



Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

Sunday 19th March 2023

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

All Covid restrictions are now removed

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.

Easter Breakfast Sunday 9 April

It is plan to have an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning at 9pm sharp. Could you email gaustin@churchofscotland.org.uk if you plan to attend for catering purposes.

Consistory Meeting

on Friday 24 March at 7.30pm

March Mission Offering

We support Hope Bible & Mission Church in assisting Tumba Community in Rwanda.

Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Jim Taylor, Daniel de Jong and Kwena Koka on their birthdays this week.



Messy Church

'Looking towards Easter'

Thanks to all who attended and helped

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

Monday 20	Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20
Tuesday 21	Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14
Wednesday 22	Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34
Thursday 23	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11
Friday 24	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19
Saturday 25	Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53
Sunday 26	Psalm 130, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Romans 8:6-11 Sunday's text: John 11:1-45



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 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

LEFN (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 (mikayla.souman@gmail.com)

Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin
Prayer: Molly Foster
Children's Talk: Graham Austin
Bible Reader: Frieda Enow
Music: Netty Dijkstra
Live Streaming & Beamer: Edwin Teisman
Sound: Stanley Murithi
Hospitality: Fred & Erna Booman
Welcoming: James Essel & Jimmy van Putten
Flowers: Family Enow
Counting: Esther Abang & Molly Foster
Door: Fred Booman



'Thought for the Day'

On Facebook and via a WhatsApp group. Join by texting: 06 3059 9641



Welcome to the Service

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

Welcome

Choir Introit: 'In a world where people walk in darkness'

Call to worship (congregational responses in bold)

In the midst of our failures,

We stand in God's grace.

In the midst of our struggles,

We boast in our hope through Christ.

In the midst of our suffering,

We hold on to the hope of Christ.

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1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me,
lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

5. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring (1792-1872)

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

Song

God is good to me (x2)
He holds my hand
He helps me stand
God is good to me

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Church Announcements

Reading: Psalm 95:1-7

- 1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.
- 3 For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- 7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Reading: Romans 5:1-11

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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1. All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres, and wars to own,
all I once thought gain I have counted loss;
spent and worthless now, compared to this.
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

2. Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours.
to possess by faith what I could not earn,
all-surpassing gift of righteousness.
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing.
you're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

3. Oh, to know the power of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings.
to become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing.
you're my all, you're the best,
you're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love You, Lord.*

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Sermon: 'At just the right time'

The Offering and reflection music by Deasy Damanik

Dedicating the Offering

Choir: 'The Lord's my Shepherd'

Prayer for Others

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1. Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious!
See the Man of Sorrows now,
from the fight returned victorious
every knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! crown him! (x2)
crowns become the Victor's brow.

2. Crown the Saviour, angels, crown him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
in the seat of power enthrone him,
while the vault of heaven rings;
Crown him! crown him! (x2)
crown the Saviour King of kings.

3. Sinners in derision crowned him,
mocked the dying Saviour's claim;
saints and angels crowd around him,
own his title, praise his name.
Crown him! crown him! (x2)
spread abroad the Victor's fame.

4. Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station
Oh what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! crown him! (x2)
King of kings, and Lord of lords!
Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

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

Presbytery Report - Brussels 2023

Last weekend, along with Molly, Irene, Ruud and Dee, the minister attended the **International Presbytery (IP)** meeting in Brussels. As always, this is my third in-person meeting, it was good to reconnect with colleagues from across Europe. In this short article I want to share with you one or two things that affect us here at the Scots International Church.

1. I have been appointed as **Interim Moderator** of Lausanne as Rev Gillean McLean retires at the end of June. This means ensuring that the Kirk Session and congregation follow all the necessary procedures to hopefully have as short a vacancy as possible. They have been allowed to call a full-time Church of Scotland minister. In the present Presbytery Plan Lausanne will eventually be linked with Geneva when their present minister retires.
2. **Joanne Evans-Boiten**, known to some of you, has been appointed as Moderator of the IP. That means in October when the Presbytery comes to Rotterdam, she will be leading our Sunday morning worship. Please pray for her in the coming year.
3. The **IP** debated about the cost to put on a Presbytery meeting and certain changes are being considered. If things remain as they are then our Presbytery dues will be affected. A final decision is deferred until October.
4. The **Property Committee of Presbytery** are aware of our building issues and can help us to obtain any necessary permissions as soon as all required quotes and forms are presented. Our own Consistory and sub-committee, the Finance and Governance team are working on this serious issue. It is important to remember that we are not a church on our own. We belong to an **International Presbytery** which in turn belongs within the wider **Church of Scotland**. Of course, we are also part of the world-wide Christian community. As we continue to move forward as a church let us pray for our sister congregations locally, and internationally, that we may seek to bring glory to God as we live as the body of Christ.

SICR Sunday School



The **Sunday School Children** are reminded to remember that God can be trusted, even when things seem hard. They will be thinking about Psalm 22:1-5 which Jesus quoted from the cross.

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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