



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

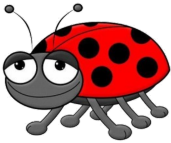
A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 29th January 2023

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

Social Evening

Thanks to all who made Friday a great evening of fun, fellowship and food.



**AFTER
SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP**

in the Lower Hall
For Soup Sunday
and tea, Coffee
and Chat

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Erna Booman on her birthday this week.



January Mission Offering **Leprozending**

This is the last Sunday for this Mission Offering.

Today is also **World Leprosy Day**.

For more information visit www.leprosymission.org and click on 'Leprosy Champions' then 'World Leprosy Day 2023'

In **February** we seek to support Kerk in Actie Zambia 'Buddies for Families without Parents' visit kerkinactie.nl/kinderenzambia for more info

House Groups/Bible Studies

Pilgrims House Group Mondays at 7.30pm
Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam.

Contact Irene Bom on 06-52576892

Manse House Group Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Schiedamse Vest 121, 3012BH Rotterdam

Contact Graham (contact details on last page)

Prayer Warriors Last Friday of the month at church from 6-9pm worship, prayer, and Bible study

Contact Frieda Enow 06 8529 7922

If you are interested in house groups email Marten & Mikayla our Fellowship Coordinators (mikayla.souman@gmail.com)



Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3.30pm.

All welcome to enjoy tea, coffee and a chat. Soup also available at €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

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Molly Foster

Children's Talk: Graham Austin

Reader: Jean Galloway

Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp & Jaco Jacobs

Live Streaming & Beamer: Daniel De Jong

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Rinus Dekker & Azmi Wahab


Welcoming: Pam Russell & John Essel

Flowers: Family Bouwman

Counting: Molly Foster & Evelyn Koomson

Door: James Essel

Daily Devotional Readings

Monday 30	Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25	 'Thought for the Day' On Facebook and via a WhatsApp group. Join by texting: 06 3059 9641
Tuesday 31	Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6	
Wednesday 1	Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26	
Thursday 2	Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5	
Friday 3	Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18	
Saturday 4	Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8	
Sunday 5	Psa. 112:1-10, 1 Cor. 2:1-12 Sunday Text: <u>Matt. 5:13-20</u>	



Welcome to the Service

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

Call to worship

Leader: Holy God, you invite us to come to worship you.

Response: In your Holy Presence, we discover unlimited love.

Leader: Holy God, you invite us to come to worship you.

Response: In your Holy Presence, we discover forgiveness.

Leader: Holy God, you invite us to come to worship you.

Response: In your Holy Presence, we discover empowerment,
joy and peace. Come, let us worship our Holy God. Amen.

(Psalm 15)

Musical item: Be Thou my vision - Traditional Irish melody

Welcome

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1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with your constant loving-kindness
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.

3. Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory
while unending ages run.

7th or 8th century *translated* John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

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 for ever. Amen

Children's Talk 'You are precious'

Song

Be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you.

I am not afraid, no, no, no!
I am not dismayed, not me!
Because I'm walking in faith and victory,
come on and walk in faith and victory,
for the Lord your God is with you.

Morris Chapman © 1983 Word Music

Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, or theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Sermon: 'Beatitudes'

The Offering as we listen to a musical item

Johann Baptist Vanhal (1739 - 1813) Sonata for clarinet and piano - part 1

Dedicating the Offering

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1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad His wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still He is nigh, His presence we have;
the great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus the King.

3. 'Salvation to God who sits on the throne',
let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore, and give Him His right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer for Others

Hymn

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1930)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

Musical item: Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah - Tom Hughes

Change of Sunday School Leadership

Peace Acquaaah, who has been our Sunday School Superintendent for the last 5 years, has decided to step down from the role. We are grateful for the work he has done over these years especially during the Covid period. He can now enjoy a well deserved retirement from this responsibility.



Taking up the reigns for the next year is **Dee Austin**. With this change of leadership comes a change in teaching material, hall layout and programme structure.

The teaching material is produced by Scripture Union: **Bubbles (parent led)** for under 4's, **Splash** for 4-7s and **Xstream** for 8-11.

From **Sunday 5 February** the Lower Hall will be laid out so that all groups can meet in the same space and learn together. The programme, after the children's address, will include a **gathering time** (songs and brief explanation), **group work** (looking at the lesson more closely) and possibly a **craft activity**.



The SICR Sunday School Team look forward to welcoming your children to their Sunday activities. If you have any questions please contact Dee: delast@hotmail.co.uk

The Beatitudes Word Search

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T	O	D	O	Y	R	G	P	R	E	E	O	A	F	L
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