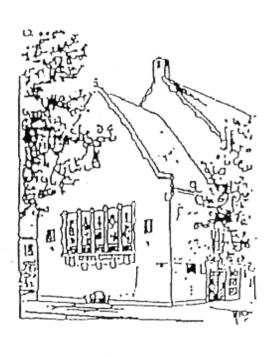
The Scots International Church Rotterdam



Schiedamsevest 121, Rotterdam Services every Sunday at 10.30 am

Sunday 3rd March 2013

THE GATHERING

Call to worship

Introit: "Go with us, Lord" – the Choir

Welcome & prayer

Praise: Let us build a house (All are welcome)

Children's message & praise: "Don't complain"

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Bible readings: **Psalm 63: 1 – 8** (p. 579) **Isaiah 55: 1 – 9** (p. 742)

Praise: Glorious things of thee are spoken (173)

Sermon: "Journeying in Lent"

THE THANKSGIVING

Offering & dedication

Praise: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (251 verses: 1-4)

Sacrament of Communion & "Psalm 136" (Alex & Peter)

Prayers for others

THE SENDING

Anthem: "Panis Angelicus" (Lamibillotte) - Choir

Announcements

Praise: We've a story to tell to the nations (744)

Benediction & 'three-fold' Amen

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 63)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

Thought for the week

"Like your landlord becoming your lodger; like your managing director becoming to you for an interview; like Beethoven queuing up for a ticket for his own concert; like a headmaster getting the cane; like a good architect living in a slum built by a rival; like Picasso paining by numbers — God lived among us." (David Watson).

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. John Chapman
Prayers: Rev. Robert Calvert
Elder: Mavis Fleming
Organist: Netty Dijkstra-Geuze
Choir: Anneke Pot (Andrea Hayter)
Children's message: Rev. Irene Bom
Bible reading: Samuel Enow
Welcome: James Essel & Pam Russell
Crèche: Wenli Wan & Sofie Rebel
Counting: Frieda Enow & Bridget Teisman
Door: Harmen Rebel
Beamer: André van de Velden
Recording: Brenden van der Velden
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WHAT'S ON

Tuesday

19:45 Consistory (Church House)

Wednesday:

11:00 Mamre (Lower Hall)

19.30 Urban Ministry course (Church house)

Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

19.00 Alpha Course (Lower Hall)

Friday

Presbytery of Europe meets in Amsterdam

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Sonrise

12.00 Soup lunch & Social team meeting

Birthdays

We offer our warm congratulations to Nyomi Cairo, Fayola Cairo, Wyatt Kamara & Patience Takem (today), Quinten Massicott (Monday), Gabriella Balke-Budai (Thursday), Emma de Zanger (Friday), Dorothy Kingsale (Saturday), Aletia Baiye and Nelly Schonewille (Sunday) on their birthdays this week.

Mission offering for Consistory Fund

Please give to the mission offering today which is for the church's own diaconal (charitable or ministry) fund. We have piggy banks available if you would like to start collecting coins

to give to needy persons. Ask the pastor for one. This church has operated such a fund since 1646.

Consistory

On Tuesday the Consistory meeting for elders is at 19.45. On Friday the Presbytery of Europe meets in Amsterdam.

Welcome to our guest preacher!

We warmly welcome Rev. John Chapman who is chaplain for the international Churches in the diocese of London. He and Robert have known each other since university days in Scotland

Urban course

For six Wednesday evenings in March and April the minister offers a course in urban ministry that connects public life with issues of pastoral care and outreach. Through this course it is also possible to gain credits with Tyndale Seminary. Today you can sign up or chat to Robert Calvert.

Alpha course

This Thursday the big question at the new Alpha Course is "Why and how do I pray?" The course is an excellent introduction to the Christian faith. It begins with a meal on Thursdays from 19.00.

Lenten Table

In the season of Lent in the run-up to Easter, many Christians take on personal disciplines. There is a table in the hall today to stimulate ideas and prayers. You are invited to share your own practice to inspire others.

Social team

The Social team meets on Sunday 10 March after the service to make some plans. If you would like to join or want to know more about it, you are welcome to come or speak to Mavis Fleming.

Weekly Offering Envelopes

New offering envelopes are available from the treasurer Jim Taylor. They are dated for each Sunday in 2013 and for anyone who would like to give a regular amount every week. Anyone paying income tax is entitled to claim back for monies donated to the church & a receipt is prepared by the treasurer for this purpose.

Young adults

We are having a discussion about forming a young adults group that will meet for fellowship on perhaps a monthly basis. If you are interested or have ideas, speak with the minister or with Eugene Ng. We want to offer support to those who are over 18 and left the youth group.

Prayer Network

Using e-mail, we hope to be better connected, informed and encouraged to pray for the church and the world we live in. We want to share specific information as far as we are able to, but not personal details that should be regarded as confidential. If you would like to be part of this SICR Prayer Network and actively participate in intercessory prayer, please send to Wilma Paton at pray.sicr@gmail.com or leave a note in the prayer box in the church entrance.

Concerts and cultural activities

We want to bring together a group to plan concerts and cultural activities at the church. If you are interested in this, please speak with Molly Foster (or Robert Calvert).

Beginner's Dutch Lessons

For beginner's Dutch lessons, speak to Harry Jonckheere (tel. 010 501 5296). Lessons will be at "Mamre" on Wednesday mornings from 10.00.

Stichting Living Water Link

The foundation Living Water Link still collects electronics that are in working condition for the project in Nigeria. They would be interested in such items as TVs, computers, mobile phones, etc. If you have any to be picked up, please call Peter Agbasomba at 010 479 3933 or at: tessca@hetnet.nl. Info at: www.livingwaterlink.nl