

Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 26th February 2023

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

February Mission Offering

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

From the website we read, 'More than 20,000 families in Zambia are orphaned. Families with children under 18 as heads of household. For a long time, grandparents took care of these children when their parents died of AIDS. But if they also die, many orphans are on their own.'



in the Lower Hall
for soup, tea, coffee
and chat

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Lianne Buitendijk, Gifty Dziworshie, Licia Knoester, Elsbeth Lara and Nyomi Cairo on their birthdays this week.

Coming up Messy Church

'Looking towards Easter'
Saturday 18 March
10.30am to 12noon
Lower Hall



An event for all the family including lunch.
NEEDED - Non returnable dominoes

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

Daily Devotional Readings

Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3pm.



All welcome to enjoy tea, coffee and a chat. Soup also available at €2

House Groups/Bible Studies

Lent Studies: The Third Day

In the Manse Mondays at 7.30pm
Schiedamse Vest 121, 3012BH Rotterdam
Contact: Rev. Graham (contact details on last page)

Drechtsteden House Group:

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7.30pm

W.P. Speelmanstraat 14 3333BW Zwijndrecht
Contact: Mikayla Souman (details below)

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

Contact Frieda Enow 06 85297922

LFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)

Friday 10 March 7.30pm in the Lower Hall
Songs and Food Night
Contact Dee 0643136971

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

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Raneé Damanik

Children's Talk: Esther Abang

Bible Reader: Jean Galloway

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Live Streaming & Beamer: Ricky Lim

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Rinus Dekker and Azmi Wahab

Welcoming: Silvia Scott &

Margriet van Overbeek

Flowers: Family Everts

Counting: Raneé Damanik & Esther Abang

Door: John Essel



'Thought
for the Day'

On Facebook
and via a
WhatsApp
group.

Join by texting:
06 3059 9641



Monday 27	Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
Tuesday 28	Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Wednesday 1	Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14
Thursday 2	Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7
Friday 3	Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31
Saturday 4	Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10
Sunday 5	Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Sunday Text: John 3:1-17

Welcome to the Service

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

Welcome

Call to worship (congregational responses in bold)

We come to worship God, we come, bringing our stories, our lives, and our whole selves

All are welcome

We come with our faith and our doubts, with our hopes and our fears.

All are welcome

Leader: We come as we are, invited by God who will never turn us away.

All: All are welcome

MP 1008

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.
*And I will trust in You alone. (x2)
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,
and He anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
*And I will trust in You alone. (x2)
for Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

3. And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one,
for You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone...

Psalm 23 Adapted Stuart Townsend ©1996 Thankyou Music

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

MP 339

In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
we have the victory.
In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus,
demons will have to flee.
Who can tell what God can do?
Who can tell of His love for you?
In the name of Jesus, Jesus, we have the victory.

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Church Announcements

Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' 4 Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."' 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. 6 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

7 Jesus answered him, ‘It is also written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 9 ‘All this I will give you,’ he said, ‘if you will bow down and worship me.’ 10 Jesus said to him, ‘Away from me, Satan! For it is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”’ 11 Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

CH4 348

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.

Praise the One who frees the prisoners
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
curing every dread disease,
calming storms, and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

2. Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert’s burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.

3. Praise the one true love incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory. Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon: ‘The tempting offers’

The Offering and reflection Music from Netty

Dedicating the Offering

CH4 338 (vs 1, 2, 4)

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
‘Use your power’, the tempter tells him;
‘turn these barren rocks to bread!’
‘Not alone by bread’, he answers,
‘can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
Is our deepest hunger stilled!’

2. Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
‘Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!’
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
‘God, whose grace protects, preserves
we must never vainly test.’

4. When we face temptation’s power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

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Prayer for Others

MP 128

Father God, I wonder how I managed to exist
without the knowledge of Your parenthood
and Your loving care.
But now I am Your child, I am adopted in Your family,
and I can never be alone, 'cause Father God,
you're there beside me.
I will sing Your praises, (x3)
Forever more. (repeat)
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Benediction and Threefold Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

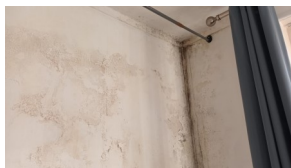
Special Announcement

Last Sunday Jim Taylor, our treasurer, on behalf of the Consistory brought to our attention two important matters.

The **first** concerns the church finances as it relates to the heating costs. The Consistory fully expected an increase as every household did. However, the size of the increase is much more than expected.

As a gauge in January 2022 the monthly heating bill for the church was €2247.69 (inc. BTW)

This year January 2023 it was €4354.83 (inc. BTW). This means we are looking at a larger end of year deficit for 2023 than expected, some €8000 based on contributions and rentals being similar to 2022.



The **second** urgent matter concerns the state of the church and manse (the minister's house) and the Muller House. Water is penetrating through the walls which is exacerbated by high winds. In the bedrooms of the manse there is black mould and plaster is falling off the walls (see pictures). As a result of a building inspection almost every external wall of our buildings needs refurbished and sealed.



Quotes have been obtained and the cost is going to be in the region of €36000-€40000. (This does not include internal repairs.) This work needs done sooner rather than later.

The Consistory is looking into external funding, but the work can also be financed from our own resources, but this will leave the finances seriously depleted which we hope will be replenished through future successful applications for financial support. So please, for the sake of your church, would you consider giving very generously towards this work? Some of us can give more than others, but we really need your support at this time.

SICR Sunday School



*Today the SICR Sunday School children will be learning
about Jesus as the Good Shepherd and how we should listen for his voice.*

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

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