

ICS News and Prayer Update

January 2018



Dates for prayer/information

- 5 Nicholas Mercer takes up his new post as Rector of **Christ Church Cathedral, Falkland Islands**.
- 6 **Anglican Church Freiburg**: For our Epiphany Party, for the many helpers organising, especially during a busy time of year. That the event will be a fun-filled social occasion for all ages to experience following the star along with the Magi to find Jesus.
- 7 **Holy Trinity, Corfu**: Al.Anon who use our premises, will be speaking to the congregation about their work. After the service is the cutting of the traditional New Year's cake *Vasilopita*.
Holy Trinity, Cannes: We've invited the people who worshipped with us over Christmas to join us today for our regular Sunday service (and a lunch).
- 13 **St. James, Voorschoten**: Richard Bromley is leading a church council away-day as we explore God's vision for our mission and ministry in the coming five years. He is also preaching in church (14).
Holy Trinity, Maisons Laffitte for a well-attended and fun Children's Epiphany Party.
- 14 The Junior Church and Youth Group begin again at **St. John and St. Philip, The Hague**.
Holy Trinity, Brussels: Bishop Robert to preside at our 10.30am Service to start our year of 'Praise and Prayer'. 2018 marks 200 years of civic Anglican worship in Brussels. We give thanks for God's faithfulness and seek to discern God's direction for our life under Him.
- 15 Interview for a new Chaplain for **St. Luke's, Fontainebleau**.
- 16 Revd Kathy Biles of **Christ Church Cathedral, Falkland Islands** heads to the UK for hip replacement operations, please pray for her.
St. Paul's, Tervuren: We start an Alpha course, pray for the participants and those enabling it.
- 18 **Holy Trinity, Maisons Laffitte**: That we feel God's presence with us as we join in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starting today.
- 19 **Holy Trinity, Cannes** host the first meeting for the Prayer for Christian Unity weekend, welcoming brothers and sisters from the French churches in Cannes. May they find a warm welcome and there to be a good turn-out from our members.
- 20 **St. Paul's, Tervuren**: International Justice Mission (IJM) weekend with Dietmar Roller. Please pray for his teaching and our growing awareness of their work combating modern day slavery.
- 22 **Poitou-Charentes**: 24-hour Prayer Vigil.
- 27 **Holy Trinity, Corfu**: Ecumenical Prayer for Christian Unity Service at The Catholic Duomo.

Pray/give thanks

Amsterdam Chaplaincy: Pray for the continuing work on a new Chaplaincy Constitution, and please pray most of all that it enables us to undertake the mission of Christ in this city.

St. Mary's Rotterdam: Please pray for us as we enter a time of prayerful strategic planning for the future of the church and mission in our city.

St. John and St. Philip, The Hague: Pray for rest and refreshment for staff members taking time off this month. Also for wedding preparations being planned for those getting married in our church in 2018.

EU Institutions: Please pray for the restarting of the Chapel for Europe and its associated ministries. 2018 will prove to be an interesting year, so please pray for God's provision and presence this year.

Anglican Church Freiburg: Pray for the clergy of the Anglican Church in Basel gathering in Freiburg as part of our fellowship and educational event. Also for safety for people travelling over the holidays.

St. Clements, Prague: Please pray for God's guidance and discerning power to His people as they will be appointing a permanent Chaplain in the month of January.

Christ Church, Naples: Pray for rest at the beginning of January after an exhausting, but seemingly successful, Christmas season. That seeds sown and contacts made over Christmas would bear fruit, and for the preparations for doing 'The Purpose Driven Life' through Lent, that many people will enthusiastically sign up for this.

Holy Trinity, Corfu: Give thanks to The Lord for the amazing ways that he has provided for us in his mission in 2017. This new year, we pray for provision and equipping of labourers so that we may make the most of every opportunity. We give thanks for Jim Perryman, ICS Seasonal Mission Manager, preparing to visit. We continue to pray for 'A New Generation'. Also for Lisa and Sunday School preparation plans and for those involved in admin and advertising as we seek to increase our contacts.

Aquitaine Chaplaincy: Preparations for the Local Annual Meetings to be held in our churches in the coming months, as we report on the past year and pray and prepare for the year ahead.

Christ Church, Brittany: Thanks for the appointment of Robin Adams as Chaplain. He and his wife Donna will be joining us at Christ Church in February 2018. Prayer for renewed commitment by the three church centres to outreach and evangelism during 2018.

St. Luke's, Fontainebleau: We pray for God's blessing on the recruitment process for a permanent Chaplain here, and pray too for other chaplaincies in the Diocese who are also seeking to recruit. We enjoy good fellowship in our ecumenical relationships with our sister churches in the town and pray for our worship together during the week of Christian Unity.

St. Michael's, Paris: For the appointment process of our next Chaplain, the advertisement will appear in the church press this month. Pray too for the life and mission of St. Michael's to thrive and grow during the current vacancy, giving thanks for the many new contacts made over the Christmas season that they may bear fruit for the Kingdom. For wise stewardship and generous giving in 2018.

St. Mark's, Versailles: Please pray for our continued search for a Chaplain and Revd Canon John Smith and his wife who are coming as locum towards the end of January.

St. John's, Maadi: Pray for our new discipling and ministry leadership programme and for the visit of The Rt. Revd John Chew of Singapore. Also for sustained and growing interest in our children and adults' choirs.

Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro: We have had a wonderful Advent season, beginning to see the fruit that God's word produces in people's lives. January is a quiet month, but we will be gearing up for the church weekend away in February. Please pray for a great sign-up from the whole church family. Also pray for quick resolution to our need for more space for ministry on our site, which is an ongoing discussion with our fellow site users.

Bush Church Aid Society: Pray for The Revd Ted Brush, who is commencing as Regional Officer for NSW/ACT on 15 January, and for the rest of the Senior Officer team as they plan for the rest of 2018.

Chaplaincy Vacancies (www.ics-uk.org/work-with-us/chaplaincy-vacancies)

St. Michael's, Paris is looking for a Chaplain. The advert is on our website <http://ics-uk.org/work-with-us/chaplaincy-vacancies/> closing date for applications is 29 January, interview in Paris on 27 February.

St. Luke's, Fontainebleau is also looking for a Chaplain (half-time, 3 days plus Sundays). Details on our website and from Jeanne French at the Diocese in Europe europa.appointments@churchofengland.org

ICS Seasonal Mission

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

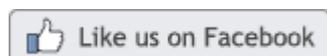
2-16 January The Revd Chris and Mrs Nicole Howitz at St. Bernard's, Wengen and The Revd Richard and Mrs Josephine Fothergill at St. Peter's Zermatt **16-30 January** The Revd Stuart and Mrs Kathryn Stobart in Wengen and Mr Peter and Mrs Isabelle Sutton in Zermatt.

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ICS Prayer Groups meeting this month:

Exeter: (8), Cheltenham (9), Edinburgh: (10), South East (11), Keighley (12), Warwick (15)

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