



# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

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



## **Koningsdag Rotterdam**

*We are all Kings & Queens.*

The SICR will have an open day on Thursday 27 April (10-4pm) to mark the visit of King Willem-Alexander so no Open Afternoon on Friday.

There will be sales tables and we

are looking for home bakes.

For more details please see Rinus Dekker and Dee Austin. Volunteers needed!!

## **Something to Ponder**

'The two travellers in Luke 24 seem ... to walk away from their grief and leave the bad memories of the previous Friday. Jerusalem...was haunted with memories,...hope deferred and... where their dreams had died. Frederick Buechner asked in his classic sermon on this text, where is your "Emmaus?" We all have one.' (Scott Hoezee)

## **House Groups/Bible Studies**

**Pilgrims House Group:** resumes 24 April Mondays at 7.30pm, Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam. Contact Irene Bom on 0652576892

**Manse House Group:** Resumes Tuesday 2 May at 7.30pm at Schiedamse Vest 121, 3012BH Rotterdam Contact Graham (contact details below)

**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

**LFFN (Ladies Fellowship and Fun Night)**

Look out for next meeting

Contact Dee 0643136971

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

## **Something to Celebrate**

Congratulations to Hector Lara, Wilmar Leander van Ingen, Michellyne van der Hulst and Joke Cromwell and on their birthdays.

## **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](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

## **Pray for today's Worship Team**

Preacher: Rev. Graham Austin

Prayer: Bob Hensen

Reader: Jean Galloway

Children's Talk: Esther Abang

Music: Gertine Hoefnagel,

Sofie and Malcolm Shulte

Live Streaming & Beamer: Ricky Lim

Sound: Stanley Murithi

Hospitality: Erin and Barend Bentvelsen-MacDonald

Welcoming: Margriet van Overbeeke & Freida Enow

Flowers: Azmi Wahab & Rinus Dekker

Counting: Ruud Witte & Molly Foster

Door: Dennis Acquaye

## **April Mission Offering**

This month we support Foundation Ma-Flo which helps children in Bali receive an education.

## **Friday OPEN Afternoons**

Fridays 12 to 3pm.

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



## **Daily Devotional Readings**

<b>Monday 24</b>	<b>Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25</b>
<b>Tuesday 25</b>	<b>Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3</b>
<b>Wednesday 26</b>	<b>Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14</b>
<b>Thursday 27</b>	<b>Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12</b>
<b>Friday 28</b>	<b>Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17</b>
<b>Saturday 29</b>	<b>Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7</b>
<b>Sunday 30</b>	<b>Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25 Sunday Reading: John 10:1-10 - Preacher Rev Irene Bom</b>



**'Thought for the Day'**

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



**Welcome to the Service**  
**We stand as the Bible is brought forward**

**Call to worship** (congregation responses in bold)

On the path of faith - **be with us O Lord.**  
When the way is unsure - **be with us O Lord.**  
As with the disciples on the Emmaus road - **be with us O Lord.**  
Jesus, stand among us - **in your risen power,**  
**let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.**

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1. "Christ the Lord is risen today!"  
All on earth and angels say;  
raise your joys and triumphs high;  
sing, ye heavens; and earth, reply.  
Love's redeeming work is done,  
fought the fight, the battle won;  
lo! Our sun's eclipse is over.  
lo! He sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.  
Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once he died our souls to save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

3. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like Him, like Him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave the skies.  
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given.  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection, thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**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 69**

*Change my heart, O God make it ever true;  
change my heart, O God, may I be like You.*

**You are the potter, I am the clay;  
mould me and make me, this is what I pray.**  
Eddie Espinosa © 1982 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

**Church Announcements**

**Song**

*'Cause I know that You're alive  
You came to fix my broken life  
And I'll sing to glorify  
Your Holy Name, Jesus Christ*

**You bought my life with the  
Blood that You shed on the cross  
When You died for the sins of men  
And You let out a cry, crucified, now alive in me**

**These hands are Yours  
Teach them to serve as You please  
And I'll reach out desperate to see  
All the greatness of God  
May my soul rest assured in You**

**I'll never be the same, No, I'll never be the same**

*'Cause I know that You're alive  
You came to fix my broken life  
And I'll sing to glorify  
Your Holy Name, Jesus Christ*

**You changed it all, You broke down the wall  
When I spoke and confessed  
In You I'm blessed, now, I walk in the light  
In victorious sight of You**

**I'll never be the same, No, I'll never be the same**

*'Cause I know that You're alive  
You came to fix my broken life  
And I'll sing to glorify  
Your Holy Name, Jesus Christ As we seek*

*Your fire fall down, Your fire fall down  
On us we pray*

*As we seek  
Your fire fall down, Your fire fall down  
On us we pray*

*Cause I know that You're alive  
You came to fix my broken life  
And I'll sing to glorify  
Your Holy Name, Jesus Christ  
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## Luke 24:13-35

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him. 17 He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' 19 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.' 25 He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. 28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 29 But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?' 33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

## Sermon

As we receive the offering we reflect and listen Gertine

## Dedication of Offering

### Song

1. God sent His son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove  
My saviour lives

*And because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know he holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives*

2. And then one day I'll cross the river  
And I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns

*And because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know he holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives (He lives)*

Hallelujah  
He lives  
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## Prayer for Others

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art! how great thou art! (x2)*

2. When through the woods  
and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art! how great thou art! (x2)*

3. And when I think that God his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die I scarce can take it in.  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art! how great thou art! (x2)*

4. When Christ shall come  
with shout of acclamation  
and take me home what joy shall fill my heart!  
then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art! how great thou art! (x2)*  
Russian Hymn translated Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

**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

## Scots International Church

# CHURCH CLEANING DAY

All sorts of  
jobs to  
do!

Lunch is  
provided

**Saturday 20 May 2023**



to volunteer

Call Church Office: 010 412 4779

Email: [info@scotsintchurch.com](mailto:info@scotsintchurch.com)

Sign up sheet: Lower Hall

There are various jobs required to be done  
around the church. See posters and sign up  
sheets for more details.

Coming soon  
'Heilige Huisje'  
Rotterdam 2023!



**Heilige Huisjes** is an initiative that enables  
churches to open their doors to the general  
public as places of interest to visit around the  
city of Rotterdam. The SICR is  
supporting this event and the church will be  
open on **Saturday 10 June from 10-4pm.**

In the first week of May, a new website for this  
event will go live with a program of events  
around the city. There will be  
updates in the Order of Service and the Bulletin.  
So Save the Date.

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