

# Welcome to the Scots International Church Rotterdam

A congregation of the Church of Scotland International Presbytery

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**May your time here be a blessing from God**

**Today** we welcome to the **SICR** Sia van den Bremt. Sia is an elder in St Andrew's Brussels and a reader in training. Please pray for her as she prepares to bring God's word to us.



**'Heilige Huisjes'  
Rotterdam 2023!**

Thanks to all who added to the day's success. Especially Christine who worked so hard behind the scenes.

## Coming Soon

### **Celebrating our Sunday School.**

On **Sunday 25 June** there will be a family service to celebrate the Sunday School and acknowledge their work over the last session. **Sunday 2 July** there will be an end of session party after the children's talk. Food and drinks will be provided along with games and fun.

## Pray for today's Worship Team

Preacher: Sia van den Bremt  
Prayer: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku  
Bible Reader: Bob Hensen  
Children's Talk: Sia van den Bremt  
Music: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp  
& Daniella Ferdinand  
Live Streaming & Beamer: Anthony Evovo  
Sound: Stanley Murithi  
Hospitality: Ricky & Etiana Lim  
Welcoming: Raneé Damanik & Bob Hensen  
Flowers: Flora v.d. Zwaan  
Counting: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku  
& Mavis Fleming  
Door: Peace Acquaaah

## Something to Celebrate

Congratulations to Joanne de Zanger, Violet Chidi-uma Chukwu and Kelechi Koka on their birthdays.

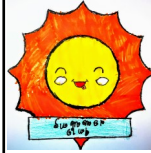


## OPEN Afternoons - Fridays 12 to 3pm.

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

## Daily Devotional Readings

<b>Monday 12</b>	<b>Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 16:1-15; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:2</b>
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	<b>Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 17:1-27; Hebrews 13:1-16</b>
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<b>Psalm 119:41-48; Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 12:1-8</b>
<b>Thursday 15</b>	<b>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6</b>
<b>Friday 16</b>	<b>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43</b>
<b>Saturday 17</b>	<b>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13</b>
<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, Exodus 19:2-8a, Romans 5:1-8 Sunday reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</b>



## Call for Summer Club volunteers!

Summer Club for the children will run on Sundays from 9 July - 20 August, with activities and games outside in the playground or in the lower hall during the service. Volunteers are needed to help out, as the number of children can vary each week. If you are able to help for one or more weeks, or would be able to lead activities (particularly in July) contact Rebecca Taylor at 0627012456 or [joyrebs@gmail.com](mailto:joyrebs@gmail.com)

## House Groups/Bible Studies

All the groups are open for new people or those who come every now and then

**Pilgrims House Group: Monday 19 June at 7.30pm** Bergpolderstraat 53A, 3038KB Rotterdam. Contact Irene Bom on 0652576892

**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)**

Next meeting **Friday 16 June 7pm.**

Contact Dee 0643136971

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



**'Thought for the Day'**

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



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

## Welcome

### Call to worship

Musical Introit: Berceuse by Gabriel Fauré

#### CH4 547

1. What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven (1819-1886)

## Prayer and Lord's 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

#### 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!...

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## Church Announcements

### Reading: Luke 12:22-34

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? 27 "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!"

29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

#### CH4 509

1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his voice is sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

2. As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"

5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Saviour, may us hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

#### Sermon: 'Let go and let God'

##### You are invited to say this prayer together

Dear God, In this moment, I let go of all thoughts  
and concerns. When I let go, I am able to receive.  
When I hang onto tight control,  
when I close off my heart and my spirit,  
I cannot receive your blessings for me.  
Letting go in this moment, may I receive  
your loving presence around me and within me.  
Help me to let go when I am feeling overwhelmed,

so that I may receive your peace.  
Help me to let go when I feel fear so that in fear's  
place I may receive love and courage.  
I let go and trust you. I will not fall.  
You will catch me. Help me not to struggle  
but to surrender my struggle to you.  
I gladly receive this gift of letting go  
and letting you lead me and guide me.  
Amen

Church offering and reflection as we listen to Jan-Hendrik  
and Daniella Ferdinand J.S. Bach, 2 parts from cello sonata BWV 1028

#### Dedicating the Offering

##### CH4 55 (vs 1, 2, 5)

1. Safe in the shadow of the Lord  
beneath His hand and power,  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
my fortress and my tower.

2. My hope is set on God alone  
though Satan spreads his snare,  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,  
to keep me in His care.

5. Strong in the everlasting name,  
and in my Father's care.  
I trust in Him, I trust in Him  
who hears and answers prayer.

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#### Prayer for Others

##### CH4 737

1. Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?  
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

2. Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?  
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

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3. Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,  
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?  
On the rising tide you can never fail,  
while your anchor holds within the veil.  
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

4. Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
the city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,  
when life's storms are past for evermore?  
*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*  
Priscilla Jane Owens (1829-1907)

**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**

### **June's Mission Offering**

For June we turn our attention to a project of the PKN (Protestantse Kerk Nederland) Kerk in Actie program: the '**Pastoral and Practical help for Migrants in East-Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia**' You are invited, if able, to give once during the month to the mission project. Thank you for your support.

## **Jesus In The Synagogue**

This week the **SICR Sunday School** children are learning about how the Bible is all connected. At the centre of God's big story is Jesus. The Old Testament says to look forward to God's promised Saviour and the New Testament tells us that he is here. They will be looking at Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:16-30

Find the words listed below...

poor, prophet, Galilee, power, news, good, Sabbath, scroll, prisoners, today, Spirit, synagogue, freedom, taught, anointed, scripture, proclaim, sight, preach, blind.

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Please write down your favourite Christian hymn/song, old or modern, English or in your native language then tear off and place your suggestion in the offering plate or hand it to the minister after the service. Many hymns have various tune settings so select your favourite. Your chance to choose a hymn/song will be available for all of June.

My hymns choice is.....

To the tune (if known).....Hymn book (if known).....

Your name (in case more information is needed).....