



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

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

## Next Sunday

We welcome, to the **SICR**, Sia van den Bremt, who is an elder in St Andrew's Brussels. She will be our guest preacher and lead the service while Graham, Dee, Molly and Ruud attend the Presbytery in Budapest. Please pray for her as she prepares to bring God's word to us.

## Thinking of becoming a member of the SICR or renewing your membership vows?

Sunday 27 November, the first Sunday of Advent, there will be an opportunity to become a member of the SICR by public profession of faith or simply to renew your membership vows whether taken at the SICR or another church. The build up to this will be a short 4 week course on the membership vows that are normally taken when a person becomes a member of the Church of Scotland. The course entitled the **ABC of Discipleship** will start on Tuesday 25 October at 7.30pm. This will be in-person and by Zoom. For more information please contact the minister - details on the back page.

## SICR Christmas Craft Fayre and Coffee Morning

**Saturday 3rd December 10:30 - 2.00**

A Fun Fund raising idea for the church.

In preparation for a **Christmas Craft Fare** we are meeting in various ways, to make Christmas themed items. A sheet is pinned on the Lower Hall notice board for you to sign up to take part either in-person or at home. If in-person then join together on Fridays at from 6.30-8.30pm in the Lower Hall. Please let us know if you are making something! Any questions? Speak to Dee Austin or email the minister (contact details on the back). Craft materials and/or financial assistance welcomed. **Special appeal:** Do you have any empty jam jars, preferably with lids? Then bring them to the church. Thank you

## Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Marion Brits-Pot, Elaine Zanger and Cara Howe-Taylor on their birthdays.

## Friday OPEN Afternoons

Tour the building, take a walk, meet us, or just sit and chat with others, **Closed on Friday 7 October** from 12:00 to 15:30 with



## Looking Ahead

**Sunday 30 October**

**ALL AGE Harvest Thanksgiving Service** (more next Sunday)

**Sunday 13 November**

Remembrance Sunday

Peace Service 7.30pm

More service details soon

**Sunday 19 November**

Youth Service

**Saturday 26 November**

Messy Church

**Sunday 27 November**

First Sunday in Advent

## Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Ruud Witte

Reader: Lianne Buitendijk

Children's Talk: Graham Austin

Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Beamer & Live streaming: Rizal Sebastian

Hospitality: Ricky and Etiana Lim

Flowers: Debora Dayze

Counting: Ruud Witte and Ranee Damanik

Welcoming: Pam Russell

and Margriet van Overbeeke

Door: Bob Hensen

## Daily Devotional Readings

<b>Monday 3</b>	<b>Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:16-22; James 1:2-11</b>
<b>Tuesday 4</b>	<b>Psalm 137; Lam. 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21</b>
<b>Wednesday 5</b>	<b>Psalm 137; Lam. 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24</b>
<b>Thursday 6</b>	<b>Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 25:1-14; 2 Timothy 1:13-18</b>
<b>Friday 7</b>	<b>Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 27:1-22; 2 Timothy 2:1-7</b>
<b>Saturday 8</b>	<b>Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 28:1-17; Luke 5:12-16</b>

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



At the beginning of the service you will be asked to stand as the Bible is brought forward.

The Choir Sing 'By the waters, the waters of Babylon' (Israeli folk melody)

1. By the waters, the waters of Babylon,
2. we sat down and wept, and wept, for you, Zion;
3. we remember, we remember, we remember you, Zion.

### Welcome

#### Call to worship

Leader: With humble thankful hearts we gather to worship God  
**Response: May we be united in love and praise**  
Leader: With generous, faithful minds we open our hearts to hear  
**Response: May we be filled with the knowledge of Christ's teaching**  
Leader: With the trials and temptations of life in our thoughts  
**Response: May we lay them down and prepare to freely worship God**

CH4 214 (vs 1, 2, 4, 5)

1. New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life, and power and thought.

2. New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

4. The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask;  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

5. Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love,  
for perfect life with you above,  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

John Keble (1792-1866)

### Prayer and 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

*Forgiven, forgiven, forgiven by his love,  
forgiven, forgiven, forgiven by his love.  
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: Luke 17:1-10

17 Jesus said to his disciples: 'Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. 2 It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied round their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.'

3 So watch yourselves. 'If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. 4 Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying "I repent," you must forgive them.' 5 The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' 6 He replied, 'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it will obey you. 7 'Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, "Come along now and sit down to eat"? 8 Won't he rather say, "Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink"? 9 Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? 10 So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty."'"

**Sermon: "**

**Church offering and reflection as we listen to Jan-Hendrik**

**Dedicating the Offering**

**MP 469**

1. My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
be wholly Thine!

2. May Thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee,  
pure warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

4. When ends life's  
transient dream,  
when death's cold sullen  
stream over me roll;  
blest Saviour, then in love,  
fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

**Communion  
Sharing the Bread  
Sharing the Cup  
Sharing the Peace**

**The Choir Sing MP 781 'Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne'**

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne,  
worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and riches,  
and wisdom and strength,  
honour and glory, glory and praise,  
for ever and evermore .

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**Prayer for Others**

**CH4 664 (5, 6,7)**

5. Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
the bread and wine remove; but thou art here,  
nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.

6. I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
another arm but Thine to lean upon;  
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
my strength is in Thy might, thy might alone.

7. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;  
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,  
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.  
Horatius N. Bonar (1808-1889)

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

There is a retiring collection for this month's Mission appeal: "Sint for Kint".

**After service fellowship in the Lower Hall**

**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 through 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)

**Mission Offering**

September's **Mission Project** was 'Vluchtelingenwerk Nederland' the amount raised was thank you.

This month we are seeking to support **Please know** that it is not expected that people contribute every Sunday to the mission offering.

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING

## 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from 10:30



I will give thanks to the Lord because of  
his righteousness and will sing praise to the  
name of the Lord Most High. Psalm 7: 17

**Come and join together as we  
celebrate our annual  
Harvest Thanksgiving.  
Come with family, friends  
and neighbours.**

**After the service we will hold an  
auction in aid of church funds  
Food and drinks will be available.**



Your harvest offering can also be send

- \* By bank account  
NL17 INGB 0000 1751 87 (ING)  
NL62 RABO 0373 7410 06 (RABO)
- \* By envelope, available at the church.
- \* By making a pledge.

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