

ICS News and Prayer Update

March 2019



Dates for prayer/information

- 1 **St. Peter's, Chantilly:** For the *Journée Mondiale de Prière* for the Christian community. Women's World Day of Prayer hosted by The Greek Evangelical Church in **Corfu**. The weekend is a triple celebration as it is also the 200th celebration of The Greek Bible Society (now called Hellenic Bible Society) which started in Corfu, then moved to Athens. Thirty women from the Ecumenical Forum of Christian Women from the Balkans and Athens will be in Corfu to join in a full programme of talks and concerts at the 'Lighthouse' and Catholic Duomo. Pray for a joyful time of fellowship together and a strengthening of unity.
- 5 **Poitou Charentes:** Adam Boulter will be leading a prayer course throughout Lent.
- 6 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** First Wednesday monthly prayer, with Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday.
- 13 **Aquitaine** holds a 'Puzzles and Pasta' fundraising and outreach event.
- 14 ICS Council meeting in London.
- 16 **St. Paul's, Tervuren** monthly Messy Church, pray that it would continue to push beyond our normal church attendance boundaries. **Aquitaine** holds a Beetle Drive and Chili Supper, fundraising and outreach event. **All Saints Cathedral, Cairo:** Today, five new Deacons are being ordained in the Diocese of Egypt. One of the Ordinands is from the English-speaking congregation at All Saints' Cathedral. Pray for Dr Steve Griffin as he enters this new season of ministry.
- 17 **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** Pray that our congregation members would invite their friends to our Guest Service with the theme of 'St. Patrick'.
- 19 Richard Bromley is in **Cairo** (until 22) to meet with Archbishop Mouneer.
- 20 Michael (and Lesley) Sanders is the Locum at **St. John and St. Philip, The Hague** until 24 April. Please pray for their ministry.
- 21 **St. Paul's, Tervuren** church council meeting, please pray for wisdom.
- 22 **Poitou Charentes** chaplaincy council meeting.
- 24 **HT Cannes:** Pray for our young people as they do Youth Alpha on Sunday mornings, and as they raise funds for a mission trip to Uganda in July.
- 27 The auditors are in the ICS office today until Friday.
- 28 Annual meeting at **St. James, Voorschoten**.
- 29 **Brexit Day** Pray for the UK and the EU, and God's comfort and guidance for our British members. Brexit Service at **Holy Trinity Brussels** with Bishop Robert. Richard Bromley is in Portugal visiting Frank Sawyer at **St. George's and St. Paul's, Greater Lisbon**.
- 30 **St. James, Voorschoten's** fortieth anniversary party, held at the British School (where the church was planted in spring 1979).
- 31 **St. Mary's, Rotterdam:** For Esther Hope, Rose, Hendrik, and Mavis as they prepare for Confirmation. Celebration Service at **St. James, Voorschoten** with Bishop Robert, including Confirmations, followed by cake, bubbles and speeches. **St. Paul's, Tervuren:** Please pray for all our Annual General Meeting brings, and the fellowship over the Bring & Share lunch which follows. **Christ Church Brittany** holds an Annual Church Meeting, pray for the appointment of churchwardens and council members and for a fresh vision for the whole church, that we may be obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we move forward. **Ibiza and Formentera:** The interregnum is a hard time especially for the churchwardens and the chaplaincy council. Please pray for our AGM today.

ICS Resort Mission: *Wengen* Peter and Isabelle Sutton (26 Feb-12 Mar), John and Mary Gulland (12-26 Mar), Edward Keene (26 Mar-9 Apr) *Zermatt* Nigel and Sarah Knights-Johnson (26 Feb-12 Mar), Sarah Archer (12-26 Mar), Mike and Liz Neville (26 Mar-9 Apr).

Please Pray/Give Thanks

Christ Church, Amsterdam: Give thanks for the ministries of locums: Chris Martin, Anthony Cummings and Geoff Hollingsworth. They have blessed us.

St. Mary's, Rotterdam: Wisdom in preparing both the 'bare bones' and 'mission' budgets for the AGM; blessing for the new house church outreach among immigrants in Rotterdam and for Humayun and Amber Sunil as they lead it.

St. John and St. Philip, The Hague: We thank God and ask his blessing on the construction of our wheelchair ramp, after a long period of fundraising and organisation. We pray that this will serve as a beacon proclaiming open access and a warm welcome to everyone! Also, to expand our hearts even further to notice any barriers to inclusion and participation in the life of our chaplaincy.

EU Institutions: Pray for our ongoing Alpha course and weekend. Please also pray for the various outreach activities associated with Lent, including our Pancake Night on 5 March and 'Theology on Tap'.

St. Clement's, Prague: Thanks for your prayers for our congregation in Brno. We are growing by God's grace. Please continue to remember us in prayers.

Holy Trinity, Corfu: Pray for a good response to our Lent course which will give each of us the opportunity to join in at home, in church, individually and in groups. Thanks also for a good sense of togetherness in our meeting and presentation for the refurbishment and Café Logos.

St. Peter's, Chantilly: In January, Chaplain Sarah preached the sermon at the Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity in the Catholic Cathedral in Senlis—we give thanks for the growing ecumenical relationships with the surrounding churches. We welcome l'Église Protestant Malgache de Creil who will be using our church once a month for their prayer meeting—we look forward to getting to know them. Pray for reconciliation and relationships within our church, that we will grow in grace and unity together through Lent. Give thanks for our growing relationship with 'Association Entraide/La Source' (Foodbank) in Chantilly and 'Adoma' in Senlis who care for migrant families. Pray for our meeting with 'A Rocha Paris', for wisdom in how we can grow and develop our creation care. For a new course through Lent, 'Life Explored', that those attending will grow in their knowledge and love of God. Pray for a leader for the Children's Ministry.

Trinity Church, Lyon: Please continue to pray for Lenten activities, ecumenical as well as those of our congregation on its own. Also, for a good attendance and a fruitful and constructive discussion at forthcoming meetings when we discuss our direction over the next five years.

Holy Trinity, Maisons Laffitte: Please keep our Chaplain, Olaf Eriksson and his wife Marie-Claire in prayer as they prepare to move from France to their new ministry in Gothenburg, Sweden. Ask God to bless their remaining time in France and for him to prepare the way, especially logistically, for their arrival in Sweden.

St. Nicholas, Ankara: In the first week of March, we will have some very important meetings, please pray. Also, that the ID Card for the Eghtedarian family will come through soon; for purchasing a car for the family; for the Baptism Service in March; for our youth club, especially the financial funding.

Christ Church, Falkland Islands: During Bishop Tim Thornton's recent visit to the Falklands, he met with Cathedral clergy, council and congregation, to discuss the recruitment of a new Rector. During the interregnum, please pray for the Falklands' Locum Minister, Revd Ian Faulds and Revd Kathy Biles (retired) as they work with council and the congregation to maintain ministry and mission, for the wardens and council as they prepare resources for the recruitment process and, above all, that God will call and prepare the person he knows to be right for this unique Island ministry.

ICS Family News

Congratulations to David Phillips, Chaplain at Holy Trinity Utrecht, on his marriage to Danielle Koning on 3 January!

Please also pray for Ricky Yates (Dresden) as he is about to apply for Czech citizenship, so as not to lose the right to reside there and to retain freedom of movement across national borders within the EU, because of Brexit.



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