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DAY 1 Christ Church Amsterdam (Centre, South and Southeast)

THE NETHERLANDS



David Macha and Elaine



Interim Assistant Chaplain: Kerry Buttram and Cynthia

November: The Youth Alpha course during September-October was well-attended! Pray for an ongoing positive impact. Several of our youth are in university and away from home for the first time. We are thankful for a new mission partnership with Amsterdam University students meeting in our City Centre location.

December: Several outreach opportunities are underway throughout the month. Pray for those who are discovering their spiritual gifts and God's call on their lives.

January: Several young families have or will soon be experiencing the joy of children being born. We are praying for more children's and youth leaders to invest in these young lives.

February: We are praying for effective ways to connect with newly arriving individuals and families in each of our three Sunday locations. Pray for our Ministry Leadership Teams in each congregation: South, Southeast (CoHS) and City Centre.

Christ Church Heiloo



Johann van der Bijl and Louise

November: Please pray for our women's bible study groups. We have three different groups: one for those who are working, one for mums and one for retirees.

December: For our Christmas outreach for the children as well as our usual Christmas services.

January: Please pray for our small group.

February: Please pray for our men's bible study group.

DAY 2 Amsterdam Schiphol Airport



Mark Hafkenscheid*
(Mark also serves as
Assistant at St Mary's
Rotterdam)

November: Please pray for our volunteers (a group of twenty-five people from all walks of life) who welcome passengers at the Meditation Centre between 9am and 5pm on weekdays and between 10am and 2pm during the weekend.

December: During the Christmas holidays many people travel through Schiphol airport. Please pray that in all the busyness passengers may hear the Christmas story anew and, while being in transit, find time to reflect on the meaning of it.

January: For the next three months there will be a new temporary chaplain while a colleague takes a sabbatical. Pray for this new colleague to feel at home within the team.

February: Please pray for wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our conversations with passengers who have to deal with grief and bad news.

St Mary's Rotterdam



Jenni Pridmore and Jason
(Evanne and Esther Hope)

November: For creativity and wisdom for our Financial Advisory Committee as they work on the Capital Campaign, and for our council they plan the strategy for next year.

December: For joyous Advent and Christmas seasons, especially as we reach out to interested and marginalised members of our community.

January: May we remember Proverbs 16:3, and prayerfully commit all our plans to the will of God.

February: For blessings and guidance as we look ahead to Lent and Easter and begin making plans for the AGM and positions that are vacant.

DAY 3 St John and St Philip The Hague



Michael Roden
and Janet van der Linden



Assistant: Chris Nicholls
and Johannette



Deacon: Jonathan
Halliwell

November: Our Christmas Market (25) brings in many visitors from the surrounding communities. The funds we raise will help the most poor and needy in our city and enable much needed energy-saving renovations to our church and hall to take place so that we can reduce our carbon footprint. We pray for a lively event and for generous spending, that God will bring people to see our faith in action.

December: We pray for our pastoral outreach to widows, widowers, and any who may otherwise be alone at Christmas, that we will provide cheerful visits and warm

hospitality. We pray that our Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be an attractive 'way in' for people to find a faith home with us. We pray for God's blessing, especially on the 4pm Nativity Crib service on Christmas Eve; for many families this is their first introduction to our church life.

January: Our junior choir is growing in number and in experience. We pray that God will bless their time together and help them grow both in faith and in friendship. We give thanks for the many gifts and talents of our music director, Dr Stuart Griffin, and the many musicians and singers who enrich our worship experience giving glory to our loving God.

February: We pray for the ministry team: Canon Michael Roden (Chaplain), Revd Chris Nicholls (Assistant Chaplain), Revd Jonathan Halliwell (Deacon), and Jan Huber and Katherine Fortier (Readers). We pray also for our congregational worship leaders: Mark Jones, Stuart Griffin, Therese O'Connor and Emma Moore.

St James Voorschoten



Matt Thijs, Lizelle and Ezra

November: Pray for the shoeboxes being delivered to the collection point, and for those who will receive them in Africa, Eastern Europe and the refugees along the borders with Europe. Also, for the preparation for the Alpha course.

December: Pray for our Christingle service (10) and for the visiting choir from the British School. For the Carol service and other services this Christmas, that they will be a blessing to all.

January: Pray for Alpha starting this month, for those involved in making it happen, and that there will be a good response to the invitation to 'come and discover Alpha'.

February: For the small groups meeting regularly in each other's homes. Pray for those who lead them and for newcomers to soon feel at home.

DAY 4 Holy Trinity Church Utrecht



Ruan Crew, Lisette, Hannah-Joy, Emily and Tim

November: This autumn we have rebooted our midweek activities programme: several small groups meeting bi-weekly, a monthly Praise and Prayer evening, and a monthly 'Pizza and Paul' event (food, fun and fellowship). Please pray for a growing sense of connectedness.

December: Please pray that our Advent and Christmas services will draw in many enquirers and seekers, enabling them to hear the Good News of Immanuel, God with us – especially for our Choral Carol service (17).

January: We continue to be blessed with a full church every Sunday, including regular newcomers. Pray for spiritual and practical discernment concerning how to make space for everyone who comes through our doors.

February: Last autumn we commissioned three lay pastoral assistants to serve alongside Ruan. Give thanks for their gifts and service and pray that all who need pastoral support will find it.

Anglican Church Zwolle

November: We are thankful that so many people find us and want to connect with us. We pray that we will grow in faith and in numbers.

December: For the Lessons and Carols Service (18), that lots of people will celebrate this with us and feel connected to the Christmas story.

January: For the music team: our musicians are exploring forming a small choir, we ask for God's blessing.

February: For the vulnerable people in our community.

Grace Anglican Church Groningen



Sam Van Leer
Archdeacon NW Europe
and Chaplain of Grace
Anglican Church
Groningen
(Coretta, Francisca,
Nicolas, Stephanie)

November: Our Alpha course is underway, pray for participants to feel the love and care of Christ in the sessions and are drawn closer to God and our faith community through them.

December: For our December Advent course, that we learn more together on how to stand up and share our faith with others, with love, hope and joy. Also, please pray for our Carol and Christmas worship services to be warm, welcoming and inspiring.

January: For safe travels for our many students and other members in this holiday period, and for hospitality and care for those unable to go to their homes – a blessed New Year for all!

February: For our Lent course and other bible studies and home groups, that we all may be well-nourished and grow in faith, wisdom and joy, in prayer and service together.

DAY 5 All Saints Amersfoort



Grant Crowe*, Jolanda, Callum and
Thirza

November: Our Alpha course continues until mid-December, pray for those participating. We hope to move to a new building in January. Pray for the renovation works beginning this month, that everything will progress smoothly and that we can move in January.

December: For wisdom and discernment over what form of weekday children's and teenage work to establish. We start to plan our church weekend in autumn 2024, praying for lessons learned from this year's weekend and for the right venue and theme.

January: For our Life Group (small group) season running until the end of April, where we will focus on the first book of Corinthians. For preparations for our first Marriage course to start late January.
February: For All Saints and for Grant as he prepares to have a sabbatical from mid-May to late August. For wisdom for our council in all their discussions and decisions.

Arnhem and Nijmegen



Chaplain: vacant



Assistant: Dorienke de Vries

November: For the anniversary of the 'Arnhem Council of Churches' in which we take an active part. For the special services taking place on Safeguarding Sunday (19), that they may raise awareness of this important ministry, and for our Safeguarding Officer Michelle.

December: For our Carol service to attract many, like it did last year. For our Young Adult Group to nurture faith and friendships.

January: Give thanks and pray for the two ecumenical services we will hold this month with our Old Catholic and Lutheran sister congregations.

February: For a meaningful and prayerful season of Lent.

DAY 6 The English Church Ostend-Bruges-Knokke-Kortrijk

BELGIUM



Augustine Nwaekwe,
(Uchechi Ozioma, Karen,
Charlotte, Sorochi and
Ogenna Ilona)

November: Pray for our services of Remembrance, an important part of the church year; may all who attend be moved to work for peace.

December: Please pray for our Christmas services which draw people from the local community to our celebrations. We pray that our outreach on these joyous occasions will be welcoming and effective.

January: May the Lord strengthen us and our congregants for the challenges of the new year.

February: We pray for all those serving at our church; may their work be fulfilling to them and a blessing for the community.



DAY 7 Holy Trinity, Brussels



Associate: John Wilkinson *and* Susie



President of the Central Committee & Associate Chaplain: Jack McDonald



Assistant: Jean-Bosco Turahirwa (*and Marie-Léonille*)



Assistant: Annie Bolger *and* Jacob Quick

November: Our church council met last night, please pray for its members and officers as they oversee the ministry of Holy Trinity, discern God's will for the coming years, and manage the appointment of a new senior chaplain.

December: For Christmas services of different kinds that start this Sunday. For readers, musicians, singers, preachers, welcomers, and for the congregation to catch a vision to invite people to come to hear the Christmas Good News.

January: For the whole congregation as we discern together God's vision for Holy Trinity over the coming years and as we work towards a 'parish profile'.

February: For our children's and youth work at the midpoint of the academic year, for all who lead and help and for Philip Milton, who coordinates this ministry.

Diocese in Europe



Bishop's Chaplain: Alan Strange*

November: Please pray for all work associated with the House of Bishops meeting this month leading to General Synod – important days for the Church of England.

December: Pray for the work of our senior staff: bishops, archdeacons, senior staff postholders and dean, for an integrated approach to our strategic needs as a Diocese.

January: As the week of Christian Unity approaches (18-25), please pray for the relationships with other Christians and churches.

February: This is the last month in post of our Suffragan, Bishop David. Pray for his upcoming retirement and the (likely quite long) process needed to consider the Episcopal needs of the Diocese into the future.

DAY 8 St Martha and St Mary's Anglican Church Leuven



Curate: Sarah-Jane King, Rutger, Bram and Max

November: Give thanks for our good relationships with Roman Catholic and Orthodox communities who have offered hospitality since the Pauscollege fire. Pray for the restoration work, that we will soon return to offering worship there to Jesus who brings beauty out of ashes.

December: Please pray for our Advent and Christmas services as we reflect on 'living in the in-between' while awaiting the birth and return of Christ. Pray for those who are discerning vocation and wondering what to do when they finish their studies.

January: Give thanks for the ministry of our churchwardens and council during the vacancy. Pray for the appointment of a new chaplain to lead M&Ms forward into God's vision for the church in Leuven.

February: We begin Lent with the idea of 'tarrying awhile' (Matthew 26:38). Pray that we anticipate an encounter with God and for God's equipping to endure, to hope, and bring about transformation in our communities.

St Paul's Tervuren



Dominic Newstead, Annie, Jonny, Timothy, Naomi and Abigail



Assistant Ministers: Isaac Among and Moriah de Lige

November: It is great to see people joining our church each autumn. We are running a welcome event this Friday; pray that it will be a really special evening enabling people to feel they belong at St Paul's.

December: Final rehearsals for our Carol service (17) take place this weekend. It is such a significant outreach into the anglophone community, pray that people will be filled with wonder and excitement by all they hear and so join our Christian basics in January.

January: At the end of the month, we will have our first weekend away in six years and many have not been to one before; pray for good attendance and great fellowship.

February: We talk budgets and giving at this time of year. Pray for a sense of generosity towards and a buy-in for the ministry and work of St Paul's.

DAY 9 Anglican Church of Liège



Guy Diakiese*
(and Amelia)

November: We have created an online bible study and prayer group to connect with older members who are unable to come to church due to health issues and geographical distances; please pray for a positive return.

December: For this Advent season, and a 'Time and Talents' campaign to get more people involved in church activities.

January: A special focus on Kids and Youth Ministry as we look at getting more teachers, prepare new teaching materials for the whole year, and find better ways to work more closely with parents.

February: We give thanks to God for his provision, and we pray for more spiritual and numerical growth.

DAY 10 Anglican Church Freiburg

GERMANY



Vinod Victor* Molly Catherine, Dorothy and Gigi

November: The Anglican Church in Freiburg is hosting the International and Ecumenical Conference on Racial Justice (8-11); pray that this would be a major step towards addressing racial challenges and to ensuring more visible justice to ALL.

December: Pray that this Christmas season would be a season of reaching out, to invite and welcome new people into the fellowship of the gospel. Pray specially for the Christmas Carol service in Freiburg.

January: Pray that in the new year, we will be able to focus more on teenagers and youngsters – this month, we like to focus on the 18-30 age group. Pray that God would give us wisdom on how to plan services in which young people can connect.

February: Pray especially for the wise ones: the fellowship of the elderly. We attempt to reach out and work with them to make their life meaningful, encouraging them to connect to others, both locally and globally.

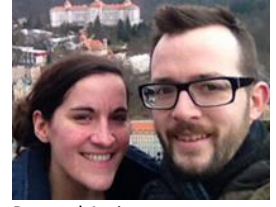
Leipzig English Church



Jon Haines*, Gabrielle, Octavian, Lysander, Averett



German Language Minister:
Klaus Hickel, Judith, Oliver, Lukas, Max



Pastoral Assistant:
Larry Norman and Sinead

November: Please pray for the gospel to shape and spur us on in our plans for a church plant. Pray for genuine repentance as Saxony holds an annual public holiday of Prayer and Repentance (22).

December: Pray that this month's festivities would bring a renewed wonder that Jesus came to rescue His people. Pray for our outreach with gingerbread and wreath-making events, as well as Carol and Christmas services – and for good rest amongst the busyness.

January: Pray that the new year would bring a fresh resolve to follow Jesus. Pray for gospel unity during the local Evangelical Alliance Week of Prayer (18-25) and the regional 'Evangelium21' conference (26-27).

February: Please pray for faithfulness as we preach God's Word, and for the Spirit to change lives. Pray for God to provide as we seek to identify and train new leaders.

DAY 11 Frauenkirche Dresden



Ricky Yates*

November: For the preparations for Bishop Robert's visit to Dresden on 9-10 December. He will be our preacher at the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 10 December.

December: For our Thursday evening service (28) in the Frauenkirche *Unterkirche*, that it may attract some of the many visitors in Dresden for the ongoing Christmas markets.

January: For the meeting of the *Predigerrunde* (18) where we plan the themes of the evening services that run from May-August, including the English-language Anglican ones.

February: For Ricky, in his additional role as a theological mentor to Jen, an intern on the Ministry Experience Scheme, who is based in Prague.

St Clement's Prague



Nathaniel Nathaniel*, Aditi, Andriel and Naysa

CZECH REPUBLIC



Assistant Brno: Lea Williams, Petra, Olivia and Ted

November: We give thanks for the placement of MES Intern, Jiye (Jen) Shin. Please pray for her as she explores a possible vocation in the public life of the church.

December: Please pray for all our special services and events: Carolling around the town, Carol services in Prague and Brno, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

January: We give thanks for both our congregations in Prague and Brno and seek God's blessings on our chaplains and church officers.

February: Please pray for all who are involved in children and youth ministry, we pray especially for fresh work among young adults.

DAY 12 Anglican Church Basel

SWITZERLAND



Caroline Throup and Ian Chippendale



Assistant: Anne Lowen
(and John)



Assistant: Russell Hilliard
(and Vreni)

November: Pray that all will come together for our annual bazaar (18), in a new venue. Give thanks for the team organising it and pray for all the new connections and conversations to be made as we seek to build our community here.

December: Pray for the opportunities we have with our seasonal services, especially Nativity (3), Carol (17) and Christingle (24). Lots of people will be travelling to and from Basel for the holidays, pray for all these journeys and reunions.

January: As we begin a new year, pray for the many staff and volunteers who make ACB happen. Pray also that lots of new ministries will be developed during 2024.

February: Pray for our regular small groups and our Lent groups, for everyone to encounter Christ afresh in their Lenten journey together. Pray also for new members to join these groups.

DAY 13 All Saints Vevey



Mark Fletcher and Angela
(Mae and Nina)

November: We have a wonderful music ministry who serve the church week by week and create special events. Pray for the leaders: Daphne, Tania and Anne-Marie; for all the preparations for the special services over Advent and Christmas; for choirs practising for the Carol service; for our young people singing in the community and in the local care home.

December: This is such an exciting time in the life of the church. Pray for joy in the midst of the busyness, for a good balance of outreach and celebration, and for stamina and inspiration for all who will be leading and speaking over Christmas. For the hundreds of people who will visit a church

this season, that they have ears to hear the gospel and hearts to respond.

January: We will be starting our Alpha course. Pray for God to be at work, leading the right people to join us, for wisdom and joy for the leaders, and for all the preparations and practicalities that come with running an Alpha course, for the evenings to be warm and welcoming, for people to make new friendships and be open to a relationship with God which is the goal.

February: Continue to pray for our Alpha course.

St Peter's Château d'Oex

November: We pray for God's healing and comfort for many in the congregation who are ill, facing long-term treatments, and sometimes separation from their families.

December: For wisdom and inspiration for the Advent and Christmas services in Gstaad and Château d'Oex. For safe travels and harmony for families who meet over Christmas. That the spirit of Christmas reaches out to the many visitors.

January: The four Christian churches in the village meet up during the week of Christian Unity. We pray for joint sharing, teaching and fellowship in services which may continue through the year. For safe celebrations of the Balloon Festival.

February: Thanks for Canon David Hall, who will visit St Peter's for half term, and for our outreach 'Praise in the Alps'. For the strengthening of our fellowship with the many visitors. For support for the fundraising campaign to restore St Peter's.

Neuchâtel English-speaking Church

November: Pray for guidance as we move towards two regular services a month.

December: That our Carol service will be a success and a good outreach opportunity.

January: Give thanks for Helen and David Marshall from St Ursula's Berne, for their support over the last two years.

February: Pray that our new schedule will attract more families.

DAY 14 Christ Church Lille

FRANCE



Debbie Flach (and Jerome)

November: For our new bible study groups that commenced this autumn. May God's Word illuminate in the hearts and minds of everyone present and the Holy Spirit lead individuals into a deeper understanding of scripture and a closer relationship with the Lord.

December: Lord, help us to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends, to prepare for Your arrival. May everything we do, every gift sent, every service attended, every meal shared, remind us to prepare space in our hearts for You.

January: At the start of this new year, we ask for God's wisdom, power, and strength to be constantly with us so that He would be honoured, and others would be drawn to Him.

February: We give thanks for our chaplain and all the volunteers: those who are visible and those who are active behind the scenes, committed and dedicated to the Kingdom work God is manifesting through our church.

Christ Church Brittany



Chaplain: vacant*

November: Continued prayer for the selection and appointment of a new chaplain for the four churches of Christ Church Brittany; that the Lord will bring forward His choice as soon as possible so that an appointment can be made for the new year.

December: For our Carol services to provide opportunities to reach people outside the church with the message of salvation. Please pray especially for the College Carol service in Redon, that these young people may hear the Gospel message clearly.

January: At the beginning of a new year, pray that all members of Christ Church Brittany may be encouraged to commit themselves afresh to God's work here.

February: For new initiatives at all four churches to expand our evangelistic outreach; that we may all be welcoming Christ-filled congregations in our different areas of Brittany.

DAY 15 St Peter's Chantilly



Chaplain: vacant

November: For the shortlisting and preparations for the interviews to fill the post of chaplain. For Stephan MacCarthy, our current locum chaplain, and his wife Katja.

December: For the appointment of a new chaplain following the interviews. Also please pray for our locum chaplain, Chris Martin, and his wife, Susie, who will be ministering to us during Advent and over Christmas and at our Lessons and Carols service this Sunday (17).

January: For follow-ups with visitors, we met over Christmas. For wisdom for the chaplaincy council as they govern the church.

February: For our chaplaincy council, wardens, and the church as we hope to be able to welcome our new chaplain soon.

St Mark's Versailles/St Paul's, Chevry



Chaplain: vacant

We give thanks to God that we have nominated a new chaplain. As we look forward to their arrival in Versailles, please pray for all the practicalities for this appointment to fall into place, for the church during this time, for the council, the wardens, and for locum priests to offer their ministry to us, especially during the Advent and Christmas season.



DAY 16 Holy Trinity Maisons-Laffitte



Charlotte Sullivan



Assistant: Vivian Sockett

November: We started a new initiative to distribute food parcels locally, pray that this will be a success. We give thanks for the donations and for our volunteers.

December: Pray our love for God and for others would be renewed as we celebrate Jesus' birth this Christmas at each of our Advent and Christmas services.

January: Pray for God to fill our Chaplain, Charlotte, and our Curate, Vivian, with His Spirit at the beginning of this new year.

February: Ask God to give us a clear vision of His plan for our church community for the year ahead.

St Michael's Paris



Jay Colwill and Jo



Associate: Ben Evans, Elise and Elya

November: Pray for our Wardens, Michael and Isobel, and our staff team, Claire, Alain and Ben, as our time of interregnum draws to a close. God has been kind to us, and we have seen some wonderful things these past few months.

December: Our new Chaplain, Jay Colwill, was licensed (3) and begins his ministry with us. Please pray for him and his wife Jo as they settle in life and ministry in Paris during this busy Christmas season.

January: Pray for our small groups that are integral to our common life and discipleship, but with our community so dispersed across the city it is hard for some to commit to them.

February: God has blessed St Michael's with young families, and we value the importance of investing in our children's growing faith. Please pray for our parents, grandparents, and children's ministry volunteers.

DAY 17 St Marc's Grenoble



Chaplain: vacant

November: Please join us in praying for the church as we enter an interregnum period. For Revd Nick, our retired chaplain, and for his wife, Julia, for the Lord's direction in the next phase of their lives. Pray for the ministry of Revd Roger and Revd Ursula Simpson, our first locums.

December: Pray for the ministry of our second locum, Revd John Lenton, and his wife in this interregnum period. Pray for the Lord's provision for the church to be able to afford a full-time chaplain.

January: Pray that the Lord will send us a new chaplain of His choice and in His time to shepherd His people. Pray for the Sunday school and youth fellowship group.

February: Pray for spiritual growth, for more active involvement of our members in church life, and for the newly started men's group.

Trinity Church Lyon



Ben Harding and Jo
(Roman and Tobias)



Ordinand: Alison Heal



Curate: Craig Taylor, Becky, Elliot and Isaac

November: Iranian refugees, committed to Christ or who are seeking, pass through TCL frequently. Some stay, some integrate into French churches, some become lost (to us). Please pray for a Farsi-speaking pastor to nurture and disciple this cherished, vulnerable community.

December: Lyon's united Carol service was on 10 December, TCL's is today! Please pray for unchurched and church-fringe folk who attend(ed); that festive highs and lows will draw them closer to Christ, the heart beating behind the festivities.

January: TCL church council includes some old hands and some who are just learning the ropes. Thank God for this invigorating mix and pray for us to mature together in our responsibilities.

February: Please pray for effective and faithful mission and outreach from TCL, the Rive Gauche protestant parish, and the bilingual Passways Mission, jointly funded by the two churches.

DAY 18 Christ the Good Shepherd Poitou-Charentes



Chaplain: vacant*
Assistant: Nikky Marshall

November: Pray for a new venture entitled 'Funding Our Future'. We ask for God's sovereign will to guide the ministry leaders and council members as they serve the fellowship and seek to minister His love.

December: Father God, as we celebrate Advent and Christmas, we ask that You help us be inclusive of all people who are experiencing the loss of loved ones and who feel alone or marginalised; may we always be the flame of your love, joy and hope.

January: Lord Jesus, the holy family fled to Egypt to ensure safety. We ask that You help us to be compassionate and caring to those who have fled their homeland to seek shelter and safety.

February: Father God, help us always to carry the person of Jesus in our thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to surrender to Your will and purposes in our fellowships and in every detail of our daily walk.

All Saints Vendée



Hazel Door* and Martin

November: That we may renew our fellowship opportunities by resuming our shared lunches after worship, for all the difficulties around the venue to be speedily resolved, and that we are open to all.

December: As we begin the new church year, may we be refreshed as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour. We look forward to sharing the Good News of the gospel in a bilingual service of Nine Lessons and Carols in our outreach village.

January: Pray as we plan for the future and face the realities of ageing congregations to make our worship more accessible in changing situations.

February: Prayers for our team of worship leaders, John, our Reader, and all who serve ASV tirelessly and willingly, that they are blessed in their ongoing ministry and support for the chaplaincy.

DAY 19 Aquitaine



Tony Lomas and Ingrid

November: Throughout the chaplaincy we have been reviewing our Safeguarding checks and training courses, praying for the Lord to renew our hearts and minds so to increase awareness and understanding. Pray for our chaplaincy council meeting (28) as we plan for the year ahead.

December: As the year ends, we give thanks for the theme 'Renewing Hope' (Romans 15:13) and reflect on ways this past year has provided opportunities to

build a deep trust in God's goodness, and how we can continue following in Jesus' footsteps.

January: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25) gives opportunity to renew ties of friendship in Christ, as we reflect on the theme proposed by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso: 'You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself...' (Luke 10:27).

February: We pray for God's continued blessing on Bordeaux's youth and music ministry, at the guitar and singing lessons held before each Sunday service. For our local annual meetings, we pray that new volunteers will come forward to offer their time and talents thus becoming more involved in church life.

Holy Trinity Cannes



Chaplain: vacant

November: We welcome Revd Richard Venn as our locum until mid-December. Please pray for our ongoing search for a permanent chaplain with interviews scheduled (27 and 28). Revd Richard Bromley will be with us to preach (26).

December: Please pray for a locum for Christmas and the New Year, and that our Christmas Fairs (3 and 10) and Christmas services will attract newcomers. We will once again support the *J'avais Faim* feeding programme for the homeless and hungry in Cannes.

January: We ask God's blessings on our regular events: our monthly prayer breakfasts, Zoom and French bible studies, and our support of the Victoria and Albert homes for the elderly.

February: Prayer please for encouragement for our hardworking teams: children's teaching, welcoming, catering, prayer ministry, technical support, and for more volunteers to join. We would also be delighted to welcome new families!

DAY 20 St George's Barcelona and Andorra

SPAIN



John Chapman (Chaplain) and Deborah (Assistant Chaplain)

November: Our Remembrance services in Andorra and Barcelona attract people who not usually attend church; may these be real occasions of bridge-building for Jesus.

December: This is a month with a number of holidays here in Spain. This leads to a different rhythm in our church life with opportunities for special events. Pray for the Spirit to work in people's lives.

January: An Archdeaconry team is visiting the Diocese of Peru led by Deborah Chapman with John also going.

Pray for deep relationships there and for St George's in our absence.

February: Lent is always a special time. Pray for refreshment from God, for renewed commitment to Him, and for our hearts to be open and touched.

English-speaking Church on Ibiza and Formentera



Adrian Green* and Linda

November: Please pray for rest and recuperation for those who have been working flat-out during the previous six months of the tourist season. Adrian travels to the North Spain Clergy Cluster meeting in Menorca. Remembrance Sunday brings out non-regular attenders. We have a new sermon series entitled 'Dead men speak' (the minor prophets). Alpha in Dutch begins. Please pray for ongoing relationships with local FEREDE pastors (the governing body for non-Roman Catholic religious entities in Spain).

December: Balance for everyone between the demands of work, family, and the extra Christmas events: a Christmas Memorial Service, several Carol services, and Messy Church in different areas of the islands. Pray for 24-7 Ibiza as they continue to serve the Romany and homeless communities on the island, especially as they serve a Christmas Day meal for the homeless in Ibiza town.

January: Alpha courses in English (and possibly Spanish) are starting. We look forward to the Week of Christian Unity which includes a combined discipleship course led by Freedom in Christ. We have a new sermon series entitled 'Celebrate Recovery', and the Archdeaconry Synod starts.

February: That feasting on Shrove Tuesday pancakes will help us move into Ash Wednesday and Lent, giving more time to pray and to fast, so that we can focus more on God and giving and/or charity.

DAY 21 Holy Trinity Corfu

GREECE



Jules Wilson* (Trish, Josh, Lily)



Reader Lefkada: Jackie Dallos

November: After a long hot summer of fires and floods, please pray for a time of rest for us and the islanders. Corfu hospital is losing doctors and replacing them is hard due to a lack of available affordable accommodation, please pray for a solution.

December: Please pray for anointings on our worship team and the developing choir as it prepares for Christmas events, that we can be the aroma of Christ through the Holy Spirit to make Him known to others at this special time.

January: In this new year, we look forward to going forward. Pray that we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His kingdom as we get closer to the Café Logos launch.

February: Please pray for families who are in crisis in so many ways: financially, emotionally, mentally, struggling with sick children, and having disputes which separate them. May Jesus touch their hearts to give peace in their souls and bring us alongside them, draw them to us.

**DAY 22 St John the Evangelist Alsancak &
St Mary Magdalene Bornova (Izmir) and St Mary's Didim**

TURKEY



James Buxton*

November: Pray for the volunteers who keep St John's open on several afternoons a week, and for the visitors who enjoy the peace and simplicity of our church and often take a copy of the gospels in Turkish away with them.

December: Pray for the churchwardens and congregation at St Mary's Didim (100 miles south of Izmir) for their regular Sunday worship and special Christmas events, that they may continue to be salt and light in the expatriate community.

January: Pray for the continuing restoration work at St John's, especially for our project to restore the crumbling stonework of the Bishop Collins Hall (our church hall), and for churchwardens JoNell and Alan in their ministry in the church community.

February: Pray for the young members of the St John's congregation, especially those baptised at Easter 2023, for their growth in faith, hope and love.

DAY 23

ANGLICAN PROVINCE OF ALEXANDRIA



All Saints Cathedral Cairo, Egypt: Revd Jeff is caring for the English-language congregation, forty+ people from a multitude of nations. Pray for him as he supports the church and brings much needed stability after a time of short-term locums.

Christ the King Tripoli, Libya: Revd Crimson Jebakumar is leading this church. Please pray for him in his ministry and for his security, that the church may flourish under his leadership.

Holy Trinity Algiers, Algeria: An excellent team is looking after the ministry with a new Priest ready to start, however, he is still waiting for his visa. Pray for this issue to be sorted soon.

St George's Tunis, Tunisia: The team here is developing under the care of Revd Frank Bernardi. Pray for them, as well as for the ministry of the St Cyprian centre.



Martin Reakes-Williams*

November: For a church day out on Sunday 10 or 17 December, to work out, possibly with baptisms of some children old enough to answer for themselves, for the day to help build us together as a church family.

December: For the Prince of Peace to bring peace to this troubled country, for economic recovery that lifts people out of poverty, but above all, that the troubles would drive people into Christ's outstretched arms.

January: For the clergy of St Matthew's: Martin R-W (Rector), Gidey and Wondimayehu (Amharic ministry), Daniel (Muslim background believers in Addis), Daud (Mabaan ministry); for godly living and faithful ministry.

February: During this Lenten season, for all of us, both individually and as a church family, to delight in the Lord's love for us and be renewed.

Christ Church Kenilworth, Cape Town

SOUTH AFRICA



Steven Copsey*, Michaela, Kaius, Forrest, Jules and Neve

We welcome new ministry partner, the Revd Steven Copsey, who has been appointed as Minister of Christ Church Kenilworth in Cape Town. He and his family are excited to be going out to serve in South Africa and ask the following: 'Please pray for us as we are trying to find school places for our children. Until these are confirmed we are unable to apply for our visas to move out to Cape Town. We also appreciate prayers for Christ Church Kenilworth as they wait and prepare for our arrival. Thank you!'

DAY 25 St Martin Sharjah

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES



Drew Schmotzer*

November: For the Feast of St Martin and for all who help clothe and serve the poor, we pray especially for our Migrant Labour Ministry that serves English, Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, and other languages.

December: For our sports day, Christmas programmes and for all those who travel at this time, that the focus is on Jesus and not on secular distractions. Pray especially for our Teens and Youth and the struggles they face.

January: Remembering the wise men coming from the East, we pray for the countries of the Middle East that the light of Jesus Christ would reach and transform them!

February: For our construction projects, including the addition of a new lift, entrance, and another level, so we can accommodate more people and guest congregations.

St John Muscat



Chris Howitz*, Nicole, Joshua and Daniel

THE SULTANATE OF OMAN

November: Please pray for our young people, that they would be encouraged and resourced to live for Jesus. Pray for more leaders and helpers to step forward, and that we would grow as a family of faith in this land.

December: Pray for our preparations to celebrate Christmas, that many would join us and hear for themselves the 'Good News of great joy for all people'. Pray for the team coming to support our ministry this month, for gospel impact.

January: Please pray for our partnership with the Bible Society in Oman, that through it more people would have access to the Bible and bible resources and grow in the faith.

February: Give thanks! The Church of St John Muscat is one year old! Pray that we would work at building God's kingdom here and produce fruit that would last.

DAY 26 Christ Church Bangkok

THAILAND



Matthew Fitter* and Guen

November: We hosted the Elijah Challenge Conference (16-18) entitled 'Heal the sick as Jesus did' with guest speaker Pastor William Lau. English and Thai-speaking Christians from across Bangkok were invited, please pray that those who came were empowered by the Holy Spirit to witness for Jesus.

December: 99% of people living in Thailand have never heard the Good News about Jesus. Pray that during our evangelism activities and multiple Christmas services, many would respond to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

January: Pray for revival among people living in the city of Bangkok, for a Great Awakening and a turning away from darkness to the light of Jesus Christ.

February: Pray for increased unity and vision between the churches in Bangkok, both Thai-speaking and English, that the Kingdom of God will grow, and that the kingdom of darkness be pushed back.

DAY 27 Bush Church Aid Society

AUSTRALIA

November: Pray for our National Executive Committee meeting for the last time this year, for wisdom and discernment as they seek to make decisions about Bush Church Aid's future and direction.



National Director: Greg Harris* and Karen

December: Praise God for His faithfulness to Bush Church Aid throughout 2023. Pray for BCA’s Field Staff, Senior Officers, and leadership as they plan ministries for the new year, for wisdom, direction, and focus.

January: We thank God for a time of rest this month and a slower pace over the summer holidays as we begin a new year full of opportunities and look forward to what 2024 will hold.

February: Praise God for our Field Staff who minister in remote areas for the sake of the gospel. Pray that God will continue to raise up workers for His harvest field to fill the vacancies across this nation.

DAY 28 Christ Church Cathedral Stanley

FALKLAND ISLANDS



Hayley Argles- Grant* (Robert and Hannah)

November: We hold in our prayers and give thanks for our ministry, mission, and outreach throughout the Islands and into the camp settlements and farms. For our youth group as they actively participate in services, exploring and deepening their faith.

December: We pray for the cruise ship crews and visitors, the cathedral’s welcome ministry for tourists, and all those engaged in ethical tourism. For the Falkland Islands Government Air Service and the connections they bring to the Islands through essential delivery services and tourism.

January: Please pray for the safety of travellers. For the upcoming quinquennial inspection of the cathedral and finding the necessary support to continue to build for future mission and ministry here.

February: For the safety of travellers to our Islands, including South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

DAY 29 Christ Church Rio de Janeiro

BRAZIL



Jonny Gumbel*, Tara, Albie, Titus, Iscah, Ettie



Assistant: Ben Bryant, Martha, Jonah and Rae

November: For our Alpha Holy Spirit Day, that lives will be changed. For our Festival of Lights youth event, for lots of young people to respond to the gospel. For our Remembrance Services, that Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, would shine through.

December: For our Christmas services, for people inviting friends and family members, for the message of God with us, and for people to sign up to Alpha and joining the church as a result.

January: For the team over the long summer break here, for rest and inspiration for the year ahead, and for the new team members who, we hope, will be arriving, that their travel and arrival may go smoothly and without any obstacles.

February: For our ministry during the carnival and at the start of a new term, for new small groups, a new Alpha course, and for the church to continue to grow and flourish.

St Peter's Viña del Mar and St Paul's Valparaiso

CHILE



Our new Priest, Bishop Sammy Morrison, has taken up Office. Please pray for him in his ministry with us.

The Rt Revd Sammy Morrison*

DAY 30 ICS Resort Mission



St Peter's Zermatt

November: As our chaplains prepare for the winter season in Wengen and Zermatt, please pray especially for those who will serve over the Christmas period: the ever-faithful Roger Scoones in Wengen, Elizabeth and Eduard Bussmann in Mürren, and a new team member in Zermatt.

December: Please pray that the new year will bring opportunities to offer new life and new hope to people from around the world who have been drawn to our resorts in the Swiss Alps.

January: February can be a busy month in the resorts as school holidays bring families to enjoy the mountains. May our chaplains have the flexibility and discernment to adapt their plans to fit the opportunities which God presents them with.

DAY 31 ICS Mission Director



Richard Bromley and Denise

December: Please pray for Richard and Denise as they approach a new year of travel. Pray for Richard, that he may have vision, energy, and wisdom as he guides ICS into 2024. As ever, there are challenges but also great opportunities.

January: A lot has gone on in Richard and Denise's family, some exciting, some challenging. Please pray

for them as they balance responsibilities at home as well as lead and guide ICS.

ICS Council



Ms Liz Dumain, Ms Jemima Gardner, Mr Calen Gayle, Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance, Mr Roger Hoyle, Rt Revd Richard Jackson (*Chair*), Revd Kevin Mentzel, Revd Folo (Folli) Olokose, Mrs Liz Skudder, Mr Graham Sopp (*Treasurer*), Mrs Ann Tyndall (*Vice Chair*), Very Revd Tim Wright, Revd Canon Richard Bromley (*Secretary*), Mr David White (*Secretariat*)

December: Thank God for some generous bequests given to ICS; pray for a wise use of our resources. Pray for Resort Ministry in Zermatt and Wengen, for gospel opportunities and safety for the chaplains.

January: Please pray for the council as they consider the future direction of ICS's Resort Ministry and for good management of the fabric and legal affairs of the properties for which ICS is responsible.



**Please join us at the next ICS Zoom Prayer Meeting
on Thursday 23 November and 25 January 10am (UK time)**

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