

# Welcome to the



## Scots International Church Rotterdam

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### **Daily Bible Readings for the coming week - 51 of 2020**

Monday 14 12:125; 1 Kings 18:1-18; Ephesians 6:10-17  
Tuesday 15.12: Psalm 125; 2 Kings 2:9-22; Acts 3:17-4:4  
Wednesday 16.12: Ps. 125; Malachi 3:16-4:6; Mark 9:9-13  
Thursday. 17.12: Ps. 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Sam. 6:1-11; Hebr. 1:1-4  
Friday 18.12: Ps 89:1-4, 19-26; 2 Sam. 6:12-19; Hebr. 1:5-14  
Saturday. 19.12: Ps. 89:1-4, 19-26; Judges 13:2-24; John 7:40-52

### **Thought for the Week**

"Do not waste your time bothering whether you 'love'  
your neighbour act as if you did. As soon as we do this,  
we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving  
as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

If you injure someone you dislike,  
you will find yourself disliking him more.

If you do him a good turn,  
you will find yourself disliking him less."

*C.S. Lewis*

## **Order of Service for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 led by the Rev. Graham Austin**

### **The Service Today**

Minister: Rev. Graham Austin

Elder: Emmanuel Asare Awuku

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Children's message: Rev. Graham Austin

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Counting: Ruud Witte & Emmanuel Asare Awuku

Beamer slides: Daniel de Jong

Beamer projection & Streaming: Rizal Sebastian & Anthony Evovo

Door: Bob Hensen

Flowers: Jean Galloway

Broadcasting & Recording: Stanley Murithi

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

The Angels: 'A Song of Peace'



**Advent Candle: LOVE**

*Welcome*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**For I am convinced that neither death nor life,  
neither angels nor demons,  
neither the present nor the future,  
nor any powers, neither height nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
(Romans 8:38-39)**

**Hymn CH4 301 Hark the herald angels sing**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King, peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!' Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies, with the angelic hosts proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem'. [Refrain:] <i>Hark! the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the newborn King'.</i>	2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see: hail, the incarnate Deity, pleased as Man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel! [Refrain]	3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth: [Refrain]
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*Opening Prayer,  
Prayer of Confession &  
The Lord's Prayer*

*Children's Message: **Who does God love more?** by Graham*

**Hymn CH4 284: Hope is a candle (vs 3 and 5)**

3. Love is a candle whose light makes a circle Where every face is the face of a friend Widen the circle by sharing and giving God's Holy dare love everywhere	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
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### Bible Reading: Luke 2:8-18

- 8** And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.  
**9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.  
**10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.  
**11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.  
**12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
**13** Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,  
**14** "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."  
**15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."  
**16** So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.  
**17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,  
**18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

### Hymn CH4 296 While humble shepherds (vs 1, 2, 3, 6)

1 While humble shepherds watched their flocks in Bethlehem's plains by night, an angel sent from heaven appeared, and filled the plains with light.	3 'To you in David's town, this day, is born, of David's line, the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:
2 'Fear not' he said, for sudden dread had seized their troubled mind; 'Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.	6 'All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace: good will is shown from heaven above and never more shall cease.'

### Sermon: The Angels: 'A Song of Peace'

Church Offering  
Mission Offering



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While giving we can listen to:  
**'Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight'**  
 by: Raneë Damanik

Dedication of offerings (Elder)

Church News

Summary for 06/12/2020		
Open plate + via bank		125.00
Envelopes + via bank		210.00
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
		€1,319.00
Average Weekly Expenditure		€1,370.00
Surplus/Deficit		-€51.00
Rabagirana - mission offering		€107.15

Prayers for Others: (Elder)

### Hymn CH4 303 It came upon a midnight clear (vs 1, 2, 5)

1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to you from heaven's all-gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing	2. Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled: and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing, and ever o'er its Babel-sounds the blessed angels sing	5. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold, when, with the ever-rolling years, still dawns the Age of Gold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendours fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.
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## Benediction & Three-fold Amen

### **Prayer Request**

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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

### **Pastoral Care**

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](mailto:info@scotsintchurch.com)



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### **Birthdays**

We congratulate on their birthday this week

Jan van Put

James Essel

Menen Tessema-Betre

Richmond Mensah

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

### **What's On & Church News**

*series called The Songs of Christmas'*

*Next Sunday the fourth Sunday in Advent '*

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](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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