

ICS News and Prayer Update

November 2018

Dates for prayer

- 3 **HT Cannes** hold their Alpha Holy Spirit Day and **St. Marc's, Grenoble** a social event.
- 4 Mohammad Eghtedarian is being licensed at **St. Nicholas, Ankara**. Please pray for his ministry.
- 6 **ICS Resort Mission**: Our Winter Season team of chaplains will be meeting in Coventry today for their preparation day. Please pray that it will be a good time of fellowship and planning, as well as a fulfilling experience, which will prove to be of great benefit for the mission during the coming months.
- 8 **HT Corfu** council meeting; for the Lord's wisdom, strength and direction as he takes us forward.
- 9 **St. James, Voorschoten**: Ruan will be taking part in an assembly at the British School, marking the centenary of the end of WW1.
- 10 **St. Clement's, Prague** will host an ecumenical Service of Commemoration on the eve of the centenary of the Armistice which concluded WW1, together with the Prague German Lutheran and Catholic Church. **HT Cannes** will hold a morning workshop on 'Reading the Bible Better'.
- 11 **Remembrance Sunday St. Paul's, Tervuren** is holding a Guest Service inviting friends and colleagues 'Marking the End of WW1'. This will be followed by lunch, pray for folk to have the courage and commitment to bring others along and to mark this 100-year milestone before our God.
Poitou Charentes: Special Remembrance Day services in at least two of our worship centres.
- 15 Church council meeting at **St. Paul's, Tervuren**, as we revise our Constitution (for the first time since 1994) and prepare our 2019 Budget. We will need to bring both to our 2019 AGM in March.
- 16 **All Saints, Cairo**: Christmas Bazaar; lots of preparation and volunteers needed.
- 17 **St. James, Voorschoten**: Our first 'Messy Church' in six months is taking place this afternoon. Pray for Matt and Lizelle who are organising the event and for a good turnout of newcomers.
St. Clement's, Prague will host a Youth Get-together for people in the chaplaincy aged 18 - 35 years.
Archdeacon's visit to **St. Marc's, Grenoble** to meet with the PCC and take a Holy Communion Service.
- 23 **HT Utrecht & All Saints, Amersfoort**: Chaplaincy Leadership and Church Council Away Days (23 & 24).
ICS Council meets for an overnight council meeting in Coventry.
- 24 **St. Paul's, Tervuren**: To celebrate our thirty years' existence, we are encouraging '30 Acts of Kindness'. Pray also for our 'Youth and Seniors Tea', today. **St. Marc's, Grenoble**: Members of the congregation take part in the National Food Bank collection at a local supermarket. **Poitou Charentes'** annual Christmas Fair; a major opportunity for contact with the local community as well as a big fundraiser. Pray for a Paris-wide event for children's ministry leaders, organised by **St. Mark's Versailles**, held at **St. Michael's, Paris**. **St. Mary's, Rotterdam** Christmas Bazaar (*changed date from the prayer diary*).
- 28 **HT Utrecht**: Please pray for our church council meeting.
- 29 **Aquitaine**: The first meeting of a new group studying the 5-week course 'Handing on the Torch', aimed to help us consider how we individually grow and encourage each other and others on their journeys.

ICS Christmas Cards are on sale now! Phone the office to place your order or to receive a leaflet with a full selection of cards. +44 (0)24 – 7646 3940 or email: ywilliams@ics-uk.org



Each pack contains twelve cards with envelopes, size 6"x4" (148 x 105mm), cost £3.50

Profits from the cards will help to develop and maintain our Mission and Ministry in English.



Photo of St. Bernard's, Wengen by Alison Biggs, single design

'Adoration of the Magi' (left) and 'The Flight to Egypt' Paintings by Adam Boulter (Poitou-Charentes' Chaplain), mixed pack

Please Pray/Give Thanks

St. John and St. Philip, The Hague: We pray for God's blessing on Michael and Lesley Sanders as they join us as Locum for 5 weeks. This is an answer to prayer! Pray too for those receiving Safeguarding Training, that their ministry among children and those in need of support would be blessed.

EU Institutions: Pray for the planning of new events and for a potential 'Biblical Literacy' course inside the European Parliament. Pray for all the details to come together and for a space to be secured for it.

HT Corfu: Give thanks that Jules is out of hospital. Pray for the Lord's healing hand to be on him, for total restoration and that he and Trish may get all the rest they need. Give thanks for Locum Nigel and Anne Scotland coming this month and for generous hearts on Gift Day. The Alpha course starts this month; in our desire for others to know Jesus, we pray for people to come.

Several people have been recently bereaved, may we reach out to them with comfort and hope.

Aquitaine: Prayers for our church in Bordeaux please, for our search for new premises so that we can continue to grow in our faith and share with others the wonderful message of the Gospel.

Christ Church, Brittany: Prayers of thanks and praise for a successful start to the Anglican Worship Service in Redon on 14 October, with twenty-three in attendance. This will be the start of a bi-monthly service held in the Église St. Charles, with the kind permission and encouragement of Père Paul, the Priest-in-Charge.

HT Cannes: Young people are launching their fundraising for a mission trip to Uganda next summer.

St. Marc's, Grenoble: Pray for Alan Golton taking most services until mid-January during the interregnum.

St. Mark's, Versailles: Pray that we can extricate ourselves from a punitive contract for photocopying.

Ibiza and Formentera: Our last month with Chaplain Peter and Sue. Please pray for them as they move into their future and for our chaplaincy as we say our 'goodbyes' and 'thank yous' and think about our future.

St. Nicholas, Ankara: Pray for the Eghtedarian family as they settle in Ankara and at the church. For their new life in Ankara and for the church leadership team. For refugee members of our congregation and their future lives. Please pray for the protection of our Lord upon the family and the church members.

All Saints, Cairo: Pray for Cynthia Buttram and her ongoing health challenges that affect her breathing and overall well-being. Give thanks for new families and individuals becoming part of the congregations; for a wonderful day retreat a few weeks ago at Anafora in the desert; for Terez, a Polish lady who needed to return to her mother in Warsaw, she was able to get the needed funds to travel; Chijioke, a Nigerian footballer, was able to get a job and visa in Chennai, India, pray as he connects with Christians there.

Vina del Mar and Valparaiso: We will commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice (11) at St. Paul's Cathedral. It is a particularly poignant commemoration, as the British and German communities lived together side by side and for forty years worshipped together at St. Paul's. The British and German Ambassadors and Honorary Consuls from both communities will be present. All six British schools attend the Remembrance Day Service each year, this year we hope that the German college will join us. The young men from both communities often travelled in the same trains to Buenos Aires to embark on ships that would take them to Europe to fight in the trenches against each other! Strangely in Chile, the divisions between the communities appear to be much greater than in Europe. Not quite sure why but please pray that this commemorative service heals the old wounds and that the communities are reconciled.

Bush Church Aid: As the year ends, pray for National Office staff helping those transition to and from placements. Pray that our care for them would be a blessing, giving thanks for the financial support which makes their work possible.

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Vacancies

ICS is looking for a part-time (15hrs/week, one-year fixed term contract) **Property Records Clerk** to work as part of the Coventry team, who will ensure the safe retention of the ICS property portfolio records. For further information please contact Jeannette at ajspaanderman@ics-uk.org

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