

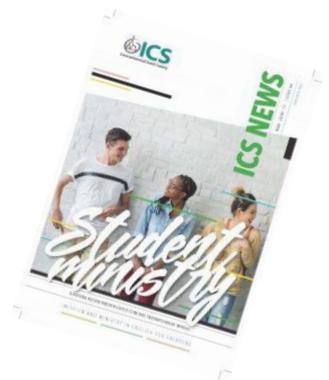
# ICS News and Prayer Update

April 2017

## Dates in April for prayer and information

- 1,2** Bishop Robert is in **Prague** this weekend. On Saturday, he and Ricky Yates will be at the Consecration of the new Old Catholic Bishop of the Czech Republic, Pavel Stránský. On Sunday, he will be the Celebrant and Preacher and confirm two adults and one teenager.
- 1-3** Richard Bromley is in **Kortrijk and Bruges** (1,2) visiting the chaplaincies and preaching at both churches on Sunday. Finally, meeting with Paul Vrolijk at **Holy Trinity, Brussels** (3).
- 2** **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** Pray for the first meeting of our new *Kerkfabriek* (the official church body in Belgium). **St. Michael's, Paris:** Annual meeting, pray for God to guide in electing the right people to office. There are several places open for the Council election. **St. Marc's, Grenoble:** AGM after morning service, the election of Wardens, Archdeaconry Representatives, and six members. **Lyon Anglican Church:** The AGM, for suitable candidates to stand for Church Council.
- 5** **Poitou Charentes:** Fifth Chaplaincy AGM with the introduction of a new strategic plan.
- 7** **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** For the primary school that has been linked with the church for the past eleven years, SPBPS, as its Head Teacher Brett Neilson moves to work in the Middle East.
- 8** **St. John's, Maadi:** Eighth showing of the film 'The Savior' in Arabic and English. **Holy Trinity, Cannes:** Our Christianity Explored group holds its study day.
- 14** **St. James, Voorschoten** holds a Messy Church. Pray for the leadership team; that this initiative will lead to grow a new worshipping community of families who don't currently attend church.
- 15** **Aquitaine:** Please pray for a new Taizé-inspired Easter vigil and healing service.
- 16** **St. Johns, Maadi** Coptic and Western Easter converge—the busiest possible configuration.
- 19** **HT, Cannes:** The last session of our Life Explored course which we've been running through Lent.
- 24-28** ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference in Beatenberg, Switzerland *and* Synod of Egypt, North Africa and Horn of Africa both take place this week, pray for refreshment and good fellowship.
- 29** Evening church social event at **St. Marc's, Grenoble**.
- 30** **Poitou Charentes:** Combined Central Service at Villejesus, for people from all areas of our large chaplaincy to feel drawn to come together for this event.

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## Please pray/give thanks

**Christ Church Amsterdam, City Centre:** For the appointment of a part-time Worship Director; for the recently baptised adults—for strength as they begin their journey of faith, and for those adults on the journey towards baptism; for Holy Week and Easter services; for the opening of the church to the public during the Easter season.

**Arnhem and Nijmegen:** Give thanks and pray for those with new tasks on Council and for the new sister-link with St. Michael & All Angels, Great Torrington; give thanks for past and current locums, and pray for the provision of our longed-for locum from another Province in the Anglican Communion.

**St. Mary's, Rotterdam:** For a blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration, especially the culmination of the children's Lenten Garden. For our AGM, particularly for the make-up of the new PCC. Continued prayers for the search process of a full-time Chaplain at the Mission to Seafarers. And for the planning and organisation being undertaken this month for new outreach initiatives.

**Holy Trinity, Brussels:** Give thanks for a good season of Lent and for Archbishop Justin's book *De-throning Mammon*, for our Alpha course which ran in Q1. Pray for Holy Week and St. Matthew's Passion on Good Friday. Also for our AGM (23) and the discipleship focus for 2017: Living the Psalms.

**Aquitaine:** Prayers for the daily services during Holy Week.

**Christ Church, Brittany:** For the third of our new fifth Sunday Café Church Services—January brought in over sixty people including several new faces—for a clear Gospel message. Also for a good response to the advertisement for a new Chaplain; that the Lord would prompt the person of His calling to apply.

**Holy Trinity, Cannes:** As with all our chaplaincies, we'll be holding services for Holy Week. Pray for our publicity and personal invitations so that many come to ponder on the Cross and Easter.

**St. Marc's, Grenoble:** Pray for Alan Golton as he takes the Easter services: Maundy Thursday evening meal incorporating HC, Good Friday midday Devotional Service and Easter Day All-age Service with HC.

**Lyon Anglican Church:** Pray for five newly-confirmed members, and for additional helpers for our youth activities.

**St. Michael's, Paris:** We are planning changes to the timing of our services so we need guidance as to the best use of the whole of Sunday and the place of evening worship in our life together. Pray too for those who will find any change difficult. Give thanks for our unity in Christ, may it continue strong.

**St. Mark's, Versailles:** For protection following two break-ins, and especially for Holy Week and Easter services; that many will be touched by the Holy Spirit and their faith renewed.

**Ibiza and Formentera:** For our services around Easter when we often have visitors. We celebrate with palms fronds for Palms Sunday, a Good Friday meditation followed by fellowship lunch with hot cross buns and on Easter Day a Sunrise Service on one of the most easterly points of the island.

**St. George's, Barcelona:** We are thankful to see partnerships developing with churches in Northern Ireland and with Casablanca. May the Lord continue to increase our vision!

**St. John's, Maadi:** Our new teaching program on Anglican History/Theology on Monday nights now attracts twenty students, mainly Africans from many denominations. Pray for our Women's Ministry that is growing, we are looking and praying for a leader.

**Holy Trinity, Algiers:** Our new church council took up their responsibilities in mid-March. Pray for this multi-national team of leaders as we work together. Especially for the three local members of this council, may we unify the vision for our work. Also for fruitful discussions at our synod in April.

**Bush Church Aid:** We thank God for Derek and Amanda McCartney and for their service through BCA in Newman, W-Australia. After some Long Service Leave, Derek will serve (in July) as Senior Chaplain, for the Mission to Seafarers, at Port Hedland, W-Australia. Pray for safety and rest during their LSL break.

**Seasonal Mission:** Pray for Peter and Isabelle Sutton who will be at St. Peter's in Zermatt for Easter.

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Michael and Jo Selman are at **St. John's Izmir** as locum. They write: 'On Tuesday we went to St. Mary Magdalene's church in Bornova. The church is older than St. John's, Izmir and is dominated by the extensive campuses of Ege University. There are students everywhere. At Evening Prayer, the congregation of a dozen or so was mostly drawn from members of the Turkish Işık Church, who also share the use of St. John's. We use Common Worship, but the songs are a mixture of English and Turkish, and the Biblical readings are also mixed. Several students took advantage of the opened gates to look inside—all part of this fascinating openness to the Christian presence in Izmir. (On Saturday, we were told, some 380 people visited St. John's!) **Please pray for:** Iranian refugees, missing their families. The ongoing process of selecting a permanent chaplain for Izmir. Outreach to the many visitors who come into our churches. Continuing health and safety for us both.'

## ICS Family News

There has been a new arrival at **Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro:** the amazing gift of a baby boy to Mark and Jess Simpson. Mark writes, 'After a very long push, River Philip Housman Simpson was born on 20 March weighing 3.3kg. We are so grateful to God for his safe arrival and for your love and prayers.'

**Chaplaincy Vacancies** are on our website <http://ics-uk.org/work-with-us/join-uswork-enquiry/>  
**Christ Church Brittany** seeks a Priest-in-Charge <http://www.churchinbrittany.com/html/vacancy.html>

**St. Michael's, Paris:** [Mission and Ministry Worker - Children and Families](#)

**St. Michael's and All Angels, Heliopolis, Cairo** has a vacancy for a new [Priest](#).

**St. John's, Maadi:** Our local Christian Missionary School is looking for a new [Principal](#). It would be a great boon and help our mission if we could find an Orthodox Anglican to this role.