

# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**May we know the blessing of God as we worship together.**

## Live Stream

Please note that the services are live streamed. If the children come forward for the children's talk the camera will only focus on the speaker.

## Next Sunday

We celebrate Pentecost and share Communion together. Holy Spirit we welcome you.

## Coming Soon see back for more details

Scots International Church Rotterdam

**Messy Church**

**Saturday 18 June 10.30-12pm**

Exploring the Bible through fun and crafts

A time for the whole family  
Children must be accompanied by an adult (including lunch)

Schiedamse Vest Opposite the Eye Hospital

## FRIDAY'S OPEN DOOR AFTERNOON

Tour the building, take a moment to pray, meet up with friends, enjoy a chat with others, you will be welcomed from 12:00 to 15:00 with tea/coffee. Soup available €2

## After Service refreshments

After the service refreshments are available in the Lower hall. A donation, if you are able, to cover the cost will be gratefully received.

## Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Fred Booman, Ato Cromwell, Hunter Smith and Sander Bilo on their birthdays

## Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is?  
Would you like the minister to phone you?  
Please send in your requests via email, text, phone or PM though the church Facebook page. Contact details below. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

## Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin  
Prayer: Bridget Teisman  
Music: Jan-Hendrik van de Kamp  
Counting: Bridget Teisman & Molly Foster  
Reader: Erin Bentvelsen-MacDonald  
Beamer/Live Streaming: Daniël de Jong  
Hospitality: Rinus Dekker & Azmi Wahab  
Flowers: Shanny Sprangers  
Welcoming: Dennis Acquaye & Dee Austin  
Door: Emmanuel Asare Awuku

## Can you Help?

We are urgently looking for a private rental home for Stanley in Rotterdam and surrounding areas (e.g. Schiedam or Capelle aan den IJssel) and preferably 2 or 3 bedrooms and convenient for public transport. Because of rent subsidy max cost is £763 p/m.

## Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 30	Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40
Tuesday 31	Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29
Wednesday 1	Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27
Thursday 2	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Gal. 5:16-25
Friday 3	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10
Saturday 4	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17

Do you want a daily 'Thought for the Day' direct to your mobile?  
Then join the 'Thought for the day' WhatsApp group by texting: 06 3059 9641



## Welcome

### Call to worship

Come if you're healthy, come if you're hurt.  
Come if you're hopeful, come if you're sad.  
Let God's light shine upon you.  
Let God's life fill you.  
Let God bring you healing and hope today.

### CH4 182

1. Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in Whom His world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and  
blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in His grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next!

3. All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven –  
the Father and the Son and Spirit – now be given:  
the one, eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)

## Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## Children's Talk - A knotty problem

### Song

*Forgiven, forgiven, forgiven by his love, (x2)  
Nothing I do and nothing I say  
can ever be enough:  
I'm forgiven, forgiven, forgiven by his love*

1. How easily we criticise  
and try to pass the blame.  
It's always someone else's fault,  
a face to fit the frame.  
But Jesus said, 'Let no one stand alone;  
let the one who's guiltless  
throw the stone.'  
*Forgiven, forgiven,...*

2. He knows the people that we are,  
he knows the things we do;  
no matter how we fail,  
his faithful love is always true.  
Surrendered to the cross  
that we might live,  
alive again with power to forgive.  
*Forgiven, forgiven,...*  
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## Reading: Acts 16:16-34

16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.  
17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.'  
18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!'  
At that moment the spirit left her.  
19 When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities.

20 They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar 21 by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.' 22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. 27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!' 29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' 31 They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. 33 At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. 34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.

### Song

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear,  
the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, My Saviour has ransomed me.  
And like a flood his mercy reigns.  
Unending love, amazing grace*

3. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.  
*My chains are gone,...(repeat)*

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
the sun forbear to shine;  
but God, who called me here below,  
will be forever mine. (x3)

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### Sermon - 'Be free'

#### CH4 392 (vs 1, 3)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Offerings to the Church and Mission offering 'The Nazareth Trust'.  
You are invited to reflect as we listen to music by Jan-Henrik

### Dedication of Offering and Prayer for Others

#### CH4 396 (vs 1,4, 5)

1. And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

### Benediction and Threefold amen



## Coming soon to the SICR

### What is Messy Church/Kliederkerk?

It is a time to explore a Bible theme using story telling, crafts, games and worship. It can be messy so don't come in your best clothes.

### Who can go?

Anyone of any age can come along.

However, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

### How much does it cost?

It is free but there is a donation box.

### Will there be food?

Towards the end of our time there will be a simple lunch.

### When will it happen?

Saturday 18 June

### What time does it start and finish?

10.30am and to 12noon(ish)

### Where will it be?

In the Scots International Church on the corner of Schiedamsesingel and Schiedamse Vest opposite the Eye Hospital.

### What does the programme look like?

We start with registration which will include gaining permission to post pictures on social media. Refreshments will be available while we have a very short explanation of the theme. Then you are free to visit the various crafts in any order. Each craft will have instructions and how it connects to the theme. Finally, a short time of worship which will involve singing, a brief talk on the bible story and a prayer. Then we eat!

### Do I need to speak Dutch or English?

The day will be bilingual so you can practice both.



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## Activity sheet

29 May – 4 June 2022

### Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John receives a message from Jesus, reminding him that he is the everlasting king who is coming soon, and that all who long for him, if they come to him, are accepted, for everyone belongs to God's family.



Jesus, the king, is coming soon.



Design a poster to tell everyone about Jesus' message to John. You can use words and symbols from the Bible reading to make it stand out, so people get the message!

## COMING SOON

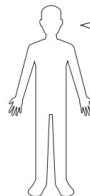


Can you complete the phrase from today's Bible passage?

May the g \_\_\_\_ of the Lord  
J \_\_\_\_ be with \_\_\_\_ who  
\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.



Make this person look like you, shouting the word 'Come' to Jesus. What else would you want to say to Jesus? Add words/phrases into the speech bubble.



Come

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