; John 1:43-51 Sunday's text: 1 Cor. 6:12-20

Ripe for God's Restoration
 Restore us, God Almighty; . . . that we may be saved.
 Psalm 80:7

'The pictures coming from a friend's text stream were stunning! Photos of a surprise gift for his wife revealed a restored 1965 Ford Mustang: brilliant, dark blue exterior; sparkling chrome rims; reupholstered black interior; and a motor to match the other upgrades. There were also 'before' pictures of the same vehicle—a dull, worn, unimpressive yellow version. While it may be difficult to envision, it's likely that when the vehicle rolled off the assembly line, it was also an eye-catcher. But time, wear and tear, and other factors had made it ripe for restoration.


Ripe for restoration! Such was the condition of God's people in Psalm 80 and thus the repeated prayer: "Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved". Though their history had included rescue from Egypt and being planted in a land of plenty, the good times had come and gone. Because of rebellion, they were experiencing the hand of God's judgement. Thus, their plea: "Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!". Do you ever feel dull, distant or disconnected from God? Is joyful soul-satisfaction missing? Is it because alignment with Jesus and His purposes is missing? God hears our prayers for restoration. What's keeping you from asking?

By: Arthur Jackson - from Daily Bread

Pray for today's Worship Team
 Preacher & Children's Talk: Rev Graham Austin
 Prayer: Esther Karreman-Abang
 Bible Reader: Bob Hensen
 Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp
 Live Streaming & Beamer: Rizal Sebastian
 Sound: Stanley Murithi
 Hospitality: Licia & Felix Knoester
 Welcoming: Lina Budiono & James Essel
 Flowers: Family Walker
 Counting: Esther Karreman-Abang & Dennis Acquaye
 Door: Fred Boomam

SICR Open Afternoon

Open Afternoon is 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

Call to worship

Introit: Choir

Welcome

CH4 123: God is love: let heaven adore him

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

MP 1008: The Lord's my Shepherd

Church announcements

Bible reading: Acts 19:1-7

Sermon

Offering

Dedication of Offering

Song: Behold the Lamb

Communion

Choir

Prayers for Others

CH4 594 Come, Holy spirit, come! (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5)

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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