

ICS News and Prayer Update

February 2018



Dates for prayer/information

- 1 ICS Standing Committee meeting takes place in London at 11:30 am.
- 3 **Holy Trinity, Cannes:** Our young people meet for a Cookery Skills evening with a member of the congregation who is a chef. **Holy Trinity Brussels:** Please pray for our musical outreach in the form of a 'scratch' Candlemas Messiah performance at 4 pm. We are 'presenting Christ' in our church to both musicians and audience, many of whom are not usually church-goers.
- 7 **Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou Charentes:** An Ecumenical Service jointly with the Roman Catholic Church to be held in the Chapel of the Château at La Rochefoucauld at 6 pm.
- 7-9 **Bush Church Aid:** Give thanks for the BCA Senior Officers' Retreat with the National Director. May the results of their time together help in the planning and outworking of God's work through BCA in 2018.
- 8 **Holy Trinity, Corfu** Ministry Team Meeting, a time to renew our strategy and vision, prayerfully seeking Gods' guidance. With so many ideas, please pray that we will hear His voice clearly.
- 10-11 Richard Bromley and Archdeacon Meurig Williams visit **St. Mark's, Versailles** to guide the church in their search for a new Chaplain.
- 13 **Holy Trinity, Cannes:** Our Christianity Explored course begins.
- 14 *Ash Wednesday* **St. James, Voorschoten:** Please pray for individual and small-group studies through Lent, based on the Church of England's #LiveLent2018 'Let Your Light Shine journey through the Gospel of John'. **Holy Trinity, Cannes** Lent course begins with a Communion Service.
- 22 **St. Paul's, Tervuren** church council meets tonight. The Secretary has recently taken a job in Sweden....please pray that a suitable replacement comes forward.
- 24 Pray for Jen and Nathan Gregory and team as they lead **St. Paul's, Tervuren** Messy Church.
- 25 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** For good fellowship and conversations at our Church Bring & Share Lunch.
- 27 **St. Michael's, Paris** interview for a new Chaplain. Please pray for the interviews, for clear guidance and a strong consensus among the Diocese, ICS (as Patron) and the church.
Aquitaine: Level 2 Safeguarding training course which is being held in Doudrac, and prayers for all who are working to protect God's children, young and old.
- 27- **At Holy Trinity Corfu,** we eagerly look forward to Jim Perryman coming to look around with
3 Mar Jules and make preparations for the chaplains coming for ICS Seasonal Mission this summer. Pray that they be led to the right places, and Jim has time to enjoy.

ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference

We are delighted to invite ICS supporters to be part of the ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference and attend a members' day on **Wednesday 2 May 2018**. Venue is High Leigh Conference Centre, Lord St, Hoddesdon EN11 8SG. For more information, please contact Yelena: ywilliams@ics-uk.org

ICS Seasonal Mission

Please pray for the chaplains ministering in Switzerland this coming month.

30 January-13 February: The Revd Marcus Green at St. Bernard's, Wengen and The Revd Lyndon and Mrs Barbara North at St. Peter's, Zermatt **13-27 February:** The Revd Laurence and Mrs Alison Biggs in Wengen and The Revd Moray and Mrs Annie Thomas in Zermatt.

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ICS Prayer Groups meeting this month

North Birmingham (8); Cambridge (12) at the Stable Rooms, St. Andrew's Histon, Church Street, Histon, CB24 9EP starting at 2.30 pm; Northern Ireland (20).

Please Pray/Give Thanks

Arnhem/Nijmegen: Pray for us as Lent begins and we pursue our services in both locations in new ways.

St. John and St. Philip, The Hague: For all those in training here at StJ&StP: Matt is off to his Bishop's Advisory Panel (BAP) and Stuart to his Diocesan Vocation Conference. We pray for those in discerning their calling to ordained ministry and ask that God would bless them and their families at this time. It is an exciting time for us a chaplaincy, with a number of people training—a great responsibility for us.

St. Clement's Prague: Pray for us as we embark on the Lenten journey.

Holy Trinity, Corfu: We give thanks and welcome those who give of their time to run weekday activities. May we use this as a stepping stone to inviting them to worship. The responses to starting a monthly Sunday School were not quite as we expected: mums with babes and toddlers, but we will go for it! Pray for Jules and Christine preparing for the first one, and others to make up a team.

Christ Church, Brittany: Our new Chaplain, Robin Adams and his wife Donna will arrive at the end of January and Robin will take his first service on 4 February at Ploermel. Pray that they will soon settle in and be inspired by the Holy Spirit to give new direction and commitment to our three church centres.

St. Peter's, Chantilly: For our musicians, the Council Away Day and vision and strategy for the church, France Alpha Board Away Day at St. Peter's, meeting with *Federation Entraide Protestante* in Paris to explore our joining mission to refugees and human trafficking. Seeking God's guidance for the way forward. Lent course looking at themes of salvation and redemption in *Les Miserables*.

St. Marc's, Grenoble: For the Women's World Day of Prayer (2 March) to be held at St. Marc's, involving fellowship with other Christians in Grenoble.

Trinity Church, Lyon: Thanks to the Lord for continued growth, pray for wisdom and discernment in dealing with increased numbers. Please pray for success for our Alpha courses and for Lenten activities, particularly ecumenical events with other Lyon congregations.

St. Mark's, Versailles: Pray for our locum Canon John Smith and his wife as they come to be with us.

Ibiza: Shrove Tuesday means Pancakes Galore at Sarah's home before the restrictions of Lent! The Lent Bible Study this year is 'God, Creation and the Environment' lead by Chaplain Peter at S'Hort de Can Masia on Wednesday mornings and at the chaplaincy house, Can Bagot, on Wednesday evenings.

Greater Lisbon: Pray for the new monthly Sunday afternoon contemporary worship with Holy Communion at St. George's, for the coordinator Jeremy from Cru Portugal, for Pedro and the band who will lead us in new songs of praise, and for the building up of this worship community in Jesus Christ.

Christ Church Cathedral, Falklands: Pray for Revd Kathy Biles as she travels to the UK for her operation, for Revd Betty Turner as she takes some well-earned holiday, also for our Reader, Maurice Lake and his work for seafarers in the Falkland Islands and his help at Christ Church Cathedral. Pray for St. Mary's Catholic Church and our joint ministry on the Falkland Islands.

St. John's, Maadi: Give thanks for God's provision and blessings. Pray our discipleship initiative will inspire a burden for souls and bold witness, pray the children's choir brings hearts to a saving faith, for Ash Wednesday all pastor prayer breakfast, for unity of mission among the thirteen congregations.



ICS Family News

Dennis Woodward was licensed as Chaplain to Mission to Seafarers Rotterdam and Curate to St. Mary's, Rotterdam in November.

At Trinity Anglican Church, Lyon, CEMES Intern **Julius Anozie** arrived in September, he will be staying until June. He has been working as a mission support worker, amongst other things, and is particularly involved in youth and young adult ministry.



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