

# ICS News and Prayer Update

November 2016

## Dates in November for prayer and information

- 1 **Poitou Charentes:** Give thanks for the appointment of the Revd Adam Boulter as our Chaplain. Pray for him as he takes up his post today and for his family as they settle in a new country, a new home, a new job and new schools. Throughout November we have organised various social/fundraising events: a Dickensian concert, a quiz and on the 26<sup>th</sup>, our Christmas Fair—may they be joyful occasions that help strengthen our fellowship and draw in outsiders.
- 2 **Christ Church Heiloo:** Prayer & Praise Evening at 19.30, pray that God will gather the core of the church to pray for our ministry in North Holland.
- 4 **Holy Trinity Cannes'** Church Council meets this evening.
- 5 **Amsterdam Chaplaincy:** The council is on an away day to consider the future shape and direction of the chaplaincy. Please ask for wisdom from God's Holy Spirit.
- 5 **HT Cannes** holds an Alpha course Holy Spirit Day.
- 5 Ruan is taking a group from **St. James, Voorschoten** to the annual Open Doors Day in Utrecht. Please pray for renewed inspiration and commitment to keep praying for the persecuted church.
- 9 **Christ Church Heiloo:** Life Explored course week 5 of 7, pray for the three unconverted guests (Ramon, Jonathan and Eloise), for God to give spiritual sight and call them to believe.
- 11 Giles to attend the Armistice Commemoration at **Cannes** Town Hall.
- 12 **HT Cannes** holds a teaching morning on the Parables of Jesus. Our youth group does LaserQuest this evening.
- 15 **ICS Seasonal Mission** winter preparation day in Coventry.
- 19 **Ibiza and Formentera:** Chaplaincy away day retreat at Es Cubells.
- 20 **HT Cannes:** United Evening Service for the Anglican churches along the Riviera.
- 20 **Bruges, Ostend and Knokke:** Joint Remembrance Service in Bruges by Anglicans and Roman Catholics at Sint Niklaaskerk, Koolkerke at 10.00.
- 23 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** The AGM of St. Paul's British Primary School as we face future direction in a post-Brexit world, and reflect on the link between school and church.
- 24 Meeting of the ecumenical church ministers in **Tervuren** to plan the service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (17 January 2017).
- 24 **Aquitaine:** The informal Christmas Carolling Choir rehearsal, as we prepare to share the Christmas message by carolling at local retirement homes next month.
- 25 **ICS Council** meets for the overnight meeting in Coventry.
- 26 **St. John and St. Philip, The Hague:** For a successful Christmas Market; raising funds for our chosen causes. We thank God for the energy, talents and time people have given in putting on the market.
- 27 **Bruges, Ostend and Knokke:** Annual Advent Service at 10.00 of the Anglican and Protestant Church in Bruges to mark thirty-two years of sharing a church building.
- 27 **Christ Church Heiloo:** Advent Sunday Discovery! Service, followed by a meal. Pray that God will give church members opportunities to invite friends and neighbours to come and discover Jesus.



**Raise money for ICS**, for free by shopping online. You can support us every time you shop online at over 3,000 retailers - without spending a penny extra!

<http://give.as/charity/intercontinental-church-society/34315/135127>

**Seasonal Mission in Switzerland this winter** please pray for the chaplains ministering.

<b>Wengen</b>	<b>Zermatt</b>
<b>13-27 December:</b> Elizabeth and Eduard Bussmann	<b>13-27 December:</b> Peter and Lynne Howard
<b>27 December-10 January:</b> Chris and Nicole Howitz	<b>27 December-10 January:</b> VACANT
<b>10-24 January:</b> Roger Scoones	<b>10-24 January:</b> Richard and Josephine Fothergill
<b>24 January-7 February:</b> Kevin and Helene Billson	<b>24 January-7 February:</b> Moray and Annie Thomas
<b>7-21 February:</b> Ian and Melanie Greenhalgh	<b>7-21 February:</b> Mike and Liz Neville
<b>21 February-7 March:</b> Tim and Karen Wright	<b>21 February-7 March:</b> Fiona and Jens Schneider
<b>7-21 March:</b> John and Mary Gulland	<b>7-21 March:</b> Nigel and Sarah Knights Johnson
<b>21 March-4 April:</b> Jim and Shirley Roberts	<b>21 March-4 April:</b> Lyndon and Barbara North
	<b>4-18 April:</b> Peter and Isabelle Sutton

### Please pray/give thanks

- **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** Pray for us as we consider whether our Sunday night youth work has run its course. Also, for new people to come and be committed members following the many who have recently moved away.
- Tuesday evenings: Prayers for the 'Faith Encounters' discussion group in Eymet, **Aquitaine** as we discuss following our dreams and walking in faith.
- **BCAS** held their biennial Field Staff Conference, 10-14 October, in Queensland. Praise the Lord for safety and good health for the 150+ Field Staff, families and helpers (including 48 children aged 3 weeks to 16 years) who attended. They were blessed by the teaching, the worship and the learning streams they attended. Thank God that the kids' programme went very well due to the dedicated volunteers from various churches and organisations. We even had BCA travelling Nomads helping.

### ICS Family News

Please pray for the family of **Elisabeth Pilkington Rațiu** (1921-2016), a life member of ICS and former churchwarden of St. Peter's, Zermatt. She was married to Ion Rațiu a Romanian politician and the presidential candidate of the Christian Democratic National Peasants' Party in the 1990 elections. Since the death of her husband in 2000 Elisabeth lived in London maintaining a lively interest in the activities of the Rațiu Family Foundation, the Rațiu Center for Democracy and the World Mental Health Association in which she played an active role for so many years.

### Vacancies

Adverts are on our website: <http://ucs-uk.org/work-with-us/join-uswork-enquiry/>

**St. Peter's, Chantilly** is looking for an evangelical priest who is comfortable with a variety of church traditions, able to mentor and develop shared leadership, who encourages and nurtures gifts in others and is able to minister effectively to a geographically-spread community. For a recruitment pack please contact Jeannette on [ajspaanderman@ics-uk.org](mailto:ajspaanderman@ics-uk.org) Closing date for applications: **Monday 14 November**.

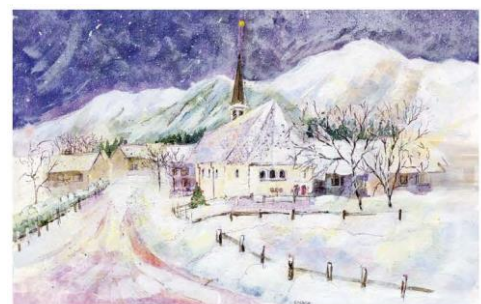
### ICS Christmas cards are on sale now!



Christmas Greetings

Cards are high quality, cost £3.50 (plus postage) per pack of 12 and include envelopes. For an order form with the full range of cards, please contact the office +44 (0) 24 7646 3940 or see our website <http://ics-uk.org/resources/>

*New designs for 2016!*  
The English churches in Zermatt and Wengen painted by Elaine Nash.



Christmas Greetings