



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

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

## 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 sent

- \* 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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### Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to all who celebrate a birthday in the coming week.



### Friday OPEN Afternoons

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

### House Groups/Bible Studies

**Pilgrims House Group** restarts on Monday 24 October Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam. Contact Irene Bom on 06-52576892  
**Further opportunities** for house groups is being explored. If you are interested contact the minister on [gaustin@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:gaustin@churchofscotland.org.uk)

### Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 24	Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19
Tuesday 25	Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11
Wednesday 26	Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32
Thursday 27	Psalm 119:137-144; Jer. 33:14-26; 2 Cor. 1:1-11
Friday 28	Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17; 2 Peter 1:1-11
Saturday 29	Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47

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.

#### CH4 103

1. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
knows and names them as they shine.

2. Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know;  
those who fear him find his mercies,  
peace for pain and joy for woe;  
humble hearts are high exalted,  
human pride and power laid low.

3. Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
spring to melt the snows of winter  
till the waters flow again;  
grass upon the mountain pastures,  
golden valleys thick with grain.

#### Call to worship

Leader: Welcome to this house of prayer  
All: May it be a home to all today  
Leader: Loving God of our whole world  
All: Open our hearts to Your presence  
Leader: Touch us with Your loving hand  
All: And bring peace to us and between us. Amen

4. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days;  
love his laws, declare his judgments, walk in all his words and ways;  
he the Lord and we his children praise the Lord, all people, praise!

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#### Welcome, 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

##### Song

Talk to God, talk to God  
Anywhere, anywhere  
He is always listening  
He is always listening  
Talk to Him, talk to Him

Talk to God, talk to God  
Anytime, anytime  
He is always listening  
He is always listening  
Talk to Him, talk to Him

by Anon

#### Reading: Luke 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers – or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." 13 'But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." 14 'I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

### Song (sing v1, 2, chorus v3, chorus x2)

1. All my days, I will sing this song of gladness,  
give my praise to the fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness you heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history  
you're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
you're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,  
and You reign, You reign over all.*

2. I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the love that never fails,  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated and life without end.

3. I long to be where the praise is never ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,  
where countless worshippers  
will sing one song,  
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!  
*Beautiful Saviour,...*

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### Sermon: 'The proud man and the sorrowful man'

### Church offering and reflection as we sing 'Spirit of the living God'

#### CH4 619/620

1. Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.  
break me, melt me,  
mould me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love,  
humble, caring,  
selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fill our lives with love.

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### Dedicating the Offering

#### Song

1. Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

2. Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

### Prayer for Others

#### CH4 553 (vs 1-3, 5)

1. Just as I am, without one plea  
but that your blood was shed for me,  
and that you call us, 'Come to me',  
O Lamb of God, I come!

3. Just as I am, you will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

5. Just as I am, of that free love  
the breath, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above  
O Lamb of God, I come!

Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

### Benediction and Threefold Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.



#### Mission Offering for October

This month we support 'Sint voor Kint' to help children of families below 'the poverty line' to receive a present at Sinterklaas or Christmas. **Please know** that it is not expected that people contribute every Sunday to the Mission Offering.

**After service fellowship in the Lower Hall**

A wonderful opportunity to get to catch up with people, make new friends and ensure a welcome to all. Coffee, tea and sometimes cake. A donation towards costs is welcomed.

**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 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 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.

**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)

**The SICR Christmas Lunch**

Are you going to be on your own this Christmas? Perhaps you are not on your own but want somewhere to enjoy a larger company with your friends and family...

...then

we have the answer for you!

**A Christmas Lunch in the Lower Hall.**

More details and prices to follow  
Tickets on sale soon so watch this space.

**Looking Ahead**

**Sunday 13 November**

Remembrance Sunday

Peace Service 7.30pm

**Sunday 20 November**

Youth Service

**Sunday 27 November**

First Sunday in Advent Introducing our

Advent theme: 'Light in the Darkness'

**Sunday 25 December**

Christmas Day Service

Followed by a Christmas dinner see below



**Pray for today's Worship Team**

Preacher: Graham Austin

Prayer: Raneë Damanik

Reader: Teun Karreman

Children's Talk: Irene Bom

Music: Gertine Hoefnagel

Beamer & Live streaming: Ricky Lim

Sound: Etlana Lim

Hospitality: Sylvia Scott and helper

Flowers: Family Sebastian

Counting: Raneë Damanik and Dee Austin

Welcoming: Ruud Witte and Silvia Scott

Door: Dennis Acquaye

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