

ICS News and Prayer Update

April 2018



Dates for prayer/information

- 1 *Easter* Please pray for all Easter services in our chaplaincies.
Knokke holds its AGM at 6 pm at St. Georges.
Frauenkirche, Dresden: Easter Day Family Eucharist at 4 pm. We believe it will be the first time that an Easter Day Anglican Communion Service will have taken place in Dresden since sometime before the beginning of WW2!
- 8 **HT Corfu** Easter services. *Greek Easter:* This is an amazing wonderful whole week celebration where people come from all over Greece and the world and the small kids stay up for the *Anastasi* (Resurrection) at midnight. May all who come, be touched by the truth of the reason of celebration.
- 10 There will be four separate summer **seasonal** prep days. Pray for the **Cavallino** team, meeting with Jim Perryman in London this lunchtime. As the winter season ends in Wengen today, so give thanks for the chaplains who have served here over the past seventeen weeks, remembering those residents who now patiently wait for the church to reopen at the end of May. Pray too for Frances Houghton as she arrives in **Zermatt** for the final fortnight of the winter season there (10-24).
- 12 The **Interlaken** summer chaplains meet near Warwick for their preparation day. May this be a useful time together with good plans made for the summer outreach. Some will be 'virtually' present through Skype, pray for the technology to work well.
- 13 **HT Corfu South:** Communion Service at Messonghi, thanks for the use of the Catholic Church.
- 17 Interview for a new Chaplain for **St. Mark's, Versailles**.
- 19 **Wengen and Zermatt** summer seasonal chaplains meet in Kenilworth for their preparation day. The team includes some 'first-timers' and others returning to seasonal chaplaincy after some years. Pray that the interaction between experienced, less-experienced and new chaplains will be beneficial to all in their mission and ministry this summer and that the Spirit will guide us to new opportunities.
St. James, Voorschoten annual meeting is taking place. We give thanks for God's blessing and provision this last year, and seek His guidance and provision for the coming twelve months, including the need for someone new to stand for churchwarden.
Church Council meets as we prepare for the AGM (22) and mark thirty years of **St. Paul's, Tervuren!**
- 20 **Leipzig:** Our AGM today will include an important discussion on whether we can continue to employ Larry Norman, who pastors the evening service and does much else besides. Pray for the Lord to make His will clear, and for consensus.
- 21 This weekend **St. Peter's, Bruges** takes part in the city's *Erfgoeddag* captioned 'Kiezen' (Choosing). Locals and tourists will visit St. Peter's Chapel, Bruges using a newly launched app that introduces people to the various religious houses. Pray for all our volunteers guiding and explaining 'what we believe and why' to the public.
Licensing of the Revd Robin Adams to **Christ Church, Brittany** at 11.00 am Ploërmel.
- 22 AGM at the English Church **Ostend**. Pray for our restoration work in Ostend that begins after the Easter holidays. **St. Clement's, Prague:** Annual Church Meeting (ACM) today.
- 28 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** JEWELS Ministry Day for Women, please pray for Moyra Sims as she leads it.
- 29 **HT Corfu:** AGM, we pray for a good attendance and hearts to respond to the call of service on PCC.
Ibiza and Formentera hold the annual church meeting after the Communion Service at S' Hort de Can Masia followed by a fellowship lunch. We pray that there will be a good attendance.
- 30 The **ICS Chaplains and Families' Conference** starts today until 4 May at High Leigh, Hoddesdon.

Accommodation Over the summer, one of our senior mission partners is looking to take a two-month sabbatical in the UK. He and his wife are looking for comfortable, quiet accommodation where they can study, pray and rest. Would you happen to have anything that would suit this purpose? If so, please get in touch with Richard at the ICS office.

Please Pray/Give Thanks

EU Institutions: Please pray for a special conference that is being organised at the Chapel for Europe by us. It is on 'Christianity and Economic Inequality'. Given the contemporary nature of the issue, please pray that people are attracted, who might not have come to any church or Christian event before.

HT Corfu: Ron Perry the visitor who organised that the Redlynch Players are coming to Corfu, is sadly unable to come himself as he has had problems with a detached retina. However, the show will still go on!

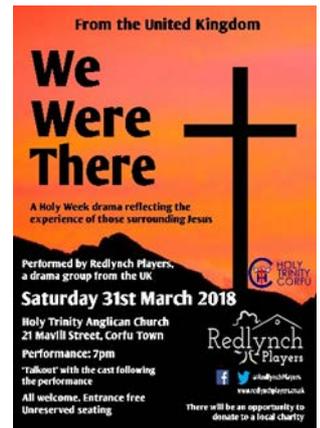
We give thanks for the enthusiasm of the little ones and mums who came to the Sunday School and pray this will 'catch on' with other families. There was a great sense of fellowship at Women's World Day of Prayer and a few of us gathered together at the first ecumenical prayer meeting in English at the Catholic Duomo.

Aquitaine: We continue to pray for those within the chaplaincy who are currently exploring vocations to Reader or Ordained Ministry.

St. Mark's, Versailles: Pray for our Easter Service where we will also be baptising several young adults from the congregation, for the interviews taking place mid-April to find our new Chaplain, and for St. Mark's and St. Paul's in this time of transition.

Christ Church Cathedral, Falklands: Pray for the visit of Bishop Tim Thornton and the Chaplain to the Fleet, and for those getting confirmed. Also, for members of the parish who are in the UK receiving medical treatment. Pray for those who are considering the introduction of Religious Education into the schools in the Falkland Islands.

Bush Church Aid Society: Give thanks for the two new Field Staff appointments at King Island and Gilgandra and for BCA's opportunity to have input at the recent Australian Anglican Bishops' Meeting on the experience of rural churches welcoming people living with a disability.



ICS Family News



Dennis Sadler, our long-standing Council Member, Seasonal Chaplain, Vice Patron and friend died on 6 March at the age of eighty-three. He had been unwell for some time. Jim Perryman (ICS Seasonal Mission Manager) writes about Dennis's involvement in ICS. *'How can I briefly honour our dear friend, Dennis Sadler? I struggle with 'brief' and there is so much to say. Supporter, Seasonal Chaplain, Council Member, Vice-Patron—all of these speak of Dennis's deep commitment to ICS over so many years, but none of them really get close to properly describing the man and his dedication. A man of passion and compassion; a man of integrity who lived out, in so many aspects of life, the fulness of his profession. His wisdom and careful choice of words—and when to speak—particularly experienced through the years we were on ICS Council together, are things that the rest of us could do well to emulate. As chair of the Seasonal Mission Support Group, his heart for the work and his support of successive Seasonal Mission Managers (first Trevor Letchford and then myself) enabled so much to be achieved. Dennis, always fully in partnership with Elizabeth, undertook many summer chaplaincies in France building good relationships with the locals and enhancing the reputation of ICS. For many years, they produced all the publicity for the seasonal mission, ensuring that there was quality and consistency. Alongside this, the 'ICS News and Prayer Diary' also came under their skilful care. Dennis also supported many of the permanent chaplaincies, often leading groups to visit and encourage the chaplains and their congregations. With his passing, we have lost a depository of a wealth of knowledge about the Society, and a great personal friend of many. We entrust him with absolute confidence into the eternal loving care of the God he has so faithfully served, and enfold Elizabeth with our love and prayer in her great loss in this world.'*

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