

ICS News and Prayer Update

November 2017

Dates for prayer/information

- 2 ICS Standing Committee meets in London.
- 5 **St. Michael's, Paris** for encouraging visits from preachers at our 10:30 service, Richard Bromley today, and Archdeacon Meurig Williams on 12 November.
- 5-7 **Ibiza and Formentera** Clergy Cluster, Northern Spain, Balears and Madrid.
- 7 **ICS Seasonal Preparation Day** in Coventry for the team of seasonal chaplains going to Wengen and Zermatt this winter season. Pray for God's guidance and blessing on the day, that we will work well together in seeking quality in our outreach and worship in resorts this winter. Also for safety in travel and for the Skype link to work with those chaplains who live overseas.
- 7 & 8 **St. Paul's, Tervuren**, as we complete our 'Know Your Spiritual Gifts' course that we can encourage people to trust their gifting and use it for God's glory and purpose.
- 11 **Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro** Alpha awayday.
- 12 **Remembrance Sunday** and the special services taking place.
- 16 **Christ Church, Brittany** chaplaincy away day at Timadeuc Abbey.
- 17 **Poitou-Charentes** chaplaincy council meets.
- 18 The Christmas Fair at the church in Bertric Burée, **Aquitaine**.
St. James, Voorschoten: is holding its next Messy Church at 3 pm. Please pray for a good turnout and for the gospel to be shared with all who come.
Ibiza and Formentera chaplaincy awayday at Es Cubells on the Turin Shroud.
- 20-24 **St. John and St. Philip's, The Hague** curate, Guy, on his post ordination training in Woking.
- 23 **Ibiza and Formentera**: a fun-raiser, the 'Jumble Scrumble', will be at Sarah's house.
- 24 At **St. Paul's, Tervuren** for those completing the Marriage Course, that they can put into practise the good things they have learned during the sessions to strengthen marriages.
- 24 & 25 ICS overnight council meeting in Coventry.
- 25 **Poitou-Charentes** chaplaincy Christmas fair. **Holy Trinity, Corfu** for families to come along to the children's event at the Christmas Bazaar, organised by volunteer Lisa.
St. John and St. Philip's, The Hague holds a Christmas Market. Our main outreach event of the year when we welcome members of the local community to a wonderful celebration of all things Christmas, under the heading 'Comfort and Joy'. Pray for good weather, and for good participation from members of the congregation.
Nathan and Jen Gregory, and those helping to lead Messy Church at **St. Paul's, Tervuren**.
- 26 & 27 **Holy Trinity, Corfu**: A closer answer to Jesus' prayer as churches come together for a reformation event organised by the Orthodox Church.
- 29 **Aquitaine** Chaplaincy Council meeting, pray for God's guidance.

ICS Christmas cards are on sale



*St. Bernard's, Wengen
painted by Elaine Nash,
new for 2017!*



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.
Please phone or email the office for an order form.

Pray/give thanks

- **Arnhem and Nijmegen:** Pray for us as we recruit new hands to help prepare our homemade baked goods, jams, and chutneys to bring to old friends and every visitor at the Middachten Castle Christmas market next month.
- **EU Institutions:** Please pray for the events that we are having to reach out to the people in Brussels, both in November and in the Advent season. Please also pray for our youth events, as we partner different youth groups in Brussels.
- **St. Clement's, Prague:** Please pray for our church as we continue to grow as a family and share the love of Christ with the people around us. Let the joy of God's presence shine through us so that people know His peace and grow in faith for His glory.
- **St. Peter's, Château d'Oex:** Elizabeth Bussmann was licensed as the Assistant Chaplain of St. Peter's on Sunday 29 October by the Archdeacon of Switzerland, Adèle Kelham. Please pray for Elizabeth's ministry at the church.
- For **Aquitaine's** safeguarding courses which are underway.
- **Christ Church, Brittany:** Thanks to God for the appointment of a new Chaplain who will be beginning his ministry in February 2018.
- **Holy Trinity Corfu:** Thanks to the Lord for the ministry of Julie Lowe, concert pianist. We give thanks for our summer season visitors and their encouragement and pray that all our members, especially those wearied by long hours of work in the heat, be refreshed and renewed with an increased desire for Jesus' service and ministry.
- **St. Michael's, Paris:** We continue to pray for the process of the appointment of the next Chaplain. We give thanks and pray for God's provision in the finances of St. Michael's, especially the response to our recent Thanksgiving and Gift Day.
- **Poitou-Charentes:** Service of Worship and Reflection for Advent (26 November and 3, 10 December) in three different areas of the chaplaincy.
- **St. Marks, Versailles:** Please pray for our locum Martin Greenfield and his wife. Pray too for ongoing discussions for a new Chaplain.
- **St. George's, Barcelona:** Here in Catalunya we are living in the midst of some uncertainty and we ask prayer for peace, humility, justice and, for the Christians, confidence in Christ.
- **All Saints Cathedral, Cairo:** Here in Egypt we have been saddened by the murder of a Coptic Priest, Father Samaan, a resident of Beni Suef in Upper Egypt. The fact that it happened out in the open in a Cairo suburb is deeply concerning. Pray for the safety of Christians, justice to be done and the cultivation of healthy relationships across communities for the future.
- At **Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro** we are having a great Alpha. Steve, who is in charge of the name badges, thought forty would be plenty. Well, last week we ran out name badges—a good problem to have! Our Remembrance Day Service is a great opportunity to launch our special Christmas services and events: pray for many to hear the gospel and respond by giving their lives to Christ.

ICS Prayer Groups meeting this month

Cheltenham (7), South East (9), Wirrall (13)

Leaving a gift in your will to ICS?

This will ensure that future generations will hear the Good News of Jesus Christ through our chaplaincies, outreach projects and seasonal mission. To discuss this confidentially, or if you have included ICS in your will, contact Maggie Winham on +44 (0)24-7646 3940.

Thank you for your lasting support to ICS!

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