Welcome to the



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Daily Bible Readings for the coming week

Monday 14.09.20: Victory - Psalms 21, 76, 144
Tuesday 15.09.20: Wisdom - Psalms 90, 111
Wednesday 16.09.20: Wisdom - Psalms 107
Thursday 17.09.20: Worship - Psalms 33, 34
Friday 18.09.20: Worship - Psalms 145

Thought for the week FORGIVENESS

Not long before she died in 1988, in a moment of surprising candor in television, Marghanita Laski, one of our best-known secular humanists and novelists, said, "What I envy most about you Christians is your forgiveness; I have nobody to forgive me."

(John Stott in The Contemporary Christian)

Order of Service for Sunday 13th September 2020 led by the Rev. Graham Austin

The Service Today

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin Elder: Peace Acquaah Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin

Music in Worship: Margriet van Overbeeke & Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Ranee Damanik Church News: Bob Hensen Counting: Ruud Witte & Frieda Enow Welcoming: Silvia Scott & Pam Russell

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Door: Ato Cromwell Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

Sunday 13th September 2020

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 136)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good **His love endures forever**.

Give thanks to the God of gods. **His love endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.

Welcome

CH4 555: Amazing grace

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'T was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Opening Prayer the Lord's Prayer

Children's Message - 'Cutting Corners'

Song: 1, 2, 3 Jesus loves me

1, 2, 3 Jesus loves me

1, 2 Jesus loves you

3, 4 He loves you more

Than you've ever been loved before

5, 6, 7 we're going to Heaven

8, 9 truly divine

9, 10 it's time to end

(1st) But instead we'll sing it again.

(2nd) There's no time to sing it again.

Blessing on the children

Bible Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

- **21** Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"
- 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.
- 23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.
- 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of goldwas brought to him.
- **25** Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
- **26** "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'
- **27** The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
- **28** "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.
- 29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

- **30** "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.
- **31** When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.
- **32** "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.
- 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'
- 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.
- **35** "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

MP 181: God forgave my sin

1 God forgave my sin in Jesus' name; I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to.

He said:

'Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give; go in My name and because you believe, others will know that I live.' 2 All power is given in Jesus' name in earth and heaven in Jesus' name; and in Jesus' name I come to you to share His power as He told me to.

He said . . .

Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give; go in My name and because you believe, others will know that I live.'

Sermon: Forgiveness

CH4 528: Make me a channel of your peace

1 Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring Your love; where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love with all my soul

- 2 Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.

 O Master...
- 3 Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive; and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Offering & Dedication

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Church News (see page 4 and 5)

Prayers of the People: (Elder on Duty)

CH4 512: To God be the glory

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. [Refrain:]

and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; for every offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son: but purer, and higher, and greater will be our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

Prayer Request & Pastoral Care

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care or do you know someone who is?

Please send prayer request to the Prayer Coordinator:

Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit from the Minister or an Elder, contact your Elder, the Church Office or Rev. Irene Bom irene.bom@xs4all.nl - tel.:06 5257 6892

E-mail SICR: info@scotsintchurch.com

Birthdays

This week we congratulate on their birthdays this week:
Ingrid Evovo
Chanté Fleming
Fanny Mensah
Jaco Jacobs
Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's On & Church News

Whats On

Sunday 20th September worship led by Rev. Joost Pot Sunday 27th September Rev. Jacob (Jaap) Theunisz

Sunday evenings: Exploring the Psalms: Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/2313008055 [Password: 603796)

Rev. Graham Austin (currently the minister of Cleland I/w St Marks, Church of Scotland in Wishaw, UK)
Rev. Austin has been selected by the Nominating Committee as Sole Nominee and will preach on **Sunday, 13 September**

Due to the current circumstance regarding COVID 19 many members of our congregation might not be present during the service.

The Nominating Committee has therefore developed a link which will give us the possibility of voting on line directly after the service. This link has been sent to members and adherent eligible to vote. Please note it is not active as yet.

If you click on it now you will get an error message.

We will activate it only at the point in the meeting where Rev. Irene Bom opens the voting.

(Instructions for voting on line)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE VOTING

The Church Office has made available a link you can use to vote. The meeting will take place straight after the service, so stay in the sanctuary, or have the link ready in a separate browser tab while remaining connected through Kerkdienstgemist.

Please read all of these instructions carefully BEFORE the actual voting. It is really as simple as opening the form, making your choice, and sending it – 3 mouse-clicks.

However, here is some background information and an example.

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	Congregational Vote Sole Nominee Preaching
	Scots International Church Rotterdam, September 13, 2020 Please vote by clicking yes or no in answer to the question posed. Please submit your vote only once.
1	I agree to call Rev Graham Austin to be our next minister.
	Yes
	O No
2-	Verzenden Pagina 1 van 1

1. Click on Yes or No according to your preference

2. Then click on Verzenden/Send

Please note:

- a) The link will open the form ahead of time, but it will only work during the voting at the meeting after the service. The congregation members who are physically present in church and those who are connecting at home through Kerkdienstgemist will all vote together, as and when the chairperson of the meeting invites you to do so. You will have a few minutes to click the link, open the form, make your choice, and send in the form. *The link will be activated only during this short period*.
- b) Please note each member has 1 vote. If you vote in church with a ballot paper, you should not also vote on an electronic device online. If several members share 1 email address then the link can be used again. Do not forward the link to other people. We could have made the form more secure, but that would have made using it more difficult (although there still are some checks and balances). So please respect the trust we place in you to *submit only one vote per member*.
- c) Last but not least: your vote is completely anonymous. Nobody can see what you voted.

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