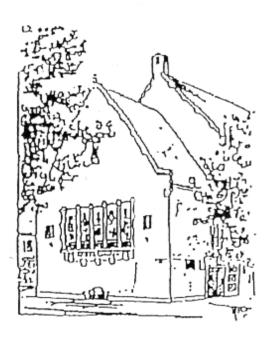
The Scots International Church Rotterdam



Schiedamsevest 121, Rotterdam Services every Sunday at 10.30 am

Sunday 27th April 2014

THE GATHERING

Call to worship



Welcome & prayer

Praise: You laid aside your majesty (795)

All heaven declares (14)

Children's message

Praise: God's not dead

THE WORD

Prayer of confession

Solo: "The Saviour lives, no more to die"

Bible reading: <u>John 20: 19 – 31</u> (p.1089)

Praise: How often we (432CH4)

Sermon: "Sceptics welcome!"

THE THANKSGIVING

Praise: Thuma mina (800 CH4)

Admission of new members

"Thomas" prayer activities: Offering

Intercession

Forgiveness

Meditation

Liberation

Refrain: As we are gathered, Jesus is here (38)

Prayer of dedication & cleansing

THE SENDING

Announcements

Praise: Jesus, the joy of loving hearts (383)

Benediction and '3-fold' Amen

Call to Worship (from 1 Kings 19: 8-15)

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer: it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt: it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

Thought for the week



"Only when we have the courage to cross the road and look into one another's eyes can we see that we are children of the same God and members of the same family." (Henri Nouwen)

The Service today

Preacher: Rev. Robert Calvert Elder: Emmanuel Asare Awuku Organist: Jan Hendrik vd Kamp Worship leaders: Harmen Rebel, Beth Hooper

Solo: Dorothy Kingsale Bible reading: Andrea Hayter Welcome: Ann Schuursma, James Essel Crèche: Wenli Wan, Sofie Rebel Counting: Ediri Sobotie, Evelyn Koomson

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WHAT'S ON

Tuesday

10.00	Garden Mosaic studio (Church house)
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19.45 Council meeting (Lower Hall)

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Thursday

11:30 Voedsel Bank (Lower Hall)

Sunday

10.30 Worship, Communion, Choir

Birthdays

We give very warm congratulations to Joke Cromwell (today). Robert Ewing (Monday), Klazina Rigters & Alexander Cuvulay (Thursday) on their birthdays this week.

Dutch language lessons

If you would like to learn *Dutch*, there is a class at 10.30 on Wednesdays for beginners with Harry Jonckheere. More info at 010 501 5296

Weekly Offering Envelopes



New offering envelopes are available for each Sunday in 2014 and for anyone who would like to give a regular amount every week. Anyone paying income tax can claim monies back.





Thanks!

Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter breakfast and family service last Sunday. This morning we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Harmen Rebel leads the service before the sermon and Beth Hooper leads afterwards

Action Creed

As you say each phrase, act it out in this way...

Christ has died (arms outstretched)

Christ was buried

(arms around body, head bowed)

Christ rose from the dead

(raise arms high, look up)

'Thomas' prayer stations

This morning you are invited to participate in the 'Thomas prayer' stations in different areas of the sanctuary. This practice is based upon the Thomas Mass liturgies created by the Finnish Lutheran Church in 1990 that ministered to the uncertainties & doubts expressed by members.

New members

We are delighted to welcome three new members to the church today. **Precious Juliet Tiyjudy Okoro** is originally from Nigeria and lives with her husband Jakub in Schiedam. **Graham and Irene Jardine** Graham and Irene Jardine are originally from South Africa where they attended a Presbyterian church and now live in Papendrecht with their daughter.

'Beta' Bible studies

Every Wednesday from 19.30 to 21.15, 'Beta' Bible studies look at different issues in Christian faith and life. This week Robert Calvert will lead on the theme "the first church in Europe" and we will read from Acts 16.

The Garden Wall Mosaic

Everyone is welcome to the Attic Studio to work on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 15:00 and Wednesdays from 19:30 to 22:30. Contact Andre v.d. Velden at 0653641271 or Wilma Paton at 0616236652

www.facebook.com/thegardenwallmosaic

Part of the wall has been dismantled so that a new fence and garden mosaic can be erected by Ascension Day – which is a public holiday.

Some dates coming up!

Friday 16th May at 12.30 Book Group - The title of the book is "Call the Midwife" by Jennifer Worth. For details and information, contact Norma Taylor 071 3625835

Friday 16^{th May}at 19.30 Musical on friendship and motherhood: "Een Vrouwending" (in Lower Hall)

Saturday 17th Mayat **15.00** Wedding of Sally Atem to Rinus van der Starre (in the Church & Lower Hall) – you are invited and will be very welcome!

Thursday 29th May 2014 from 11:00 to 17:00 the Garden Wall Mosaic Project will be celebrated on Ascension Day (*Hemelvaart*). To offer help, contact Allen Foster 06-8470 8018.

Sunday 1st **June 2014** Dedication of the garden mosaic outside after the communion service.

Tuesday 15th June our minister is inducted to Steeple Church Dundee & Rev. Jimmy Brown (Bochum) becomes our interimmoderator

Saturday 5th July (time t.b.a.) North Sea Jazz with Denise Jannah

Mission offering

The mission offering taken up next Sunday will be given to St. DIWA Kiln Workers in Pakistan (associated with Shalla Gill & Jan Dirk Schouten) in support of children's welfare and education.

Songs:

God's not dead

God's not dead - No! – He is alive God's not dead - No! – He is alive God's not dead - No! – He is alive Serve Him with my hands Follow Him with my feet Love Him in my heart Know Him in my life For He's alive in me!

The Saviour Lives, no more to die

The Saviour lives, no more to die; He lives, our Head, enthroned on high; He lives triumphant o'er the grave; He lives eternally to save.

He lives to still His people's fears; He lives to wipe away their tears; He went their mansions to prepare; He comes to bring them safely there.

Then let our souls in Him rejoice, And sing His praise with cheerful voice Our doubts and fears for ever gone, For Christ is on the Father's throne.

The chief of sinners He receives; His saints He loves and never leaves: He'll guard us safe from every ill, And all His promises fulfil.

Abundant grace will He afford, Till we are present with the Lord; And prove what we have sung before, That Jesus lives for evermore.

How often we

How often we, like Thomas, Need proof before we trust. Lord Jesus, friend of doubters, Come, speak your truth to us. We long to feel your presence, And gain new faith from you, to find, without our seeing the blessing Thomas knew.

You always stand among us, no doors can lock you out. Your presence reassures us though we still live with doubt. As present- day disciples, whose lives by sin are flawed, we want to come believing, and cry: "My Lord, my God!"

Thuma mina

LEADER: Thu-ma mi-na ALL: Thu-ma mi-na

Thu-ma mi-na so-man-dla

LEADER: Send me, Jesus, ALL: Send me, Jesus,

Send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord.....

Fill me, Lord.....

Thu-ma mi-na.....