

Welcome to the



Scots International Church Rotterdam

a congregation of the
Church of Scotland International Presbytery

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Daily Bible Readings for the coming week - 49 of 2020

Monday 30.11:	Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8
Tuesday 01.12:	Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10
Wednesday 02.12:	Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38
Thurs. 03.12:	Psalm. 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thess. 1:2-10
Friday 04.12:	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jerem. 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26
Sat. 05.12:	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezek. 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33

Thought for the Week

Something to think about

When do you find it hardest to wait?

How can we learn to be more patient?

Something to pray

Loving Father of all time,
each second is in your hand.

Help us to trust you for this moment and the next.

In Jesus name, *amen*.

Order of Service for Sunday 29th November 2020 led by the Rev. Graham Austin

The Service Today

Minister: Rev. Graham Austin

Elder: Frieda Enow

Organist: Jan Hendrik van de Kamp

Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin

Musicians: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp & Jaco Jacobs

Church News: Elder on Duty

Vocalist: Raneé Damanik

Counting: Eric Wenfua & Molly Foster

Beamer slides: Daniel de Jong

Live Streaming: Rizal Sebastian

Flowers: Bridget Teisman-Nintai

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

Sunday 29th November 2020
First Sunday of Advent

Zechariah's Song



Welcome



Advent candle: HOPE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ draws near.

People: A new day is dawning.

Leader: God's kingdom is here.

People: A new day is dawning.

Leader: It's time to wake up.

People: A new day is dawning.

Leader: Christ draws near.

People: A new day is dawning.

Music: These are the days of Elijah

Hymn CH4 290: The race that long in darkness

The race that long in darkness pined
has seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

2 To us a Child of hope is born:
to us a Son is given:
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.

3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored:
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

4 His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.

*Opening Prayer,
Prayer of Confession
The Lord's Prayer*

Children's Message: 'Don't open 'til Christmas!'



Hymn CH4 284: Hope is a candle (vs 1 and 5)

Hope is a candle once lit by the prophets
Never consumed though it burns through the years
Dim in the daylight of power and privilege
When they are gone hope will shine on

5. Christ is the light that the prophets awaited
Christ is the lion the lamb and the child
Christ is the love and the mystery and laughter
Candles make way Christ is the day

Music: Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel & At the Rabbi's Feast (klezmer traditional)

Zechariah's Song

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:
 68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.
 69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David
 70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),
 71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—
 72 to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant,
 73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
 74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear
 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
 76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to
 prepare the way for him,
 77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,
 78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven
 79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of
 peace."

Hymn CH4 30: I waited for the Lord my God

1. I waited for the Lord my God, and patiently did bear; at length to me he did incline my voice and cry to hear.	3. He put a new song in my mouth, our God to magnify: many shall see it, and shall fear, and on the Lord rely.
2. He took me from a fearful pit, and from the miry clay, and on a rock he set my feet, establishing my way.	4. O blessed are all they whose trust upon the Lord relies; respecting not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Sermon: Zechariah 'A Song of Faith'

Hymn CH4 334: On Jordon's bank (vs 1-3, 5)

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings	3 For you are our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without your grace we waste away, like flowers that wither and decay	5 All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.
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Offering
Dedication (Elder)

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Summary for 22/11/2020		
Open plate + via bank		42.50
Envelopes + via bank		105.00
Coffee money	n/a	0.00
Sunday School	n/a	0.00
Bank (Weekly Avg.)		€671.00
Fixed Rental (Weekly Avg.)		€218.00
Additional Rents (Est. Weekly Avg)		€95.00
		€1,131.50
Average Weekly Expenditure		€1,370.00
Deficit		-€238.50

Prayers for Others: (Elder)

Hymn CH4 313: See! In yonder manger low (vs 1, 2, 5)

1 See! in yonder manger low,
born for us on earth below,
see! the tender Lamb appears
promised from eternal years.

Refrain:

*Hail, thou ever-blessèd morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem!'*

2 Lo! within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies,
he who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim. [Refrain]

5 Sacred Infant, all Divine,
what a tender love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this! [Refrain]

Benediction & Three-fold Amen

Music: Lo! He comes, with clouds descending.

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 Rev. Graham Austin (see first page) your Elder,
or the Church Office **E-mail SICR : info@scotsintchurch.com**



Visit

<https://www.irenebom.com/prayer-matters/#new-tab>
the Prayer Matters website to

- *prompt and resource your personal prayer*

Birthdays

We congratulate on her birthday this week

Rebecca Taylor

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's On & Church News



series called The Songs of Christmas'

Next Sunday the second Sunday in Advent '

December 6 Mary: 'A Song of Trust' *Luke 1:46-55*

December 13 The Angels: 'A Song of Peace' *Luke 2:8-18*

December 20 Psalm 98: 'A Song of Joy' *Psalm 98*

December 25 Elizabeth: 'A song of blessing' *Luke 1:39-45*

December 27 Simeon: 'Song of fulfilment' *Luke 2:25-32*

'Bright Hope for tomorrow' is the theme of this year's Advent calendar, which covers the four-week period running from the first Sunday of Advent (Sunday 29 November) until Christmas Eve (Thursday 24 December).

This year's theme is based on the lines 'Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow' from the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

This year will feel very different to previous years, as COVID-19 restrictions continues, limiting our opportunities to meet and worship in person. However, we hope that our Advent calendar will help spread a little hope and joy during these dark days.

Each day during Advent, a new window will be available to open with a themed prayer, video, or story.

Sign up for your daily reminder https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/home#new_tab

Future Services Under the Current Restrictions,

Although registration for services is not obligatory, it is however recommended for members, while visitors will be required to register on arrival, providing the necessary/essential particulars.

SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL

Version 1.1 approved by Consistory 22 June 2020

INTRODUCTION

With the easing of restrictions services can be attended by up to 100, provided the premises can be configured to enforce social distancing. All other guidance from the government remains in place and should be adhered to. The rules are designed to protect each other from a virus that can reproduce in others, while the victim has no symptoms and shows no outward signs.

The strategy of this protocol is to prepare the environment, cleanse hands on entry, enforce social distancing and clean after departure. If everyone strictly obeys the distancing rules there should be no need to make masks compulsory.

The width of passageways, stairs and aisles do not allow free movement in the church. To maximize our capacity safely, and get near the limit allowed by government regulation, alternate pews have been blocked off and a one way system introduced. Guests will be directed to the side aisles and pews will be occupied in sequence from the front to rear, with a maximum of 5 persons per pew depending on the size of the household groups.

After a pew is occupied people will normally be seated next to the aisles which means that no one can walk in the aisles without violating the 1.5 distance.

A few designated mobility/medical positions have therefore been created at the back to allow limited entry and departure during the service. Departure will be in sequence starting from the rear pews and leaving by the side aisles and directed to different exit doors.

Registration

It is advised that churches record all attendees to ensure compliance with capacity and to give immediate information to GGD in the event of someone testing positive with the virus. Registration will be through a web application from which it is hoped to print a standardised presentation list to be checked on entry. Online registration will be encouraged as it will save time when people arrive, and give an accurate indication of attendance. If there is spare capacity available for unexpected non registered guests they must be added to the list with the same information.

For tracking and tracing purposes the final presentation list has to be kept securely for 2 months, after which it will be destroyed to comply with data protection rules.

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