

Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 12th March 2023

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

Today's Preacher

We welcome back Rev. Joy Van Staaldhuizen a deacon in the United Methodist Church. Pray for her as she leads our church in worship.



Friday OPEN Afternoons

Fridays 12 to 3pm.

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

March Mission Offering

This month we support the work of 'Training Pastors for Rwanda.'

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Colette Bilo, Maxine Fleming and Jeremiah Ogbomo on their birthdays this week.



Coming up Messy Church

'Looking towards Easter'

Saturday 18 March 10.30am to 12noon in Lower Hall

An event for all the family including lunch.

House Groups/Bible Studies

Lent Studies: The Third Day

In the Manse Mondays at 7.30pm

Schiedamse Vest 121, 3012BH Rotterdam

Contact 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 6-9pm worship, prayer & Bible study

Contact Frieda Enow 06 85297922

UFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)

Watch out for the next meeting

Contact Dee 0643136971

If you are interested in house groups email Marten & Mikayla our Fellowship Coordinators

AGM CHANGE OF DATE

The **Annual General Meeting** will **NOW** take place on **Sunday 2 April** in the Lower Hall following a shorter morning service. Various groups will be asked to submit written reports in due course. Please make time for this important meeting of your church.

Easter Breakfast Sunday 9 April

Meeting at 9am. Look out for further information.

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

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Joy Van Staaldhuizen

Prayer: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku

Children's Talk: Mikayla Souman

Bible reader: Azmi Wahab

Music: Jan-Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Live Streaming & Beamer: Anthony Evovo

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Dennis and Julisca Acquaye

Welcome; James Essel & Jimmy van Putten

Flowers: Family Sebastian

Counting: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku and

Mavis Fleming

Welcome: Dennis and Julisca Acquaye

Door: Jim Taylor

Monday 13	Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13
Tuesday 14	Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
Wednesday 15	Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39
Thursday 16	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32
Friday 17	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9
Saturday 18	Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9
Sunday 19	1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14 Sundays sermon text: Romans 5:1-11



'Thought
for the Day'

On Face-
book
and via a
WhatsApp
group.
Join by texting:



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)

Come let us gather

In the presence of God and one another

Come let us gather

And worship God our maker

Come let us gather

We open our hearts to God.

(based on Psalm 95)

CH4 459

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.
Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

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 787

Yesterday, today, for ever, Jesus is the same;
all may change, but Jesus never,
glory to His name!
Glory to His name! (X2)
All may change, but Jesus never,
glory to His name!
Albert B Simpson (1843-1919)

Church Announcements

Reading: John 4:5-28a

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. 7 A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 9 The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" 13 Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." 27 Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" 28 Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city.

CH4 641

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness, and all these things
shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door
shall be opened up to you, Allelu, Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

3. You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from
the mouth of the Lord; Allelu, Alleluia!
Alleluia! ...

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Reading: John 4:28b-42

28b She said to the people, 29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him. 31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 35 Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. 37 For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word. 42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

CH4 561

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour, all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, ...
Frances Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

Sermon: 'A conversation by a well'

**The Offering and reflection
Music from Jan-Hendrik**

Dedicating the Offering and Prayer for Others

CH4 396 (vs 1, 4, 5)

**1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Benediction and Threefold Amen

Please remain standing as the Bible is carried out.

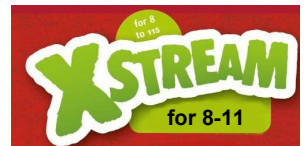
**AFTER
SERVICE
FELLOWSHIP**

in the Lower Hall for tea, coffee and chat

The International Presbytery of the Church of Scotland

The **International Presbytery** is meeting this weekend in Brussels. It will be attending by Graham, Molly, Irene, Ruud and Dee. Over the weekend the various committees meet to finalise reports for Presentation to the whole Presbytery. These reports form the basis for discussion, debate and finally decisions are reached. Please pray for your Presbytery during this time.

SICR Sunday School



The **Sunday School Children** are taking a look at Psalm 20 and being encouraged to remember to ask God for help. In the adults Bible reading we discover God, in Jesus, asking a woman for help because he was thirsty. The woman also discovers through a conversation by the well the water of life who is Jesus!

The SICR Sunday School Team look forward to welcoming your children to their Sunday activities.

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