

ICS News and Prayer Update

February 2019



Dates for prayer/information

- 1 **St. George's & St. Paul's, Greater Lisbon:** Fiftieth anniversary celebration of the new St. Paul's Church and stewardship evening.
- 2 **HT Brussels:** Candlemas Messiah, the last one directed by Pam Clements who is a wonderful gift to the church! A great outreach opportunity for us.
- 3 **HT Corfu:** After today's service, the civil engineer will be giving a presentation of ideas for the planning of the refurbishment of the church and the creation of a cafe with opportunity for questions and suggestions. Pray for enthusiasm as we all share in this vision and discern how our mission and ministry can grow. Exciting times for us and we give thanks as our vision becomes a reality!
St. Paul's, Tervuren: Pray that our congregation members would invite their friends to our guest service with the theme 'What are you waiting for?'.
- 4 **Bruges:** For those taking part in the Brexit group discussion. That our church community may be a place of support for people in their worries over Brexit outcomes.
- 7 **HT Brussels:** We give thanks for the many who have signed up for Alpha, starting tonight. Please pray!
- 9 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** A day on 'Being Community' teaching from Matthew's gospel by Phil Lane, OASIS Belgium.
- 10 **Bordeaux** gives thanks that they have found a temporary spiritual home, pray for the gospel celebration today. **St. George's & St. Paul's, Greater Lisbon:** Sunday afternoon worship at St. George's as we expand to two services each month.
- 12 Giles Williams meets with the French churches of **Cannes** to consider environmental concerns and links with 'A Rocha'. **Poitou-Charentes:** Ministry Team Meeting (am) and Council Meeting (pm).
- 14 Cambridge prayer group meets at Impington Church Hall (CB24 9ZU) from 2.30-3.45 pm.
St. Marc's, Grenoble: Interchurch couples' evening '*Vivre la St. Valentin autrement*'.
- 16 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** Our monthly Messy Church, pray that it would continue to push beyond our normal church attendance boundaries.
- 17 **St. Marc's, Grenoble:** Ecumenical service at 10 am.
St. John's, Izmir: Bishop Robert will preside at a Service of Baptism and Confirmation, please pray for the candidates and for the church. Tonight, an ecumenical dinner will take place in Izmir that will include the Metropolitan of Izmir (Greek Orthodox), the RC Archbishop, Protestant church leaders, Franciscan brothers and members of the congregation of St. John's Anglican church.
- 19 Northern Ireland prayer group meets for coffee and prayers from 10.30 am.
- 25 North Yorkshire prayer group will meet from 10.30 am at 42 Hollins Lane, Utleigh, Keighley, BD20 6LT.
- 26 Christianity Explored course starts in **HT Cannes** and will run for seven Tuesdays.

ICS Resort Mission: *Wengen* Kevin and Helene Billson (29 Jan-12 Feb), Laurence and Alison Biggs (12-26 Feb), Peter and Isabelle Sutton (26 Feb-12 Mar) *Zermatt* Philip and Joanna Sudell (29 Jan-12 Feb), Frances Houghton (12-26 Feb), Nigel and Sarah Knights-Johnson (26 Feb-12 Mar).

Please Pray/Give Thanks

Arnhem & Nijmegen: Pray as we prepare our first Alpha course, especially for those who will be leading.

St. James, Voorschoten: 'We are busy preparing for our fortieth birthday celebrations, to take place in the final weekend of March. May it be a great celebration of God's faithfulness to us!'

Bruges: Pray that our home fellowship might draw more interests.

St. Clement's, Prague: Pray for our children's ministry and for new people to lead. Our current coordinator-cum-leader will soon be moving out of Prague.

HT Corfu: Women's World Day of Prayer (1 March) will be hosted by the Greek Evangelical Church. Pray for Pauline and others who are organising and preparing this ecumenical service.

Aquitaine: We give thanks for the very warm welcome we have received at our new worship location in Bordeaux and ask for prayers as we continue to research options for long-term use.

Trinity Church Lyon: Continue to pray for our activities involving refugees from Iran and other places, some of whom are not fluent in English or French and for guidance as we seek a vision for the next five years.

St. Mark's, Versailles: Pray for the children and youth ministry, giving thanks for a committed team of leaders and pray for growing an even stronger team. We give thanks for the involvement of gifted young people in the Sunday worship, especially on the third Sunday of each month. Pray for families under pressure from work, study, personal conflicts and Brexit uncertainties.

Izmir: Bishop Robert and James Buxton, will visit the Tur Abdin area in South East Turkey (13-18), home to several thousand Syrian Orthodox Christians. They will stay at Deirulzeferen Monastery (the Saffron Monastery) near Mardin. Please pray for this visit, also for Bishop Saliba, the Syrian Orthodox Bishop of Mardin and Diyarbakir; for the monastic community at the Saffron Monastery (monks, secondary school boys who lodge there, and helpers); the Christian villages, churches and monasteries in the Tur Abdin area.

St. Nicholas, Ankara: Please pray for the next church council meeting as some important and sensitive issues will be discussed; for our church finance and the new budget for the year to come; for our SN Youth Club and the youth attending the classes, they need a lot of emotional and spiritual support with limited resources; our security at Ankara and for our members' safety at their places; Our Lord to provide the chaplain a car as he increasingly need to go to different meetings and visit members of the church.

All Saints Cathedral, Cairo: Pray for our PCC as we pray and plan for the coming months of church life here in central Cairo. Our AGM is in March with fresh challenges and opportunities to consider. We are very thankful for growth in both the Friday and Sunday English-speaking congregations. Now that the Burmese chaplain has returned to his home and family, pray for this flock also.

ICS Family News

- We are sad to announce the death of **Miss Mary Sims** on 5 December 2018 at the age of 69. Mary was an ICS Life Member and Worthing prayer group leader for many years. Mary's funeral has taken place.
- Also, **Enid Underwood** who died on Thursday 3 January 2019 at the age of 74, a faithful supporter of the Society, together with husband Brian they were chaplains in Lyon, Grenoble and Chantilly, seasonal chaplains in Kandersteg, Wengen and Zermatt and locums in various ICS chaplaincies. Please remember in your prayers Brian, daughter Helen and son Mark. **A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Thursday 7 February at 2pm at St. Giles Church, Ashted, KT21 1EN.** Anyone from ICS is welcome to attend.
- North Birmingham prayer group: 'Our oldest member, **Margaret Harris (93)**, has taken a tumble and ended up in hospital. She is currently being assessed for a care home placement, this is likely to be out of our area. So, we want to acknowledge Margaret's amazing faithfulness in prayer over many years. We would love to find someone to replace Margaret with the same amount of zeal and commitment!'

New ICS office staff



Jacqueline Cottier joins us to undertake a project on the ICS property portfolio, to implement an up-to-date and consistent structure across property records within all chaplaincies. Setting up a system to meet the future property relationship needs between ICS and each chaplaincy. Jacqueline is an experienced project manager and brings skills from corporate roles in the financial services, automotive and education sectors. She is a mum of three lively teenagers and enjoys skiing, cycling and cooking.

Jemima Busby is our Social Media Administrator, she will focus on managing and growing our online profiles. Having previously studied at the University of York, Jemima worked at the University's Student's Union as Welfare and Community Officer. She organised the city's first Mental Health Conference before returning home to Warwickshire. She now joins us to promote ICS across social media platforms.



Please pray for them both as they get to grips with their new roles.

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