

# ICS News and Prayer Update

August 2018



You are invited!

Please join us for the ICS AGM and Showcase at Lambeth Palace. An opportunity to see into the world of ICS, its mission partners and their ministries, to meet members of the team and catch up with friends. Bishop Richard Jackson and Richard Bromley will be speaking, with contributions from ICS chaplains.

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## Dates for prayer/information

- 3 Every Friday in **Corfu**, Summer Mission at Messonghi (5-8pm) with ICS Seasonal Chaplains present for informal chat and an opportunity to explore 'The Father Heart of God' prayer trail.
- 5 **St. Paul's, Tervuren** Bring & Share BBQ at the home of Ann and Chris Start.
- 6 Every Monday in **Corfu**, at the Gouvia Lighthouse community Centre, Summer Mission Chaplains are present (10am-1pm) for drink and chat and 'The Father Heart of God' prayer trail. We pray the Holy Spirit will draw people to these events and bring much blessing on those receiving and those giving.
- 10 6pm Messonghi Catholic Chapel, **Corfu**, Holy Communion.
- 12 **St. Paul's, Tervuren** Bring & Share Lunch at the home of James and Penny Gibbs.
- 20 **St. Paul's, Tervuren** Vacation Bible School (VBS) holiday club held jointly with the International Baptist Church until 24<sup>th</sup> and the VBS service on Sunday (26).

## Please Pray/Give Thanks

**St. Mary's, Rotterdam:** Safety for all our travelling parishioners; wisdom and blessing for our proposed mission outreach launch in September; continued guidance and obedient listening as we move along with Mission Action Planning.

**St. James, Voorschoten:** This month, we are advertising to recruit a new part-time Youth Worker to start in the autumn. Please pray for the right candidate to join our team.

**St. Paul's, Tervuren:** Give thanks for the appointment of Kees Bos as our new part-time Office Administrator, and for Sharon Ejinkonye as she prepares to join us as a CEMES Intern in September. Please pray that we can find the right accommodation with church members for her! Also, for good contacts as we participate in various 'welcome' events from schools etc.

**St. Clement's, Prague:** Eleven people participated in the church retreat held in the Czech countryside from 5-7 July. It was a wonderfully nourishing time both spiritually and physically.

**Holy Trinity, Corfu:** Please remember the people and victims of the Attica wildfires. Give thanks for the Seasonal Mission Chaplains, Kelvin and Jean Woolmer, who were here until 31 July with Herrick and Judy Daniel taking over until 14 August. We thank the Lord for all his provision and pray that we clearly hear the Spirit's leading for God's kingdom here. We pray for our summer visitors that they may be truly blessed and refreshed in body and spirit. Thanks for the Christian speakers at Tuesday coffee mornings. In August the church is closed for weekday activities and we pray for the workers to be strengthened during the break. Also, praying for our younger people to connect in fellowship as the Holy Spirit guides them.

**Aquitaine:** Prayers for plans and preparations for the September Women's Retreat, and for those considering attending, may they feel strengthened in responding to God's call.

**Christ Church, Brittany:** Thanks to the Lord that the new informal services at Rostrenen and Huelgoat have growing support. For wisdom, protection and unity as we seek the Lord's way forward in beginning a new worship centre at Redon.

**St Marc's, Grenoble:** As we face an interregnum beginning 9 September, we ask prayer for our church council to discern God's plan for our future.

**Trinity Church Lyon:** Continue to pray for our accommodation plans, possibly involving two different sites, for clarity of purpose and successful planning. Also, pray for our new CEMES intern to join us in September, and for his predecessor, Julius, due to start at theological college this autumn. We also need more volunteers, for children's activities on Sundays. Finally, pray for successful planning for the *Forum Chretien Francophone* to be held in Lyon in October and for people to attend.

**St. Michael's, Paris:** Thanks for church unity in agreeing to tackle a major building project, and for an agreed sense of priorities. Pray that as we move forward, God builds that sense of unity with everyone involved.

**St. Mark's, Versailles:** Give thanks for the Licensing of Dale Hanson as Chaplain, please pray for him and Pat as they get to know the people of St. Mark's and St. Paul's and the context of Versailles. Pray for planning of the future preaching programme and our approach to a deficit in church finances. Also, for the strengthening of married life in the church and community, many marriages are under stress. Pray for 'Operation Stephen' which provides a cooked breakfast and fellowship for the homeless every Saturday morning. This continues throughout August while many other provisions close for the month.

**Ibiza and Formentera:** Please pray for those of our members who have to work every day during the summer. That our congregation may be welcoming and where tourists can find spiritual refreshment.

**Christ the King, Libya:** Pray for the safe return of our church members after the summer vacation and for the Harvest Festival in September.

**All Saints Cathedral, Cairo:** Pray for those filling in at the English-speaking services while Kerry and Cynthia are away. For a time of rest and that they will gain wisdom and clarity for the upcoming autumn and winter schedule. Also, for the Spirit to lead new arrivals to Cairo, where to worship and serve.

**Falkland Islands:** Please pray for the farming community of the Falkland Islands, for 'Team Tranquil Mental Health', for those members of the congregation receiving medical treatment in the UK and for those serving prison sentences on the Island.

**Bush Church Aid:** Praise God that there is a couple who are going through the candidature procedure for the Field Staff placement at Roxby Downs, South Australia. Please pray that insight and wisdom be given to the committee who will interview them in August.

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## ICS Family News

We are sad to announce that Roy Farrar died on 23 July at the age of 79. He had recently been diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease, but his sudden death was unexpected. The church in Neuchâtel is deeply saddened by the loss of their former pastor and dear friend, but grateful to God for sparing him from further suffering. Giving thanks for Roy's ministry in Neuchâtel and the way he touched many people's lives in so many ways and in so many places. Please join all in prayer, especially remembering his widow Mieke and the rest of the family. A Service of Thanksgiving was held at All Saints Church, Vevey on 27 July and there will be a Memorial Service in Neuchâtel.



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## Seasonal Mission

Please pray for the chaplains and spouses this summer: **Wengen** 24 July-7 August, The Revd Liz and Mr David Leaver; 7-21 August, The Revd Graham and Mrs Ruth Hadfield; 21 August-4 September, The Revd John and Mrs Mary Gulland. **Zermatt** 17 July-7 August, The Revd Paul and Mrs Margaret Rayner, 7-21 August, The Revd Rodney and Mrs Elisabeth Green; 21 August-4 September, The Revd Ian and Mrs Angela Girling. **Interlaken** 24 July-28 August, The Revd Richard and Mrs Harriet Allen. **Cavallino** 31 July-28 August, The Revd Trevor and Mrs Gillian Scott. **Corfu** 31 July-14 August, The Revd Canon Herrick and Mrs Judy Daniel; 14-28 August, The Revd Ian and Mrs Melanie Greenhalgh; 28 August-11 September, The Revd Chris and Mrs Josephine Pearson.

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