

October

- Tue 1st Regional Director, Steve Morgan asks for prayer for seeking God's will on how we engage with churches in the UK. The recruitment of more volunteers across the region. For appointments and new work in Greece, France, Georgia and for appointments in the Netherlands, Liverpool and Southampton.
- Wed 2nd Antwerp. The ecumenical centre is open 7pm to 11pm. Port Chaplain: Rev June Mark Yanez. Please pray that the local committee (The Mission to Seafarers Antwerp) will have success in preparing for and in the actual conduct of its annual Christmas Bazaar come December, which will redound to the benefit of seafarers.
- Thu 3rd Rouen. There is a centre in Rouen which offers a wide range of facilities and is open 18:00-22:00. President: Eric Salaun Secretary: Rene Refour
- Fri 4th Gibraltar. Thank you for your prayers for increased onboard visiting, which have increased hugely. On each visit onboard a cruise ship we may well speak to over 100 crew members, building relationships and increasing awareness of our chaplaincy support services. Numbers of such ships have increased sharply. Consequently we now get regular cries for help from seafarers from all types of vessel, both on the dock and at sea. Please pray that our work achieves its aim for all seafarers who ask for our help and that our work as a Port Chaplaincy Team continues to develop positively. Thank you.
- Sat 5th Dublin. The centre is open Monday to Thursday 13:30 to 16:30 and 19:00 to 21:00. Please pray for Hon Chaplain Rev William Black and Dermot Desmond.
- Sun 6th Dublin. We offer 24 hour Wi Fi access, and the centre is open each afternoon 1.30pm - 4.30pm. Please pray for Rev. Willie Black, Dublin Port Hon Chaplain, Mary Dillon, Ships Visitor and Noeleen Hogan, Centre Administrator and for all we come into contact with and all who visit our centre.
- Mon 7th The Netherlands. Rotterdam. Give thanks that The Flying Angel Centre in Schiedam has recently re-opened. Please pray for the arrival and settling in of the new chaplaincy team for Rotterdam.
- Tue 8th The Netherlands. Vlissingen. The centre is open 17:00 to 23:00 daily. It offers a range of facilities to seafarers. Port Chaplain: Pascal Handschin. Please pray for continuous good relations with port authorities and governments to ensure access to vessels amidst strengthening security protocols. Also pray for all volunteers and give thanks for their work for seafarers.
- Wed 9th Turkey. Please pray for the work of the Mission in Turkey, for Chaplain James Buxton, and for the seafarers and port personnel at the ports of Izmir (where James is based) and Aliaga. Please pray especially for gangways to open up for visits to cruise ships at the port of Kuşadası.
- Thu 10th Scottish Ports. Chaplain for Scotland: Rev Tim Tunley. Pray for Tim as he travels throughout Scotland. Pray also for the volunteer teams visiting cruise ships and for the Scottish committee.

- Fri 11th Grangemouth. We have no update on our centre move at the moment. We are seeking wisdom on what we need to do next year with cruise ships at South Queensferry.
- Sat 12th Seaham. There is a seafarer centre in Seaham docks. Pray for the current use and future development of the centre, especially the volunteers there.
- Sun 13th Avonmouth and Portbury. These are the ports for Bristol and are run by the Bristol Port Company. Our Centre in Portbury is open everyday day 1300-2200. Please pray for Port Chaplains Father Jeremy Hellier and the Reverend Lucy Blows, and also our ecumenical colleagues Steve Loader (QVSR) and Peter Morgan (Stella Maris). Pray too for Adrian and Sarann our centre managers and David Brown our port CEO and his team.
- Mon 14th Falmouth. The Falmouth Centre is based at the heart of Falmouth Docks, Cornwall, UK. Crew from cruise ships, the Royal Navy, the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, and many blue chip commercial companies from home and overseas visit the Centre to spend some time using the Centre, the Summerhouse, the Chapel or some peaceful moments in the award-winning garden. Please pray for all of visiting crew, for the Falmouth Committee and all the Centre's valued and committed volunteers.
- Tue 15th Felixstowe and Haven Port. There is a minibus service in Felixstowe and centres in both ports. Please pray for our Ship Visitors, David Offord, Michael & Young Ja Lyons, and our dedicated team of Volunteer & Paid Drivers. Together, the drivers enable us to offer transport to Seafarers for 12 hours per day, 7 days per week. Also, please pray for the ongoing exploration of new models for Workplace Ministry to Port Staff by the local Methodist Circuit.
- Wed 16th Fowey. Fowey Centre is accessible 24/7 to visiting Seafarers and staffed by arrangement. Free transport is also available from Dock side to local supermarkets. The Port Welfare officer is Evette Hall. Pray for her and her team as they respond to the needs of visiting seafarers.
- Thu 17th Great Yarmouth. Centre is open by request Tel 07749684651. Please pray for the volunteers and for more to be added to our numbers. Also the appointment of a new Port Chaplain as Rev Peter Paine retires next year.
- Fri 18th The Humber Ports. These include Hull, Immingham, Goole and Grimsby. Give thanks for the great volunteer team who visit ships and support the work more widely. We also give thanks for the start of the new Goole team and the first meeting of the new support group, which will become the port committee over time. We are also thankful for new volunteers in Hull.
- Sat 19th Please pray for: the growth of the Humber team; good co-operative working with local partners; the growth of the ship visiting team in Goole; the local support committee; our work with the Pride of Hull, especially the crew led on-board Christian Fellowship. Please also pray for our engagement with local churches and communities..
- Sun 20th Groveport. The seafarer centre is an unstaffed 24/7 access cabin. Please pray that seafarers who visit the Trent ports would use the cabin and that word would spread about it among the ships that call. Give thanks for the work of the volunteer team: Chris, Tim, Tyler, Steve and Jayne. Please pray also for good ongoing relationships with PD ports who support the centre very generously.

- Mon 21st Northern Ireland. Belfast. Please pray for the work of the busy port centre, which offers a wide range of facilities to seafarers. Centre manager - Paul Kirker. Port Chaplain – Rev Mark Reid..
- Tue 22nd Northern Ireland. Londonderry/Lisahally. There is a small unstaffed centre in Londonderry port.
- Wed 23rd Northern Ireland. Warrenpoint. Ship visitor: Stuart Cooper.
- Thu 24th South Wales. We pray for all the ports: Bird Port, Newport, Cardiff, Barry, Port Talbot, Neath, Swansea, Pembroke and Milford Haven as they begin a journey of transformation for the future, and for Revd Rufus Noy as he leads and builds a new team and in his travels between these ports. We pray and give thanks for the work of all our volunteers, and for the support we receive within our ports and local communities.
- Fri 25th Southampton. Port Chaplain: Rev James Mosher. Of your mercy, Southampton Intentions Almighty God, our heavenly Father, draw us to thyself, that in common love and obedience to thee we may be united to one another; Look favourably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence, carry out the work of thy people's salvation. Father, we pray for; All Seafarers who pass through these waters; The appointment of a new half time ship visitor; Deacon Claire as she begins a three-month placement with MtS Southampton; The opening of a new Seafarer's centre on Bugle Street; The security staff in our Port; Our search for new office space in the Port; Our upcoming AGM; Our team of ship visitors and transport drivers; Our local Southampton Committee. Lord in your Mercy.
- Sat 26th Father, we pray for all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Shed forth upon thy whole Church in Paradise and on earth the bright beams of thy light and heavenly comfort. Heavenly Father, we pray for all seafarers who have died recently, Rest Eternal Grant unto them O Lord. We join our prayers with Saint Swithin, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of all thy saints and martyrs. Mercifully grant that we may be forever raised up higher, in thanksgiving, adoration, and worship. Lord in your Mercy
- Sun 27th Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- Mon 28th North Tees and Hartlepool. There is a centre offering the full range of services and facilities, open 9 to 5 every weekday. Centre manager: Aidan Webster. More volunteers are needed so that we can extend our opening hours thereby reaching out to a greater number of seafarers. The Health, Safety and well-being of everyone that used the Centre. Guidance as we seek to discern the best ways to provide the best service to seafarers.
- Tue 29th South Tees. There is a well-equipped centre run by volunteers. Please pray for our integrated working with Stella Maris Confidence and skill in training, use and maintenance of the defibrillator Integrity in our relationships with Russian and Ukrainians.
- Wed 30th Tilbury. The centre is open every day 13:30- 21:30, with a 24 hours access room. Port Chaplain: Ruth Alexander. Pray also for the new centre opened with cruise ships staff in mind.
- Thu 31st Tyne and Wear. The centre is open Monday to Friday 12:00 to 21:00. Centre manager: Dianne Erskine.

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EUROPE REGION

Regional Director: Steve Morgan

Welcome to the October 2024 edition of the Mission to Seafarers Monthly Prayer Diary.



This month we are praying for the work in the Europe Region.

The Prayer requests have been prepared by the Regional Director, Steve Morgan and his team.

Steve Morgan Writes:

The Europe region covers the whole of the continent, from Ireland east to the Black Sea and from Scotland south to Gibraltar. We are a region with some of the largest ports in the world through to smaller local ports with regular visitors. We are diverse geographically and culturally, but united in our core purpose of showing love to seafarers in the name of Jesus.