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DAY 1 Christ Church Amsterdam (Centre, South and Southeast)

THE NETHERLANDS



David Macha and Elaine



Assistant Chaplain: Kerry Buttram and Cynthia

March: Youth As we launch ministry for older teens, pray that new friendships will develop. Pray, too, that those working with our young people will see a way forward that truly meets them where they are providing room to seek and find Christ's way.

April: Relocation The CCA South congregation will relocate to a new worship space before summer. (The location was not yet known at the time of writing.) Pray that with these changes, we will experience a renewed understanding of our mission and what it means to be a community of King Jesus in Amsterdam as we seek to welcome all.

May: Hospitality and Welcome Please pray for connection opportunities with newly arriving international workers and students as well as long-time residents. Many arrive in this city looking for friendships, we hope to meet and welcome people in the way Christ has welcomed us.

June: Growth We ask that by the working of the Holy Spirit, our roots will go down deeper into Christ; that through the Word of God, prayer and witness, the purpose of His calling for our community will manifest itself in new life and spiritual fruit.

Christ Church Heiloo



Johann van der Bijl and Louise

March: Easter is a time of outreach. Pray for the planning and effort that goes into making our children's Easter Egg Hunt and special service a spiritually uplifting time for all.

April: Our annual Men's Day (6) with speaker Andy Frost, Director of Share Jesus International, takes place. His wife Jo will address the women on Friday evening (5). Andy will also speak at the service on Sunday.

May: Ask God to help us care for one another and for local international people in Heiloo, Alkmaar and surroundings.

June: Today we hold a Women's Retreat, please pray that this time will be beneficial for all who attend. Pray also for wedding blessings later this month. Louise and Johann are away on a 10-day study of Greece and Western Turkey.

DAY 2 Amsterdam Schiphol Airport



Mark Hafkenscheld*
(Mark also serves as
Assistant at St Mary's
Rotterdam)

March: For blessed and meaningful encounters with passengers and staff who feel lost, ask for advice or are looking for guidance in their lives; may these conversations be opportunities to connect people with God.

April: Please pray for the passengers and staff who come to the Good Friday and Easter services at the Meditation Centre at airside; that being together with people from all parts of the world who share the same hope and expectation, will have a lasting impact.

May: For a lovely time together at our day-away (15) with the team of twenty-five volunteers who are our hosts in the Meditation Centre. We are very grateful for their assistance and commitment.

June: For good cooperation with the staff of various departments and airlines at the airport, in order to provide the best possible support to passengers who have to travel due to sad personal circumstances.

St Mary's Rotterdam



Jenni Pridmore and Jason
(Evanne and Esther Hope)

These months, please pray for safety of those involved in the repair and restoration work of our building, and for continued growth and obedient use of our Capital Campaign funds.

March: Prayers as our Lenten series draws to a close, that our understanding of 'Sacred Rest' would be enhanced. Please pray for those preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday.

April: Prayers for the new staff and volunteers at the Rotterdam Mission to Seafarers, that they would be kept safe and find the work fulfilling.

May: Prayers for our 'Serve the City' participation on Ascension Day, and the continued outreach to our neighbourhood. May the churches in our community work together to be a light.

June: Prayers for our teachers and children as we conclude our Kids' Ministry curriculum year; we hope the end-of-year/beginning of summer BBQ is super fun for everyone!

DAY 3 St John and St Philip's The Hague

March: We give thanks for all the fun and growing friendships we enjoyed at the Junior Church and Youth Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. We love their contribution to our worship and the liveliness they bring to our social time after the services! We pray God will continue to bless our kids and enrich their faith.



Michael Roden
and Janet van der Linden



Assistant: Chris Nicholls
and Johannette



Curate: Jonathan Halliwell

April: We pray for our Curate, Jonathan Halliwell, in his ministry among us. He is an able preacher and very fine singer and musician, and we thank God for his many gifts and the gentle graciousness with which he shares them.

May: We pray for those in our congregation for whom age and illness limit their mobility and their ability to join us in person for worship. We pray that God keeps us constant in our prayers for them, eases their pain and loneliness, and helps us visit them regularly.

June: We pray for all those who work for peace and justice in our city, especially those from our own congregation. We pray for the victims of war, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

St James Voorschoten



Matt Thijs, Lizelle and Ezra

March: We give thanks for the services taking place at Easter and thank all those involved in preparing and leading them on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday sunrise on the dunes, and the Easter Sunday family celebration.

April: Pray for our partners working in the mission field: International students in the Hague and Leiden, in Romania amongst Ukrainian refugees, in The Netherlands teaching at Tyndale Theological Seminary and Frontiers preparing mission workers.

May: We give thanks for the many ministry teams dedicated to St James: Matt and Lizelle leading our church family, youth and children's workers, youth band, safeguarding officer, music group, churchwardens, prayer ministry, welcome and coffee team.

June: Pray for the weekend away, a great time of getting to know one another, hearing God's word, worshipping, eating, and having fun together. May the church family grow together this year.

DAY 4 Holy Trinity Church Utrecht



Ruan Crew, Lisette, Hannah-Joy,
Emily and Tim

March: Give thanks with us to God for His faithfulness: despite the challenging economy and high fuel bills, giving rose significantly last year and we ended up even better than budgeted. Encouraged by this, please pray with us for even higher income so that we can expand our ministry further.

April: Following Holy Week and Easter, our attention now turns to the annual meeting (14). We give thanks for God's goodness to us in the last twelve months. Please pray for the men and women He is calling to serve in leadership, that they will hear His voice and know His empowering.

May: Many people join us every Sunday – long-term members and newcomers alike. There are so many that we can't fit them in the building! Pray for those tasked with finding creative new solutions to this 'blessing of abundance'.

June: Our youth programme has seen a remarkable revival in the last year, both in terms of members and leaders. Pray for Nathan and the team as they deliver the programme and help our teenagers grow in faith in this challenging world.

Anglican Church Zwolle

March: Pray for our special Choral Evensong (17) when our 'scratch choir' will be leading, that many newcomers will attend and be drawn into our church fellowship.

April: Please pray for those members of our congregation who are suffering from old age and illness. The congregation has a very caring ethos, but we are very dispersed and contact between services can be limited.

May: Our leadership team contains a healthy balance of older and younger people. Pray for us as we share responsibilities whilst juggling busy lives and commitments between the Sundays.

June: As the summer break approaches, we give thanks for the blessings of this last year and pray for God's leading and provision in the year to come.

Grace Anglican Church Groningen



Sam Van Leer (*Coretta, Francisca, Nicolas, Stephanie*)
Archdeacon NW Europe,
Chaplain of Grace Anglican
Church Groningen

March: Please pray for a fruitful local annual meeting for Grace Church Groningen and our resumed Spiritual Disciplines course, that it will continue to stimulate growth in faith, relationship and service, in and for Christ.

April: Pray for our newly elected local leadership team in Groningen, for inspiration and giftings, to build up our church. Also pray for sound and successful recruitment processes for chaplains for several wonderful Belgian chaplaincies in interregnum.

May: On this day, the Netherlands commemorates those lost in war. So let us also pray for an end to all conflict and brutality, as well as better care for victims and the bereaved.

June: This time of year, please pray for students taking exams, completing research projects, preparing for graduations and for moving on. May they be blessed with courage and clarity for the way the Lord is calling them.

DAY 5 All Saints Amersfoort



Grant Crowe*, Jolanda, Callum and Thirza

March: We give thanks for our new church building and ask for a blessed move and time in the new building. We pray for those who were confirmed and baptised on Sunday, thankful that they have given their lives to Christ.

April: For the Marriage course that runs during March and April. We pray for people who are participating, that the course will help strengthen their relationships. For the AGM (14), that the right people will be elected to the right positions.

May: We pray for YETI (Youth Equipping Teaching Instructing) and ask the Lord for teachers who may contribute to the edifying of the church. For Grant's sabbatical, that it may be fruitful and give rest and energy.

June: For Ascension Church Hilversum – a church plant that All Saints is supporting – for outreach in the Amersfoort and Hilversum area; that more people may get to know Jesus and that we will all be ready to meet Him when He returns.

Arnhem and Nijmegen



Chaplain: vacant



Assistant: Dorienke de Vries

March: For The Revd Wim Kuiper as he wraps up his time with us as locum priest. For the ecumenical celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.

April: For our young adults' group, that this group may nurture faith and friendships.

May: For our AGM (26), and for our wardens who are both stepping down; we pray for new people to step in.

June: For the monthly midweek service, and for our musicians.

DAY 6 The English Church Ostend-Bruges-Knokke-Kortrijk

BELGIUM



Please pray for Augustine as he leads these churches in Belgium, for outreach to non-believers and spiritual growth.

Augustine Nwaekwe, (Uchechi Ozioma, Karen, Charlotte, Sorocho and Ogenna Ilona)

DAY 7 Holy Trinity, Brussels



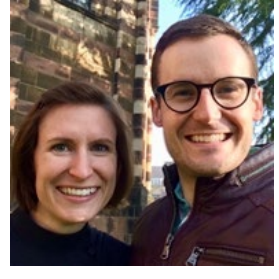
Associate: John Wilkinson *and* Susie



President of the Central Committee & Associate Chaplain: Jack McDonald



Assistant: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa (*and* Marie-Léonille)



Assistant: Annie Bolger *and* Jacob Quick

March: For the candidates from Holy Trinity and from other churches in the Archdeaconry who will be confirmed (23) by Bishop Robert. Continue to pray for the next stage of our recruitment process, may our ears and those who will apply, be open to God's calling.

April: For children's and youth work at Holy Trinity, for Philip who coordinates it, for leaders and helpers; that the children and young people will grow in their love for God. For our recruitment process, may our ears and those who will apply, be open to God's calling.

May: For our church weekend away at *Le Monastère Saint-Remacle* in Wavreumont (24-26); for our growing together in faith as a community. For our recruitment process, may our ears and those who will apply, be open to God's calling.

June: For interviews for the Senior Chaplain's post which we hope will take place this month. For those who will be interviewed and those who are interviewing, that God would guide everyone to make wise and godly decisions.

Diocese in Europe



Bishop's Chaplain: Alan Strange*

March: With Bishop David's retirement, Bishop Robert is our one permanent Bishop. Give thanks for all those who serve as Honorary Assistant Bishops, making this unusual time manageable. Please pray for all who are responsible for managing workloads: admin staff, Archdeacons, Area Deans – nearly everyone will be taking on extra roles.

April: Bishop Robert visits the Eastern Archdeaconry and that of Italy and Malta, as well as the ICS conference (15-19). Pray for him to have energy for travelling, and a spirit alert to what the Holy Spirit is saying to and through these churches.

May: The Area Deans gather to think through how best to use their opportunities creatively. Ruan Crew, of Holy Trinity Utrecht, has been instrumental in the planning.

June: A busy pre-summer month: Diocesan Synod in Germany at the start, and ordinations at the end. I am much involved in both; pray for the gift to pay attention to the many stories, some of joy and some of woe.

DAY 8 St Martha and St Mary's Anglican Church Leuven



Curate: Sarah-Jane King, Rutger, Bram and Max

March: Pray for our Lenten Retreat this weekend, and for our homegroups who in this season are reading through Mark's Gospel and Selina Stone's book *Tarry Awhile*. Pray that we would grow in the discipline of waiting on and with God, as we journey with Jesus towards the Cross.

April: As we prepare for our annual chaplaincy meeting, pray for our churchwardens, treasurer, and council, that we would discern where God has been at work this past year and give thanks. That in the year ahead, we would be open, audacious, and obedient to God's vision for his church.

May: Please pray for the new believers in our church, those exploring faith and those whose faith is solid and sound. Ask that we would all be filled with the joy of the Spirit of Jesus and know His transformative love.

June: Many of our university-based members are taking (or giving) exams this month, or writing (or marking) papers. Pray for confidence, focus, and trust in the knowledge that God's hand is at work in their lives, now and in the future.

St Paul's Tervuren



Dominic Newstead, Annie, Jonny, Timothy, Naomi and Abigail



Assistant Ministers: Isaac Ampong and Moriah de Lige

March: We are running a central Lent group so that all the homegroups can come together, and people who are not in a group can join in as well. Please pray for personal growth through spending time with one another and that more people will join a homegroup as a result of the course.

April: After six years of dedicated service in many different ways, one of our churchwardens' steps down at the annual meeting. Please pray for the new warden to be elected that s/he will quickly get up to speed with all the different responsibilities and that good working relationships are established.

May: Our Vacation Bible School takes place in August, but we encourage team members to sign-up early. Please pray for a real willingness of people to be involved in this crucial outreach to families and children.

June: *Moorselfest* is a weekend of celebrations and activities in the village where we meet every Sunday. It is the first time we get involved in this, please pray that our visibility and outreach will draw new people to the church and to faith.

DAY 9 Anglican Church of Liège



Guy Diakiese*
(and Amelia)

March: This Lent, we focus on the training of new Sunday school teachers (starting tomorrow) and the learning of spiritual disciplines. Pray for church growth in these areas.

April: This Easter Season, pray as we seek to grow our ministry through the work of evangelism in Liège and beyond. Our AGM takes place later this month (21), please pray for new people to take up roles and for more involvement.

May: We plan to revamp our worship by recruiting a pianist or worship leader, pray that we may find the right person and the financial means for this project. A Bring & Share lunch will take place (2 June), an opportunity to welcome newcomers.

June: Our Church Fabric is preparing next year's budget that is to be submitted to the municipality of Liège for approval, we pray for divine wisdom and guidance.

DAY 10 Anglican Church Freiburg

GERMANY



Vinod Victor* Molly Catherine, Dorothy and Gigi

March: Pray that the Lenten Season and Easter services would bring in a new vigour to the chaplaincy. Lenten bible studies are being held aimed at the student community in Freiburg, pray that we will be able to touch lives.

April: Pray for the chaplaincy leadership team, that God will guide them to find meaningful ways to ensure the growth of the church and a spiritually nurturing of our church members. May we find ways to be more inviting and welcoming.

May: Pray for our church weekend away, that it would be a significant retreat both for individuals and for families. That we can find more meaningful ways to minister to families, and to people who need support and care.

June: Pray for the ministry among singles, people who live alone either by choice or by circumstance, that we are able to provide a safe space for them to meet and rejoice in each other's company and to find ways of catering to their spiritual needs.

Leipzig English Church

March: For our AGM to be marked by thankfulness and unity in our plans for the coming year. That our Lent course would encourage us to read our bibles more. For our evangelism in seeker courses, and this Easter to lead to people turning to Jesus.

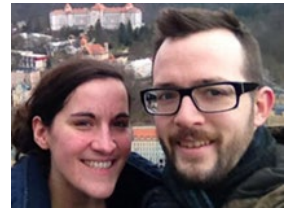
April: Give thanks to the Lord for gathering us from over forty nations each week at LEC. Pray for a marriage morning to help couples love one another and serve the Lord together. Please pray for our children's ministry; for new leaders, and our young people to love Jesus.



Jon Haines*, Gabrielle, Octavian, Lysander, Averett



German Language Minister:
Klaus Hickel, Judith, Oliver, Lukas, Max



Pastoral Assistant:
Larry Norman and Sinead

May: Please pray that we are encouraged as we think about ‘the Glory of God’ at our weekend away and that the time away would lead to new and deepened friendships. Pray for the Lord to provide the finances we need.

June: Please pray as many of us go to the *Evangelium21* conference that is held in German. Pray for our gospel outreach as Leipzig hosts Euro ‘24 matches. Pray for the Lord to provide workers for the harvest in Germany.

DAY 11 Frauenkirche Dresden



Ricky Yates*

March: Give thanks for Bishop Robert’s visit in December when he was the preacher at our Service of Lessons & Carols. Give thanks too that congregational attendance seems to be returning to pre-COVID numbers at our monthly Sunday Evening Prayer service in the Hauptraum of the Frauenkirche.

April: Please pray for our second regular monthly service, held in the Unterkirche of the Frauenkirche, which in 2024, will take place consistently on the first Thursday evening of each month.

May: Our Sunday evening service falls on Trinity Sunday (26). May we ‘acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty, worship the Unity’.

June: Please pray for James Milwain, an Anglican priest resident in Dresden, who is in the final stages of obtaining the Bishop’s Permission to Officiate and who should be our preacher at this Sunday’s evening service.

St Clement’s Prague

CZECH REPUBLIC



Nathaniel Nathaniel*, Aditi, Andriel and Naysa



Assistant Brno: Lea Williams, Petra, Olivia and Ted

March: Please pray for our Holy Week and Easter services, that many will encounter Jesus in this Easter Season.

April: Please give thanks for our church council; for their time, talents, and contributions towards the ministry of St Clement's. Please pray for the annual church council meeting (21), that it will be refreshing and fruitful.

May: Please pray for our ministry among children and young adults, that God would guide and give wisdom to all the leaders.

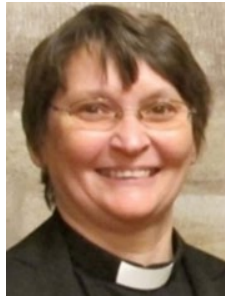
June: We give thanks for all the visitors and pray that they may feel welcome at St Clement's: that God enables us to share the gospel through words and deeds.

DAY 12 Anglican Church Basel

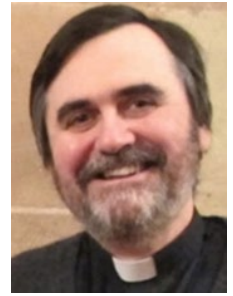
SWITZERLAND



Caroline Throup and Ian Chippendale



Assistant: Anne Lowen (and John)



Assistant: Russell Hilliard (and Vreni)

March: Pray for everyone participating in our Lent groups to deepen faith and build community together. Pray also for our Holy Week and Easter services, especially for the new Easter Dawn Service being introduced this year in a spectacular location above the river Rhine, and the outreach opportunities it offers.

April: Give thanks for the new individuals and families who have joined us in recent months. Pray that they will settle well into the church family and that everyone is able to make use of their God-given gifts for ministry within and outside of ACB.

May: There are school holidays in the *Dreiländereck* countries (Switzerland, Germany, France) where our church family live. Pray for our children and young people to continue to grow in faith and pray for our ministry teams who nurture that faith.

June: Pray for our congregations as the summer season begins and more people come and go. Pray also for our small groups and their leaders, and for opportunities this summer to invite people to join our autumn Alpha course.

DAY 13 All Saints Vevey



Mark Fletcher and Angela (Mae and Nina)

March: Alpha starts this month, pray for God to be at work, leading the right people to join us. Pray for wisdom and joy for the leaders, and for all the preparations and practicalities that come with running Alpha. That the evenings might be warm and welcoming, that people make new friendships and be open to the relationship with God which is the goal.

April: Making and maturing disciples among young people is one of our highest priorities. Pray for our youth worker, Calen Gayle, and the amazing team of volunteers, led by Clare Camoeira.

Pray especially this month for our Holiday Bible Club for younger children, and for Project Compassion where young people from across local churches join together for a mission project.

May: This is the time of year when new people take up positions of leadership in the church. Pray for us as we raise up leaders and develop people's gifts, encouraging and helping all God's people to use their gifts for the sake of the kingdom.

June: Little Arrows is our 'stay and play' drop-in for parents and toddlers led by Jo Longson. It is a welcoming and caring place where young families, often newly arrived in Switzerland, find friendship and community and it serves as a gentle way for families to find their way into church. Pray for good fruit from this ministry.

St Peter's Château d'Oex

March: For the AGM preparations and the revision of the Electoral Roll, that all proposals and elections help represent Christ in the area. During the Easter holidays we welcome more visitors and second homeowners, may the services over Lent and Holy Week renew their faith. Pray also for wedding blessings (23).

April: The final preparations to restore the exterior of St Peter's are made. We pray that the works may commence in good time, in good weather. We join with the other churches in the village to host teenagers who make up 'Adonia' and who will give a musical production on a passage from the Bible.

May: The Life Group meets online weekly, pray for Tim and Elinor Barlow who lead, and for all who join in. For outreach through meetings during the week and for those in the congregation who face ill health or bereavement.

June: This Petertide, we give thanks for all who have served at the church to maintain it over the years. We ask for refreshment and a good break for our chaplain and his family. We continue to pray for effective restoration of the church where people may be drawn in despite the scaffolding.

Neuchâtel English-speaking Church

March: Give thanks for our lay leaders, pray we may find a locum to grow our church.

April: Pray for the church council as we plan the AGM.

May: Pray that we will be given a clear vision of God's plan for Neuchâtel church.

June: Pray that we may build connections with the wider community.

DAY 14 Christ Church Lille

FRANCE



Debbie Flach (and Jerome)

March: As Easter approaches, Lord, we humbly seek Your presence in our upcoming services. May Your love shine through our worship and may the message of the Resurrection fill hearts with hope. Grant wisdom to those leading and may all who attend experience the joy of Your redeeming grace.

April: We pray for our AGM and newly elected members to our PCC, seeking divine guidance, wisdom, and support as they navigate this church council year. May every discussion and decision reflect truth and may all their actions bring glory to Your name.

May: For all our small group leaders and participants, that they find fulfilment and growth in their faith journey. May their time

together be deeply meaningful, fostering connection, understanding, and spiritual development. May the shared experiences be a source of inspiration and encouragement. **June:** As the holiday season commences, our city welcomes visitors and summer school students. We extend our heartfelt prayers that Christ Church Lille becomes a source of blessing for all worshippers joining us.

Christ Church Brittany



Chaplain: vacant*

March: For the possible appointment of a new Chaplain, that they may be able to begin their ministry in the spring. For the four church centres in Brittany to be ready to actively respond to any new initiatives and to reach out to their local communities with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

April: For the new churchwardens and church council, that they may always seek the Lord's guidance as they make decisions about the future direction and development of Christ Church Brittany. For all our members to be united in their efforts to support the work of the church prayerfully and practically.

May: For all who lead worship in the four church centres, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Bible may be faithfully preached on all occasions and that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide our worship together.

June: For all who work to enable Christ Church to function effectively, especially those working quietly in the background who are often unseen but who are so important to the church like: cleaners, administrators, welcomers, sides persons, safeguarding officers, etc.

DAY 15 St Peter's Chantilly



Chaplain: vacant

March: We give thanks for the provision of The Revd Richard Clement as our locum chaplain as he leads the church through Lent and into Easter. Pray for our Easter worship, that many will find our church.

April: For our new chaplain preparing to take up the post and for the congregation who have been in a vacancy for two years.

May: For our new chaplain, that their leadership would bring St Peter's ministry into an exciting new period.

June: For our Saint Peter's Day celebration at the end of the month, that we would be able to welcome those on the fringes of the church.

St Mark's Versailles/St Paul's Chevry

March: Pray for our new Chaplain Ben Johnson-Frow, his wife Teri and their children Jakob (18) and Breanna (16), as they settle into life in Versailles. For French language learning and for work to make the chaplaincy house a real family home. For each of the family to develop deep sustaining friendships.



Ben Johnson-Frow, Teri, Jakob and Breanna

April: Pray for Ben as he continues to get to know the church and, with the people of St Marks and St Pauls, seeks the Lord's vision for future ministry. Pray particularly for new ways of developing a flourishing youth ministry.

May: Pray for the small 'daughter' congregation at St Paul's in Gif and for Ben's ministry there; for encouragement as they meet weekly and for new ways of drawing local people to come and hear the gospel.

June: Pray for fresh ways to reach out to our communities with the good news of Jesus and ask the Lord's blessing on St Mark's traditional summer barbeque. Pray for the Johnson-Frow family starting their first summer in the northern hemisphere!

DAY 16 Holy Trinity Maisons-Laffitte



Charlotte Sullivan



Assistant: Vivian Sockett

March: Pray for our Holy Week and Easter services, that people who come infrequently at other times of the year might feel welcome and completely at home in our church family.

April: Pray for our new monthly hospitality initiatives, Friday night supper and Bring and Share Sunday Lunch, and for our AGM at the end of the month.

May: For the Strategy and Vision Committee as they meet to consider the findings from our questionnaire and seek God's will for the future direction of our church.

June: Ask God to bless our ministry team and all those in leadership in our church. Pray for wisdom as we look at how we can improve our youth and children's work.

St Michael's Paris

March: During Lent, Holy Week, and the Easter Season, please pray for our teaching series 'From Wilderness to Wonder', and for our small groups and young people/au pair café.



Jay Colwill and Jo



Associate: Ben Evans, Elise and Elya

April: For good relations between other English-speaking churches in Paris; for a warm entente-cordiale with our local Catholic Church, La Madeleine; for partnership in social action and social justice projects that serve the city.

May: Please pray as we discern how we might structure our ministry team to pastor, teach and evangelise our community.

June: We prepare for the Olympic Games to come to Paris as we think about 'Running a Different Race'. May we be effective in welcoming people from all nations to Paris and offering them the message of hope and new life.

DAY 17 St Marc's Grenoble



Chaplain: vacant

March: Give thanks for the provision of locums, especially during the Easter Season.

April: Pray for us during our interregnum, for the recruitment process to be led well, and for the right person to feel called to apply.

May: Give thanks for the Sunday school and youth fellowship leaders and for those attending, may the time they spend together be fruitful and joyful.

June: For spiritual growth of our congregation. For the recruitment process: the interviews, the panel, the candidates, for the process to run smoothly and for God to guide.

Trinity Church Lyon



Ben Harding, Jo
(Roman and Tobias)



Ordinand: Alison Heal



Curate: Craig Taylor, Becky, Elliot and Isaac

March: TCL is full of families from around the world, a blessing and a challenge! Please pray our whole church family will support and understand parents who are a long way from home and who face significant challenges. Pray for the council's invitation to parents, to tell us more about how we can support them.

April: We are exploring our role in Caring for Creation, with the help of our local Green Church advisor Barbara. Please pray for Barbara, the council and congregation,

that practical steps we need to take will fall into place and become part of our worship and service to our Creator God.

May: Weekday evening groups, including Persian fellowship, small group studies and whole church prayer meetings, are starting up again. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for Ben and Craig as they oversee these events, plus commitment from the congregation.

June: Please pray for Alison who will be ordained on 30 June, for curate Craig who will be priested, for former ordinand Revd Folli (now ICS Trustee) and others exploring a call to lay or ordained ministry within our fellowship. We are blessed to be a sending church!

DAY 18 Christ the Good Shepherd Poitou-Charentes



Chaplain: vacant*
Assistant: Nikky Marshall

March: A special Service of Thanksgiving for God's provision and care was held (13) as we celebrated twenty years since the Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd came into being in Poitou-Charentes.

April: Richard and Rhiannon Beech, who arrived in Poitou-Charentes in 1996 and who initiated Home Group Services in this area, are leaving to return to Swindon in Wiltshire. We thank God for their being faithful servants, and for encouraging others in their journeys of faith.

May: We welcome visitors who return to the area to enjoy the longer warmer days. We hope to take advantage of enjoying fellowship events together.

June: We look forward to the ordination of Florence Lorrain towards the end of the month. A small group of people hope to travel to Brussels to support Florence and her husband François. We pray for her as she undertakes the role of Curate.

All Saints Vendée



Hazel Door* and Martin

March: That we may all profit from the prayerful quiet times planned in Lent, to enable us to celebrate Easter together with joy-filled hearts. We hold in our thoughts and prayers those of our members who have returned to the UK either permanently or temporarily to support loved ones, may they find the peace they need to continue.

April: For those planning the Ecumenical Walk from the EPUF, Catholic and Anglican churches around several of our local communities, that we can share our love of Jesus with those outside of our own congregations. We pray for the future of our chaplaincy, that members will feel able to serve on the council and empowered to take on leadership roles.

May: We hold in our prayers those planning marriages and blessings of marriage, that the Holy Spirit may guide and support them.

June: As we begin our third season of outreach services, may we continue to share our love of Christ with those who come to worship with us.

DAY 19 Aquitaine



Tony Lomas and Ingrid

March: For our 2024 theme from Hebrews 13: 8 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever'. At this time when so many changes are ahead, we set our eyes on the greater and eternal hope which is found in our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are grateful for Richard Bromley's visit to us last month, to help us begin the process of recruiting a new Chaplain. Our Chap-Aid Trustees' meeting took place at the start of the month (1) and our online Lent study, which is underway, reflects on the theme 'Watch and Pray'.

April: We held our first wedding this year (14), giving thanks for these great outreach opportunities. Tomorrow's AGM will be held online, as we look back on the past and plan with confidence in Jesus. Our annual Women's Retreat (26-28) will be held in person at the Abbey in Echourgnac, led by Amanda Alchorn and Tina Marshall, on the theme: 'Reflect, Renew, Refresh...Be Still with the Women of Acts'.

May: Today is Pentecost, when we will gather from all corners of this vast chaplaincy for our Chaplaincy Day to celebrate and recognise Tony's retirement from ministry. A spring concert (24) is planned for Ste Catherine's church in Limeuil, bringing together talented groups of local singers and musicians, developing ties with the local community.

June: Please pray for the process of appointing a new Chaplain, and for a positive response to our profile announcement, trusting in the Lord. We welcome new members to our council meeting this month as we discuss a full agenda. For the team of volunteers providing the online worship services which continue to be a spiritual lifeline for many of our church members near and far.

Holy Trinity Cannes



Chaplain designate: Andrew Brewerton and Amanda

March: We thank God for leading us to a new chaplain! Pray for Andrew and Amanda Brewerton as they prepare to join us in early summer. Pray too for churchwardens Judith and Nadia as they undertake the challenging administrative tasks of arranging visas, work and residence permits, pensions and suchlike.

April: We are truly grateful for the locums who have served us so well during our vacancy. We are delighted to welcome back Philip Harbridge for Holy Week and Easter. Please pray that our plans to redecorate and improve the chaplain's accommodation will be guided and blessed by God.

May: May is always a special month in Cannes with events that include the Film Festival and the Monaco Grand Prix. Please pray that visitors to these events will also find their way to Holy Trinity where a warm welcome will await them!

June: As we move into an exciting new phase in the life of Holy Trinity, please pray that the congregation will be open to new things that God desires to do, in and through us.



John Chapman (Chaplain) and Deborah (Assistant Chaplain)

March: We anticipate the possibility of welcoming a Curate in the summer. Please pray that we prepare well, might not miss anything, and ensure that the whole process is seen as a spiritual exercise and not simply a management one. This is an exciting opportunity to see our ministry spread.

April: We praise God for the team we have at St George's Barcelona and Andorra, and we are blessed that The Revd Reija is part of it. She is a Finnish Lutheran Priest who has Permission to Officiate in our diocese. Pray for her as she serves while also having a busy family life.

May: The tourist season is now truly with us and a rich part of our ministry here is to visitors. Pray that the Lord enables them to be open to hear Him afresh when they are away from home. We give thanks for some lovely testimonies over the years.

June: Our own congregation begins the process of change, some leaving Barcelona completely and others heading off for a long summer break; may we know a stability and strength during this time and may God be providing the right people to join us.

English-speaking Church on Ibiza and Formentera



Adrian Green* and Linda

March: Thank God for the Creation Care group and pray for their planned walk this month. We pray for those on the Alpha and Discipleship courses running on Ibiza; for all the Holy Week events; for businesses and workers as they prepare to open for the season.

April: Thank God for the Zoom prayer group that meets to pray every evening and for their regular bible studies. Pray for our annual chaplaincy meeting with appointments of churchwardens and chaplaincy council etc. We thank God for the fellowship enjoyed at our Wednesday morning Coffee & Chat.

May: Pray for the Church of Ireland Youth Leaders' Retreat on Ibiza and our northern Spain Cluster Chaplaincy Retreat in Barcelona. Pray for the launch of our summer outreach campaigns 'Here for you' and 'Take a break' both in partnership with ICS.

June: Pray for those who come forward for the northern Spain cluster confirmations in Barcelona. We thank God and pray for those having wedding blessings on Ibiza this year. We pray especially for the united prayer meeting for Spain (8).



Jules Wilson* (*Trish, Josh, Lily*) Reader Lefkada: Jackie Dallos

March: HTC hosted the Word Day of Prayer (1) with other denominations joining us. This was a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other better, especially during the plentiful refreshments afterwards. Please pray for blessings on our fellowship.

April: Please pray for Jackie Dallos and Jan leading an online fellowship on Thursday evenings for the housebound and those who live far away from Corfu. Pray for the pastoral team who need more drivers to visit and give more frequent lifts to people.

May: We are hopeful that Café Logos can finally be officially launched, and thankful to God for the things that are already taking place in the café, and for those giving of their time to lead and serve. Pray for inspiration to invite people to spiritual events and for open hearts to accept invitations.

June: For the islanders to have a good tourist season and to be protected from illness. That visitors will find their way to HTC and be physically and spiritually refreshed in Jesus. We welcome the ICS Short-term Chaplains and pray for their ministry to be fruitful and encouraging.

DAY 22 St John the Evangelist Alsancak & St Mary Magdalene Bornova (Izmir) and St Mary's Didim

TURKEY



James Buxton*

March: Pray for our Holy Week and Easter services at St John's Church Izmir, and at St Mary Magdalene Bornova (Easter Vigil) and remember those to be baptised at St John's and those who were baptised last year, giving thanks for their growth in faith and continuing participation in our community. Pray for James joining in the ICS conference.

April: Give thanks for The Revd Michael and Jo Selman as they provide cover for St John's. Following the restoration of St Mary Magdalene, we pray for the restarted weekly service, for those who sustain evening prayer on Tuesday evenings, and for the visitors who love to visit our church. Pray for God's blessing on the Seven Churches pilgrimage (13-20 May) organised and led by James, as final plans are made.

May: We pray for the churchwardens and church council members at St John's Izmir and at St Mary's Didim, giving thanks for their faithfulness and care for our communities. We pray especially for the many thousands of holidaymakers coming to the region over the summer months, and for those who come to worship in our communities; that they may be inspired and encouraged in their faith.

June: We give thanks for the volunteers who keep St John's open on weekday afternoons and pray for this ministry of welcome. At this time, local people (mainly Muslim) visit who love the peace and simple beauty of our church, frequently taking away a copy of the Gospels in Turkish as they leave. We pray for the growth and flourishing of the many seeds of faith that are planted during these visits.

DAY 23

ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA



All Saints Cathedral Cairo, Egypt: Revd Jeff is caring for the English-language congregation, forty+ people from a multitude of nations. Pray for him as he supports the church and brings much needed stability.

Christ the King Tripoli, Libya: The Revd Crimson Jebakumar leads this church. Please pray for him in his ministry and for his security; that the church may flourish under his leadership.

Holy Trinity Algiers, Algeria: An excellent team looks after the ministry in the absence of a permanent Priest.

St George's Tunis, Tunisia: The team is being led by The Revd Frank Bernardi. Pray for them and for the ministry of the St Cyprian centre which is also based here.

DAY 24 St Matthew's Addis Ababa

ETHIOPIA



Martin Reakes-Williams*

March: For a good team to come together for an All-age Service on Palm Sunday, and for plans for baptisms on Easter Sunday to work out.

April: For the Lord to build St Matt's to be a community and a real family for all ages and all nations; to that end for homegroups to restart.

May: For the Lord to send or raise up the human resources we need: service leaders, musicians, technicians, homegroup leaders and hosts, and more.

June: For vision, opportunities, and people to reach out to the student community, especially English-speaking students.

Christ Church Kenilworth, Cape Town

SOUTH AFRICA



The Revd Steven Copsey will become the new Minister of Christ Church Kenilworth in Cape Town this summer. Please pray for him and his family as they make their final preparations to travel out there.

Steven Copsey*, Michaela, Kaius, Forrest, Jules and Neve



Drew Schmotzer*

March: Please pray for our Easter services, that they will be well attended and that many will meet with the Lord Jesus.

April: We pray especially for our Migrant Labour Ministry and the challenges they face.

May: That prayer, both individual and corporate, may take a more central role in the lives of the church members.

June: Join us in prayers of thanksgiving and praise for all our volunteers who quietly offer their services for the wellbeing and support of others within and outside our church.

St John's Muscat

THE SULTANATE OF OMAN



Chris Howitz*, Nicole, Joshua and Daniel

March: At our AGM earlier this month (14), we gave thanks for our first year as a new church and planned for the future. Pray for God's guidance and provision and that we would be salt and light for Him. Pray for opportunities at Eastertime to proclaim Him our Risen King.

April: Pray for our plans to hold an Alpha course, starting this month. That people would come on the course, invite friends, and there would be the encouragement of people coming to faith in Jesus, to grow in their faith and walk with Him.

May: That we be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit and His life flow through us like Living Water in the desert. Pray that we would be able to proclaim the glory and mystery of the Trinity to those who ask.

June: Pray for our summer plans: for refreshment, encouragement and re-equipping. For a stronger support network and that new intercessors would be raised up.

DAY 26 Christ Church Bangkok

THAILAND



Matthew Fitter* and Guen

March: We started a monthly Wednesday evening Evangelistic Service, working jointly with the Thai congregation, aiming to reach students and others with the gospel. The service is held in both English and Thai. Pray for Bangkokians to have a revelation of the reality of Jesus and the Easter message.

April: Pray for a powerful move of God's Holy Spirit across the nation of Thailand. Only 1% of Thailand is Christian and 99% have never heard the Good News of Jesus. Pray for a spirit of revelation that many will discover and respond to the love of Jesus.

May: There are many refugees from different nations who are part of our congregation and life is incredibly difficult for them. Pray for God's provision, protection, encouragement, and guidance on them whose lives are very hard; that they remain faithful to Jesus.

June: Pray for God's blessing and anointing on the staff team and ground staff at Christ Church. That, as a church, we will go deeper in prayer, worship, discipleship and evangelism.

DAY 27 Bush Church Aid Society

AUSTRALIA



National Director: Greg Harris*
and Karen

March: In April, BCA is supporting a theological college mission trip to Kununurra in Western Australia. Pray that those going will be inspired and challenged to continue serving Christ in remote areas of Australia, and for the parish of Kununurra as they host the team.

April: Bush Church Aid's AGM and Annual Council Meeting will be held next month (15 and 16 May), please pray for safe travels and fruitful conversations.

May: Yesterday, BCA celebrated 105 years of service. While the type of ministries has changed over the past century, BCA's mission remains unchanged – to bring Australians in rural, regional and remote Australia into a relationship with the living God.

June: Give thanks for Bush Church Aid Field Staff who work in isolated locations; please uphold them in prayer as they serve God with grace, grit and gumption sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

DAY 28 Christ Church Cathedral Stanley

FALKLAND ISLANDS



Hayley Argles- Grant*
(Robert and Hannah)

March: Pray for all of creation and especially the management of Avian Bird Flu in migratory birds and those involved in tracking the impact of this most deadly virus. For the safety and welfare of all fishermen as we begin the preliminary checks and license requests for the fishing season ahead. For the trustees and council of Christ Church Cathedral as we hold before us the outcome of our first quinquennial inspection, in finding the necessary support to continue to build for future mission and ministry here.

April: We pray for our children as they embark upon exams to do the best they can and be the best people that we know they are.

May: We pray for all those who are suffering from the effects of war and conflicts around the world. We bring to mind those who selflessly gave their lives for the Islanders' right to self-determination and for those who continue to visit our shores in remembrance.

June: We give thanks for those who fought for the Islanders rights to self-determination and the opportunities for the multicultural Falkland Islands that they made possible.



Jonny Gumbel*, Tara, Albie, Titus, Iscah, Ettie



Assistant: Ben Bryant, Martha, Jonah and Rae

March: For our Vision and Gift Sundays, for God to envision our church and provide for all we need financially. For our AGM and the election of council members full of faith, character and wisdom. For our Easter Services, for fresh revelation for our church on the meaning of the Cross and Resurrection.

April: For our Alpha course beginning this month, with guests from inside and outside the church, in English and Portuguese speaking groups, for new Christians, and a deeper understanding for existing Christians.

May: For continued arrival of young people who are passionate about Jesus, with more people serving in our worship team, engaging in the prayer life of the church, and for fifteen interns applying to next year's programme.

June: For our Baptism Sunday, with new Christians being baptised, and a celebration of everything that God has done over the first half of the year. For the right solutions for the restoration of our church building.

St Peter's Viña del Mar and St Paul's Valparaiso

CHILE



The Rt Revd Sammy Morrison*

Pray for our churches under the new leadership of Bishop Sammy Morrison, for new people to join us and to hear of the Good News of Jesus.



DAY 30 ICS Short-term Mission



St Peter's Zermatt

March: Tomorrow is Easter! In Wengen, Liz Leaver, and in Zermatt, Richard Fothergill, will be leading the celebrations of the Resurrection in our alpine churches. Please pray that they may find opportunities to speak words of new life into the lives of those they meet who do not understand the love of God for them as shown in Christ's death and resurrection.

April: This week the winter season ends in Zermatt when we hope to start the work to repair the windows in the church. Please pray that this will all happen according to plan and be ready for the start of the summer season in June.

May: The short break between the winter and summer seasons is over. Please pray for the mission in Corfu, which is already well under way, and for the Swiss mission which has just started in Wengen and begins next week in Zermatt.

June: The application process for the winter season has now concluded. Please pray that the offers made by our volunteer chaplains will enable a good team to be put in place in Switzerland from just before Christmas through to the end of April.

DAY 31 ICS Mission Director



Richard Bromley and Denise

March: The next few weeks will be all about the ICS conference (15-19 April) and ensuring everything is ready. Please pray for inspiration as Richard makes the final plans and prepares what to take. May the Spirit touch people as they prepare for and take part in this time away.

May: Richard is in Brussels for interviews next week to find their next Chaplain, then he will take a church weekend for the chaplaincy in Voorschoten. Please pray for him as he prepares what he will be saying in the sessions; may he sense the Spirit's leading.

ICS Council



The Revd Liz Dumain (*Vice Chair*), Ms Jemima Saville, Mr Calen Gayle, The Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance, Mr Roger Hoyle, The Rt Revd Richard Jackson (*Chair*), The Revd Kevin Mentzel, The Revd Folo (Folli) Olokose, Mrs Liz Skudder, Mr Graham Sopp (*Treasurer*), Mrs Ann Tyndall, The Very Revd Tim Wright, The Revd Canon Richard Bromley (*Secretary*), Mr David White (*Secretariat*)

March: Thank God for a happy team on the Council and the good fellowship we had at the residential meeting in November. Pray for vision, clarity, and grace as we help shape the ministries of ICS. The ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference takes place next month, pray for all those attending that it will be a great encouragement and a stimulus to all in their different ministries.

May: As ICS embarks on its third century of ministry, pray for wisdom for the ICS Council as we consider and support new initiatives in Gospel proclamation.

Please join us to pray for the Mission and Ministry of ICS.

We meet on Zoom on Thursday 28 March and 30 May 10am (UK time).

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