

# ICS News and Prayer Update

December 2017

## Dates for prayer/information

- 2 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** For our presence at the BSB (British School of Brussels) fair—advertising our Christmas programme—and our church Christmas party in the evening.
- 3 **Amsterdam Zuidoost:** Please pray for our Harvest and Thanksgiving Day, pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of His children to give generously.
- 5 **Holy Trinity, Maisons Laffitte:** Advent Prayer and Praise evening at 8.30 pm to celebrate together and find out more about this season of hope and expectation!
- 10 **St. James, Voorschoten:** All-age Christingle, with visiting choir from the local British School primary campus. Pray for lots of visitors, a warm welcome and a clear and compelling message.  
**St. Mark's, Versailles:** Carol Service today and at **St. Paul's** (17). Also for our Christmas services, that many will come and meet with the Lord and experience the true spirit of Christmas.  
**Holy Trinity, Cannes'** children perform a nativity play in church this morning.  
**St. Paul's, Tervuren:** *Kerstlicht*-Christingle service (primarily in Dutch) aimed at smaller children.
- 11 **Seasonal Mission:** Jim Perryman will be in Wengen and Zermatt this week (11-15) delivering the winter season publicity to the resort hotels and tourist offices. Please pray for safety in travel and around the resorts, and for good relationships with the hotel and tourist office staff. Also, for Elizabeth and Eduard Bussmann arriving in **Wengen** for the Christmas services until 2 January.
- 13 Richard Bromley meeting with the church wardens and mission committee of **St. Paul's, Tervuren**, for strengthened relationships between our church and ICS.
- 14 **HT Cannes** go carol-singing round the Irish pubs, handing out invites to the Christmas services.
- 16 **St. Clement's, Prague** will be carolling around the town, sharing the Good News of our Lord's birth.
- 17 **St. James Voorschoten:** Festival of Lessons and Carols, which we hold in Voorschoten's traditional village church. Pray for this outreach opportunity. **St. Paul's, Tervuren** Carol Service, which has been attracting more and more locals. **HT Cannes** Christmas Carol Service: we're praying for a good attendance, a happy occasion and the Holy Spirit to touch people's hearts to welcome the Saviour.  
**HT Corfu** Carol Service by candlelight.
- 19 **Seasonal Mission:** David and Yvonne Wilson arrive in **Zermatt** today until 2 January.
- 22 **HT Corfu:** Carol Service at the Catholic Chapel, south of the island.
- 23 **HT Corfu:** Carol Sing Along at Lekas Taverna, north of the island.
- 24 **HT Cannes** children's crib service this afternoon: attendances have grown substantially over the years. Our midnight Communion will take place ... at midnight!

## ICS Christmas cards



Proceeds of the sale of the ICS Christmas cards will go to supporting the mission and ministry in Wengen and Zermatt. Pack of twelve cards with bible verse and Christmas greeting cost £3.50 excl. postage. Phone or email the office for an order form.

## Pray/give thanks

**EU Institutions:** Pray for all possible outreach and conversations that occur during this season of the year, and for the events at both Holy Trinity Brussels and at the Chapel for Europe, as many new people come through our doors.

**Holy Trinity, Corfu:** We give thanks for our long-awaited Operating Licence; for the excitement of Orthodox, Catholic, Evangelicals and Anglicans willingly desiring to be together at the Reformation events, to talk openly, listen and sing; for people on the fringe offering their help, may they be touched by the Holy Spirit and drawn into worshipping our King. We pray for a good response to our Christmas outreach worship and for all those attending to sense the reality of Jesus today. Encouragement to a bereaved family in Ksamil, Albania whom we visit mid-December. We also pray for every provision for the people in Mandra, Greece where a flash flood destroyed homes and has affected thousands of families, twenty-one people drowned.

**Christ Church, Brittany:** Prayer for the Outreach Carol Services at Locarn (9); Redon (12); Huelgoat (16); Ploermel (17). Usually we have lots of visitors, both English and French. Please also pray for new Chaplain Robin Adams and his wife Donna as they prepare to move to France in January and begin their ministry to us in February.

**Fontainebleau:** We are grateful for our new website, designed and updated regularly by a creative Council member. We pray that many will consult it in December to get a fresh idea of who we are, how we live our church family, and that they will respond to the special invitation to 'come and join the celebration'.

**Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro:** We'd really appreciate the prayers of the ICS family. Our Alpha course that started so well has lost some momentum because of a glut of public holidays and a wave of illnesses. But thank God that his word is bearing fruit in several lives through it all. Pray for our preparations for Christmas: for 'great joy' among expats, refugees, locals and their families.

**Bush Church Aid:** Give praise and thanks to God for the Revd Ted and Mrs Michelle Brush who are joining the BCA family in mid-January. Ted has been appointed as the Regional Officer for the New South Wales & Australian Capital Territory Region. He is currently Rector of the Lower Mountains Parish, Western Sydney.

## ICS Family News

The Revd David Haggan died at the end of October at the age of 91. In the late nineties, David and his wife Hope were ICS seasonal chaplains in Lucerne, Zermatt, Cyprus and Benidorm. A member of ICS, he has been a faithful supporter attending many ICS AGMs and events. Please pray for his widow Hope. The funeral took place at St. Mary's Reigate on 22 November.

**ICS Prayer Groups meeting this month:** North Birmingham (7), South East (14)

### Collect used postage stamps for ICS

We can raise funds from all stamps which will help us in our mission and ministry. This Christmas, please collect used stamps for ICS and send them to:

**Mrs Sylvia Leyton**  
**1a Mount View Road**  
**Olivers Battery**  
**WINCHESTER**  
**SO22 4JJ**

Thank you!

### Prayermate App

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<http://praynow4.org/ics> and pray for ICS daily.



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