

Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 20th November 2022

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



Advent - 'Light in the darkness'.

For the Advent season from Sunday 27th November the morning and evening services will explore the theme of '**Light in the darkness**'.

Advent 1: 27 November John 1:1-14: The Word

Advent 2: 4 December (Communion) Luke 2:8-20: Shepherds

Advent 3: 11 December Luke 2:25-32: Simeon

Advent 4: 18 December Matt 2:1-12: Wise men. There is also the Sunday School Nativity in the morning and a Sunday School party in the afternoon. At 17.30 a High tea/potluck, with an opportunity for carol singing around the community and a carol service in the evening 19.30.

You can download study materials for house groups or personal study from the church website

Scots International Church Rotterdam

Messy Church

Christmas

Saturday 26 November 10.30- 12pm

Exploring the Bible through fun and crafts

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

SCOTS INTERNATIONAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 3rd December 10.30am to 2pm

SICR SCHIEDAMSE VEST

- Christmas items for sale •
- Father Christmas •
- Christmas Café •
3 items for €5
- Tea/Coffee/hot chocolate/gluwein
- Cakes/biscuit
- Soup/sausage roll

Donations needed for the Christmas Fayre

Items are required, ASAP, to make up some Christmas hampers such as tinned and packaged foods (in date), dried foods e.g. pasta. No fresh foods e.g. fruit and veg. Christmas items e.g. chocolate, wine and soft drinks. Hand items into the manse. Thanks

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 21	Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27
Tuesday 22	Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21
Wednesday 23	Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4
Thursday 24	Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10
Friday 25	Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7
Saturday 26	Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22

Do you want a daily
'Thought for the Day'
direct to your
mobile?
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'Thought for the day'
WhatsApp group
by texting:
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Today's service

We welcome the Youth Group as they lead us in worship and guide us through the theme of
'How do you keep the fire burning and your lights on?'

The YG will also tell us something about the special Mission Offering for December and how we can help our sister church: St Andrew's Scots Kirk, Colombo in Sri Lanka.
Let us encourage them with our prayers and participation.

THE GATHERING

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

Introit: the Choir MP 398

**King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Glory hallelujah!
King of Kings and Lord of lords,
Glory, hallelujah!**

**Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Glory hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Glory, hallelujah!**

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Call to worship

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"

Response: **We are standing in God's presence, alert and ready to receive God's word.**

Leader: The night is passing. The day of salvation is near.

Response: **We seek to live as people of the light.
Come, Lord Jesus!**

Welcome

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**1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where His feet pass.**

**3. Mine is the sunlight;
mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!**

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Children's Talk: Better get ready (Matthew 25:1-13)

**1. Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp I pray;
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
keep it burning till the break of day.
*Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing Hosanna to the King!***

**2. Make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking,
make me a fisher of men, I pray;
make me a fisher of men, keep me seeking,
keep me seeking till the break of day.
*Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna,...***

**3. Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me singing,
keep me singing till the break of day.
*Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing Hosanna to the King!***

**4. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till, the break of day.
Sing Hosanna, sing hosanna,...
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Prayer - Youth Group

THE WORD

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

14 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. '

Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

'At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 'At midnight the cry rang out: "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" 7 'Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out." 9 "No," they replied, "there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves." 10 'But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 'Later the others also came. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us!" 12 'But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I don't know you." 13 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Activity: Dilemma's with Mentimeter

Praise

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine
Let it shine

by Traditional

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

Mission offering December (Sri Lanka Appeal)

Meditation (video)

**Children's Activity
'Searching for warmth and light'**

THE THANKSGIVING

The offering as we listen to Netty Dijkstra

Prayer and Dedicating the Offering - Youth Group

THE SENDING

Church Notices

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth You now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by Your blood I may enter Your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
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3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness so our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,...

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Closing responses

Leader: Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.
Response: God has called each of us before we were even born.
Leader: It was God who named us.
Response: It is God who claims us.
Leader: The light of God's love shines in us.
Response: Let's shine God's love into all the world!

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

Mission Offering for November

In November we are supporting
"SKIN-Samen Kerk in Nederland".

Please know it is not expected that people
contribute every Sunday to the Mission Offering.

Pray for today's Worship Team

Music: Netty Dijkstra
Beamer & Live streaming: Anthony Evovo
Sound: Stanley Murithi
Hospitality: Fred and Erna Booman
Flowers: arranged by Bridget Teisman
Counting: Molly Foster & Olaf de Zanger
Welcoming: Frieda Enow & John Essel
Door: Edwin Teisman

The SICR Christmas Lunch in the Lower Hall

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...this is the answer for you!


€5 tickets now on sale



Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Meriam van der Velden on her
birthday this 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

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

House Groups/Bible Studies

Pilgrims House Group Mondays at 7.30pm at
Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam.
Contact Irene Bom on 06-52576892

Manse House Group Tuesdays Note: for the first
week (22 November) meet at 7pm thereafter at
7.30pm. Contact Graham (contact details below)
If you are interested in house groups email Marten
& Mikayla our Fellowship Coordinators
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