

ICS News and Prayer Update

May 2024



This month, please pray:

- 8 **Holy Trinity Cannes** are delighted to welcome new chaplain Andy Brewerton and his wife Amanda, after a long vacancy. Please pray that they will adjust quickly to life in France and to this new area of ministry. Andy will be licenced as our new chaplain on 2 June.
Today, we hold the **ICS 200th anniversary celebration event in Northern Ireland at Hillsborough Parish Church**. Please pray for a good turn-out as we close out our 200th anniversary year.
- 9 **Holy Trinity Utrecht** is participating in the global prayer movement *Thy Kingdom Come* (9-19). Please pray for each of us as we commit ourselves to praying for five individuals to come to know Jesus.
- 13 **St Peter's Chantilly** chaplaincy council meet for the first time following the AGM.
- 14 **Holy Trinity Cannes** hold a retreat on the monastic island of St Honorat, just off the coast of Cannes (until 17). This is led by Pastor Sylvia Epifanic and several members of our congregation will participate. Please pray that they will be refreshed by the retreat, which has the theme 'Repair, renew, recreate'.
St Mark's Versailles Zoom interview is held to find their next Chaplain, with in-person interviews scheduled later this month (24) - please pray!
- 23 **Holy Trinity Brussels** hold their Annual Meeting: please pray for elections of churchwardens, council members and to a vacancy on the Archdeaconry Synod.
- 26 **Christ Church Heiloo** hold their AGM, please pray for the right people to take on roles in the church.
- 30 **ICS Zoom prayer meeting** please join us from 10am (UK time). [Sign up online](#) or phone the office.

Vacancies

Please request a recruitment pack for the following vacancy from ajspaanderman@ics-uk.org

Holy Trinity Brussels is looking for a Senior Chaplain and Chancellor.

This large multi-cultural, multi-lingual church in the centre of Brussels is looking for an enthusiastic and collaborative Priest able to lead and inspire a gifted clergy team and dedicated competent lay leaders. Deep spirituality and learning, enthusiasm to lead a community drawn from different backgrounds, traditions and views, and a welcoming attitude to children and young people are essential.

Closing date for applications: 8 May / Interview: 8 June in Brussels

ICS AGM

Please join us at the **ICS AGM on Thursday 20 June (11am-1pm)** at the Telegraph Hotel in Coventry. A time to catch up on the mission and ministry of ICS, and with each other. Our speaker is The Revd Guy Diakiese from the Anglican Church in Liège. **Sign up on our website, or phone +44 (0) 24 7646 3940.**

ICS Family



We are delighted to announce the appointment of The Revd Ben Evans as the new chaplain of St Peter's Chantilly. Ben moves from St Michael's Paris where he is the Associate. Please pray for the safe arrival of Elise, Ben and Elya as they move into the chaplain's accommodation on 11 May, and for Ben as he starts his ministry in Chantilly on 26 May.

Sadly, Miss Cynthia Brown has died at the age of 100 in Weston-Super-Mare. She was an ICS Life Member and for many years coordinated the selling of used stamps for ICS. This started in the 1960s when she would wet the stamps that would arrive in the office, peel them off and spread them over a sheet of cardboard to dry them out - a real labour of love! In 2003 she retired from this role and handed the reins over to Mrs Sylvia Leyton who continues to sell used stamps for ICS to this day. We give thanks for Cynthia and her kindness to ICS.

ICS chaplains and families, staff and council joined together at the ICS Conference in Beatenberg in Switzerland (15-19 April) for a good time of fellowship and rest. Please keep an eye on the next *ICS News* which will feature an article.



Please Pray/Give Thanks

Corresponding ICS prayer diary dates can be found in the margin.

- 2 St Mary's Rotterdam:** Please pray as we undertake a HUGE volunteer placement push: the right people in the right roles, in the power of Christ!
- 3 St John and St Philip in The Hague** are pleased that their Lay Reader, Katherine Fortier, has been approved and selected for ordination training to begin in August. Please pray with us for Katherine as she begins the significant transitions from her former responsibilities and roles to her new phase of ministerial training.
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- 5 All Saints Amersfoort:** The new council and wardens were elected and appointed in April; pray for wisdom and strength as they take up their roles. Our chaplain, Grant, will be taking a three-month sabbatical after Pentecost. As he is preparing to leave, please pray that he will be able to ease into his sabbatical; for a blessed time for him and his family. The wardens, assisted by the council, will bear responsibility during his absence. Please pray that they will be able to carry the burden lightly and that everything will go well. Thank God for providing us with ministers to lead the Sunday services.
- 10 Anglican Church Freiburg:** Pray for our annual weekend-away that is scheduled for the Ascension weekend. Pray also for the Pentecost Service where the heart languages of the people will be celebrated. We especially remember people who live far away from their homes and who are struggling to adapt to a new language and cultural environments. We pray that we would experience a new ushering in of the Spirit Divine leading us to greater unity and closer fellowship.
- 11 St Clement's Prague:** Please pray for God to provide our newly elected council members with new insight and direction into the operations of our chaplaincy.
- 13 All Saints Vevey:** This is the time of year when new people take up new positions of leadership in church. Pray for us as we raise up leaders, develop peoples' gifts, encourage and help all God's people to use their gifts for the sake of the kingdom.
- St Peter's Château d'Oex:** We pray that the restoration of the exterior of the church proceeds well, to budget and time; that people are encouraged to come into the building despite the scaffolding. Also, for continued healing and good health for many of the congregation.
- 18 Poitou-Charentes:** The chaplaincy is in the final stages of appointing a House-for-Duty Chaplain. Please pray that all will go well on both sides of the channel, and that the interregnum will soon end. At an AGM in late April, new council members were appointed. We thank Father God for each person's willingness to serve in this role and ask that as they meet together for the first time, they will experience God's presence and guidance in the discussions and decisions. Please continue to pray for our Youth Alpha initiative, especially for Catherine and Samantha as they continue to explore the training issues required.
- 21 Holy Trinity Corfu:** On 4 May, Orthodox Easter is celebrated at midnight. A wonderful occasion when families stay up to light candles and rejoice that Christ is Risen! Jules is invited to stand with Bishop Nectarius and other clergy and dignitaries in the main square. A group of us are going to Ksamil Albania (6-8) to visit and encourage a lady who we have helped over the years and who feels part of our family. Pray this will be a blessing all round. Pray for a young lady who is to be baptised in the sea this month; may she have a real sense of The Holy Spirit and grow in the love and joy of Jesus. Pray for Violetta as she prepares a performance of spoken and choral poems for the official opening of Café Logos by Bishop Robert on 1 June. We look forward to the ICS Short-term chaplains being with us for the summer.
- 28 Christ Church Cathedral Falkland Islands:** Pray for all in the world who suffer conflict, war and oppression that there be successful and sustainable ceasefires and a return to lasting peace. We give prayerful thanks to those who came to our Islands in 1982, in the cause for justice, freedom and peace so that we might have the right to 'self-determination.' We pray for all the fishermen who undertake hard jobs in our waters to bring income to the Islands, their families, and the companies they work for, often in very difficult conditions. We pray for our children taking exams, that they realise their potential and feel ready for their next school adventures wherever they are.

The Revd Canon Greg Harris, of Bush Church Aid Society, is looking to house-sit somewhere around the Cotswolds area (12-18 August). If you can make an offer, please contact [Richard Bromley](#) at ICS.