

# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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

### Next Sunday

We welcome Rev Irene Bom as she leads the service as Graham and Dee are away.


### Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Hank Meldrum, Jim van Putten and Liz van der Velden on their birthdays.

### SCIR City Football

We have been invited to put up a 7 person team for the 'Invitation Rotterdam Church Football Tournament' held on Friday 16 September at RCZV Zestienhoven. It is open to men and women and is part of the Rotterdamrijker, for more info visit [www.rotterdamrijker.nl](http://www.rotterdamrijker.nl). If you are interested send an email to the minister before 10th September.

### SICR FRIDAYS OPEN 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 15:30 with tea/coffee. Soup available €2 

### Mission Offering

Each week we have a retiring offering for a **Monthly Mission Project**. This month we are seeking to support 'Vluchtelingenwerk Nederland' in their work with refugees. Information about their work can be found in the Bulletin and here, [www.vluchtelingenwerk.nl](http://www.vluchtelingenwerk.nl).

Please know that it is not expected that people contribute every Sunday to the mission offering but of course all donations are thankfully received.

### Looking Ahead

**Sunday 11 September:** Rev Irene Bom

**Friday 16 September:** Consistory 6pm meal and 7 pm Business

**Sunday 18 September:** Rev Graham Austin

**Sunday 25 September:** All AGE service 'This is the Day'

**Sunday 31 October** ALL AGE Harvest Thanksgiving Service

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

Or do you know someone who is? Would you like the minister to phone or visit 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)

### 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.

### Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Dennis Acquaye

Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Bible Reader: Richmond Mensah

Children's message: Graham Austin

Welcoming: Silvia Scott & John Essel

Hospitality: Fred & Erna Booman

Flowers: Family Sebastian

Beamer/Live Streaming: Rizal Sabastian

Sound: Stanley Murithi


Counting: Dennis Acquaye and Esther Abang

Door: Bob Hensen

### A sending out prayer

Lord Jesus, we want to follow you, but we are pulled in many directions. As we go from this place, help us to root ourselves in your word. Give us the courage to speak truth to injustice, that your kingdom may come and your will be done. Amen.

### Daily Devotional Readings

<b>Monday 5</b>	<b>Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5</b>	<p>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 </p>
<b>Tuesday 6</b>	<b>Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16</b>	
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	<b>Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30</b>	
<b>Thursday 8</b>	<b>Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11</b>	
<b>Friday 9</b>	<b>Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a</b>	
<b>Saturday 10</b>	<b>Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21</b>	

Introit - SICR Choir singing 'Psalm 139'  
'Were I to cross from land to land'

## Welcome

### *Call to worship* (based on Psalm 66)

We gather together to worship.  
We gather together to share our stories.  
We gather together to hear God's story.  
We have come because we love and want to love more.

#### MP 382

Jesus take me as I am,  
I can come no other way.  
Take me deeper into You,  
make my flesh life melt away.  
Make me like a precious stone,  
crystal clear and finely honed,  
life of Jesus shining through,  
giving glory back to You.

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1. Isn't He beautiful;  
beautiful isn't He?  
Prince of peace, Son of God  
Isn't He?

Isn't He wonderful,  
wonderful isn't He?  
Counsellor, Almighty God  
isn't He, isn't He,  
isn't He, isn't He!

#### MP 344

2. Yes, You are beautiful,  
beautiful yes, You are!  
Prince of peace, Son of God  
Yes You are.

Yes, You are wonderful,  
wonderful Yes, You are!  
Counsellor, Almighty God,  
yes, You are, yes, you are.  
yes, you are, yes, You are.

John Wimber © 1980 Mercy/Vineyard Pub.

### Opening prayer, Prayer of Confession and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen

### Children's Talk

Though the grass may wither  
and the flowers may fall,  
the Word of the Lord  
will stand forever!

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### Reading: Luke 14:25-33

25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 26 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. 27 And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? 29 For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, 30 saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish." 31 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. 33 In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

### Sermon: 'Building costs'

**Dedication of Offering**

CH4 550

1. As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.*

2. I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.  
*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.*

3. You're my Friend and You are my Brother,  
even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything  
*You alone are my strength, ...*

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**Communion**

Sharing the Bread  
Sharing the Cup  
Sharing the Peace

SICR Choir: 'Holy, holy, holy' (from German Mass by Schubert)

**Prayer for Others**

CH4 644 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
be now and always near me,  
my Master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

2. Oh, let me feel you near me;  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw still nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

4. O Jesus, you have promised,  
to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
now give me grace to follow  
my Master and my friend.

John Earnest Bode (1816-1874)

**Benediction and Threefold Amen**  
Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

There is a retiring collection for the monthly Mission appeal 'Vluchtelingenwerk Nederland'.

**After service fellowship**

After the service there is a further opportunity for fellowship, with refreshments, in the Lower hall.  
A donation, if you are able, to cover the cost will be gratefully received.



### Picture this

- What does good navigation require?
- What helps you to navigate your journey with Jesus?
- What are the consequences for you of following Jesus?

# OPEN MONUMENTEN DAG ROTTERDAM

Once again the **SICR** is pleased to participate in this event on Saturday 10 September from 10:00-16:00 when the church will be open to the general public. We need a couple of volunteers to assist with the day, to welcome people and to show people around the buildings and sanctuary. If you can help, even for some of the day, it would be gratefully accepted could you inform Christine Galloway: Christine.Galloway@ekaterratea.com. For more information visit: <https://omdrotterdam.nl/>

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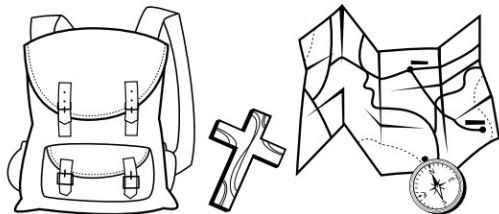
## ROOTS Activity sheet

4-10 September 2022



Luke 14.25-33

Jesus challenges us to count the cost of following him, as choosing to put him first may have important consequences.



Travelling with Jesus.



Add items to the bag to help someone get ready to follow Jesus.



Following Jesus is sometimes described as an obstacle race. Draw yourself at the opposite side of the box to 'Jesus'. Inside the box, write about the obstacles which might get in the way of following Jesus. What would help you to overcome them?

Jesus



Which path leads to Jesus?



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