

ICS News and Prayer Update

May 2018



Dates for prayer/information

- 5 Deborah Chapman of **St. George's, Barcelona**, will speak about the chaplaincy at the Stable Room next to St. Andrew's, Histon at 7 pm. (*The Cambridge prayer meeting on 16 May has been cancelled.*) **St. John's, Maadi's** summer fair—a day of fun and a relief from the struggles of life in Cairo.
- 15 Meeting for music leaders at **St. Paul's, Tervuren**, that we would develop our ministry in helping our congregation to grow in worship and to let the power of the Holy Spirit work in our lives.
- 16 **Bush Church Aid**: BCA would appreciate prayers for their national AGM, followed by the Annual Council Meeting (16-17). May it be a time of rejoicing in the Lord's provision for Field Staff during 2017, and careful and wise planning for the future based on these reports.
- 17 **St. Paul's, Tervuren**: The first meeting of our newly elected church council. Please pray that we catch a collective vision for our way forward under Christ's headship.
- 18 **Leipzig** Church Weekend Away (until 21) at a new site with Jonathan Fletcher speaking, a bilingual programme wherever possible. Please pray for an overbooked bilingual *Lifesprings Retreat* for women at **Lyon** (18-20), which two women from **Grenoble** have helped to plan, and that others will also attend. Men's breakfast led by Bryan Turnbull at **Holy Trinity, Corfu**.
- 19 **HT Cannes** is having a teaching morning: an 'Overview of the Bible'.
- 20 There will be a Picnic-in-the-Park after church at **St. Paul's, Tervuren**, for great fun and fellowship. **St. George's, Barcelona** is having a Choral Evensong with a planned Licensing of Deborah to our chaplaincy. The Archdeacon will be taking the services that weekend. **St. Paul's Cathedral, Valparaiso** has a number of important events coming up in May to mark the 160th anniversary of its building. Today (*Pentecost*), includes celebrations marking the arrival of the many immigrant communities of Valparaiso.
- 26 **St. Paul's, Valparaiso**: celebration concert and illumination of the Cathedral. **HT Corfu** Summer Fayre.
- 27 *Trinity Sunday*: Our church in **Cannes** is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, we plan to hold a gift day to pay for various improvements to the church building. Today is also *Fête des Mères* (Mothers' Day).
- 28 Giles (**HT Cannes**) will attend the European Diocesan Synod. Trinity Service at **St. Paul's, Valparaiso**.

ICS Family News

We have only just been notified that the Revd Michael Darby died on 12 January. He served at Holy Trinity Dubai in the nineties and did numerous ICS Seasonal Chaplaincies in Zermatt, Switzerland and as a Young-at-Heart Chaplain in Majorca and Tunisia. We remember his widow Dorothy.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the **Revd Jonathan Clarke to St. Michael's, Paris**. Please pray for Jonathan and his wife Mary (*pictured*) as they prepare for their move to France and for their future ministry in the city.



St. Luke's, Fontainebleau: Join us in giving thanks for the appointment of our new Chaplain, Revd Elisabeth Dean who, accompanied by her husband Noël, will be taking up her ministry here in August. Together let's pray for Elisabeth and Noël as they leave SW France to join us—may the ending of that chapter there and the beginning of the new one here be times of great blessing for all.

Please Pray/Give Thanks

St. Mary's, Rotterdam: For the beginning of Humayun Sunil's ministry as Assistant at St. Mary's and the commencement of the long-anticipated mission outreach in Rotterdam; for the continued fruitful progress with Mission Action Planning.

EU Institutions: May is a scattering month for Brussels, pray for those coming and going, that they may meet Christ in the transitions they are going through, and let conversations arise that will grow their faith.

St. Clement's, Prague: We thank God and everyone for their prayers. We had an amazing congregation of more than 130 people on Easter Sunday. Pray for our newly elected church council members. We are also delighted to announce the Licensing of the Revd Nathaniel (our current Interim Chaplain) on 2 June.

HT Corfu: We give thanks for a wonderful double Easter. Jules joined in all the Orthodox processions. We give thanks for newly elected council members and pray for a clear sense of The Holy Spirit's direction. The plans for renovation have been drawn up and put forward. For emerging congregational worship leaders, for inspiration and all gifts needed to point to Jesus and meet with God.

Christ Church Brittany: For the new informal worship times at Huelgoat and Rostrenen—that they will be well supported and be a blessing to these two worship centres. For clear guidance to the possibility of a new worship centre based at Redon.

HT Maisons Laffitte: Pray for our Fundraising Access Project to make the church more accessible to people with reduced mobility. That our fundraising events and concerts will not only raise the necessary funds, but increase the spirit of prayer, hospitality and welcome in our church family and wider community. Give thanks to God for our new Youth and Children's Worker Kirstin Taylor. She will be joining us on 1 June with her husband Elliot (*pictured*). Pray for suitable accommodation and speedy and hassle-free administrative procedures.



St. John's, Maadi: We have had devastating news that our Evening Custodian, Israel Free, Zaki Kawana, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday 6 April. He was forty-six years old and his family cannot afford to repatriate his body. Pray for families moving on from Cairo: the Mercers, the Rogalskis and the McKnights—all highly active and special people, may the Lord sustain their faith in power. Also, pray for the baptism of Laya in May and for our Maintenance Worker Ricardo who very badly burnt both his hands lighting an old cooking stove. For finances to cover surgery. Finally, for our nursery renovation project, that we can provide an excellent environment for babies and young children.

Christ the King, Libya:

- For the registered churches namely, Christ The King Anglican Church, San Francesco Catholic, and independent Churches and Christian foreigners in Libya.
- For the return of Christian expats to Libya. For the Egyptian Christian community to resume for the Arabic Worship and active participation in the church.
- For the Resident Visas and Passports for the Christian migrants especially from Asia. The return of the Indian Christian community and the lifting of India's travel ban to Libya.
- For the safety of new secret Christians that they may bear witness to the risen Lord. The Lord may reopen the doors of closed churches before they convert into mosques.
- For peace and stability in Libya amongst the youth and tribal communities.
- Pray for an end to violent clashes throughout the country with truce and lasting peace.
- Pray for the forthcoming election and the true democratic set up in Libya.

Christ Church, Rio de Janeiro: We had a wonderful Family Fun Day (15 April), on a wet day, we were grateful to have a Plan B option indoors, and we pray that God would water the seeds sown and then show us the growth. Pray for more parents and toddlers to join 'Little Stars'. Thank God for two full small groups on Alpha and pray for wisdom as we consider expanding to a third group.

Falkland Islands: Pray for the new Cathedral Council and Trustee to be elected at the end of April; for the Falkland Island Community School; for the Seafarers Mission; the members of the parish who are receiving medical treatment in the UK or who are caring for spouses and relatives in the UK.

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