

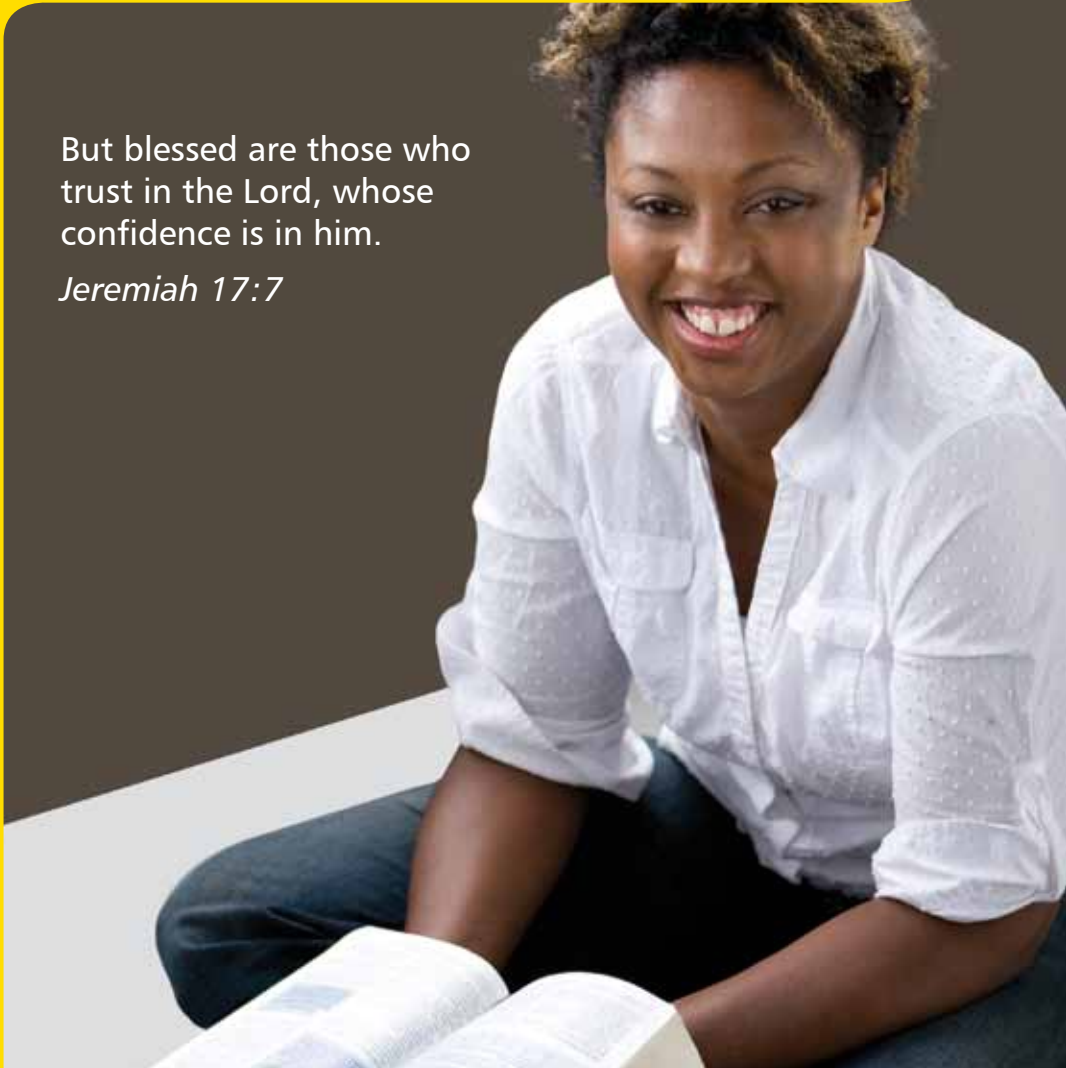
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SUPPORT THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER

prayer diary

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confidence is in him.

Jeremiah 17:7



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We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.

David 1: 18-19

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Some of the greatest prayers in Scripture are the product of a hunger.

When Hannah wept in Shiloh (1 Samuel 1:10) it was because of the hunger of her heart for a son. When Daniel pleaded for God to be merciful towards his exiled people, he did so from the hunger for the people within his heart (Daniel 9: 4-19). When the leper threw himself at Jesus' feet (Matthew 8:1-2), it was out of hunger for healing.

And in each of the instances referred to above, I believe it was the hunger behind the intercession that caused God to extend his grace and mercy towards those who called on him.

This same hunger has inspired some of the great prayers and revivals throughout church history. David Brainerd, an 18th century missionary to the Native Americans, died in 1747 aged only 29. Yet despite this short life, he is often regarded as one of America's great missionaries – not just because of his success in seeing people converted, but because of the example of his prayer life.

In his diary for 14 June 1742 he wrote: 'I set this day apart for secret fasting and prayer. I wrestled for an ingathering of souls. I was in such agony till near dark, that I was all over wet with sweat'.

His effectiveness in missionary work was a product of his prayer. And his prayer was

born of the hunger in his heart – a hunger that Native Americans might know the grace of God in Christ.

The missionary challenge that faces the church in the UK and Republic of Ireland today is the same as in Brainerd's America of 1747. In other words, it is as much a challenge for us to pray as for individuals and churches to set their face to evangelistic endeavour.

Someone has suggested that the Church in our day needs to recover a spiritual hunger: with 'fewer organisers and more agonisers, fewer singers and more "clingers", less fashion and more passion, fewer writers and more fighters, fewer fears and more tears!'

I hope that as you read this prayer diary and use it to inform and direct your prayers for CPAS, you will allow the Holy Spirit to foster a hunger in your heart. A hunger for men, women and children to come to faith in Christ. A hunger for the Church to know the manifest presence of God. A hunger for leaders to be shaped, matured and guided by the Spirit. A hunger for the Lord Jesus to be known and honoured in our land.



John Dunnett
General Director

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WEEK 1

pray for CPAS patronage churches



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. *Acts 1:8*

Parkstone, St John Heatherlands

Sunday 19 April

John Alderman, CPAS patronage secretary, is preaching this morning at a church in the Warwick Team on aspects of church growth and leadership.

Monday 20 April

John Alderman is due to be involved with interviews this week at St John's and St Andrew's, Waterloo. Please pray for these churches situated in a high-profile location (near Waterloo Station and on the South Bank), and with significant residential areas too.

Tuesday 21 April

Pray for a Section 12 meeting tonight when the bishop, CPAS patronage and PCCs meet to finalise the parish profile for the Culm Valley team ministry appointment.

Wednesday 22 April

John Alderman, the parish representatives of Parkstone, St John Heatherlands, the bishop and archdeacon are meeting this week as part of drawing up a short-list for Parkstone.
Please pray for this meeting.

Thursday 23 April

CPAS patronage trustees meet in London today with a full agenda including short-listing for advertised posts, discussion around some of the wider issues current in the Church of England, and a review of all the parishes where there is a vacancy.

Friday 24 April

Please pray for the men and women travelling to the CPAS *You and Ministry* course at Redhill today.

Saturday 25 April

Ask God to guide the *You and Ministry* participants as they spend time learning, thinking and praying about ordained and other authorised ministry.

pray for CPAS patronage churches

WEEK 2

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Psalms 46:7

Sunday 26 April

Pray for the men and women on the final day of the CPAS *You and Ministry* course at Redhill. The group will share communion together before travelling home. Ask God to guide each participant as they seek how best to serve him in the future.

Monday 27 April

Pray for all the follow-up from last week's CPAS patronage trustees meeting. John Alderman, CPAS patronage secretary, and Kathy Burch, the PA to the patronage secretary, have many letters and emails to write and send to bishops, candidates, parish representatives and diocesan officers.

Tuesday 28 April

Please pray for churches currently in an interregnum. Ask God to raise up lay leaders during this time of vacancy.

Wednesday 29 April

Thank God for parish representatives whose role in the appointment of new clergy is vital.

Thursday 30 April

Interviews take place today at St Stephen's, East Twickenham – a large and lively church in a strategic and influential position. Pray for wise decision-making and God's outcome.

Friday 1 May

Pray for John Coyne who starts at CPAS today as the new director of local and regional delivery. John will be overseeing CPAS patronage as well as the regional leadership development advisers.

Saturday 2 May

Ask God to equip and encourage clergy moving to new appointments.



John Coyne, director for local and regional delivery

WEEK 3

pray for CPAS

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6

Sunday 3 May

Please pray for Andrew Cowley, senior leadership development adviser, and Alex Volcansek, leadership development adviser, who both started work at CPAS earlier this year.

Monday 4 May

Pray for all the CPAS staff involved in developing and mentoring leaders.

Tuesday 5 May

Thank God for all those who generously and sacrificially support the ministry of CPAS.

Wednesday 6 May

Ask God to provide for all the financial needs of CPAS.

Thursday 7 May

Pray for the CPAS operations team working behind the scenes ensuring the functions of IT, finance, communications, and reception all run smoothly.

Friday 8 May

Ask God to encourage John Dunnett, general director, as he leads CPAS.

Saturday 9 May

Thank God for the CPAS trustees and council of reference who give up their time voluntarily to serve CPAS.



Alex Volcansek, leadership development adviser

But blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him. *Jeremiah 17:7*

Sunday 10 May

Pray for the participants of *Arrow 10* beginning their first residential week today.

Monday 11 May

Today the *Arrow 10* participants are taking part in team-building activities, including abseiling and rock-climbing. Please pray for safety.

Tuesday 12 May

Please pray that those taking part in *Arrow 10* would learn to lead more like Jesus, be led more by Jesus and lead more to Jesus.

Wednesday 13 May

Pray for the new incumbents attending the CPAS *Buck Stops Here* conference in Sheffield over the next two days.

Thursday 14 May

Pray the *Arrow* participants would be encouraged and challenged as they think about personal evangelism.

Friday 15 May

Pray for James Lawrence, who directs the *Arrow Leadership Programme*, and Carol Street, the CPAS programmes manager.

Saturday 16 May

Please pray for the *Arrow* participants returning to home and work situations.



Kit and Katie from *Arrow 10*

WEEK 5

pray for young leaders

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.
1 Timothy 4:12



Sunday 17 May

Pray for those participating in the new *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* course, that they will become equipped to be Christ-like leaders.

Monday 18 May

Please pray for young leaders to be receptive to God's wisdom about his calling on their lives.

Tuesday 19 May

Pray for those mentoring young people in churches and youth groups across the country, especially those helping participants through the *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* course.

Wednesday 20 May

Please pray for youth leaders who are helping to build faith in children and young people.

Thursday 21 May

Ask God to inspire those teenagers currently reading *Ready to Lead*. Pray they would be encouraged to be godly leaders in all situations.

Friday 22 May

Please pray for those struggling with the challenge of being a young leader. Ask God to refresh and inspire all those who are finding it hard at the moment.

Saturday 23 May

Pray that through God's grace the work of CPAS will fulfil its vision of equipping churches to train a generation of children and young people for leadership.

pray for ventures and falcon camps

WEEK 6

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *Romans 5:8*

Sunday 24 May

Thank God for the many leaders who give up their time to enable thousands of children and young people to grow in faith on Ventures and Falcon Camps.

Monday 25 May

Ask God to help the children and young people who attend Ventures and Falcon Camps come to a greater understanding of his amazing love for them.

Tuesday 26 May

The Quinta Venture for 8-11 year olds starts today in Shropshire. Please pray for safety for the children and leaders as they travel to the site.

Wednesday 27 May

Today is the first full day of the Quinta Venture. Pray that everyone will settle in, make new friends and grow in their faith. Ask God to comfort any children who are homesick.

Thursday 28 May

Ask God to encourage the volunteer leaders serving on the Quinta Venture this week.

Friday 29 May

Please pray for the children and young people on the Quinta Venture which finishes today. Ask God to help them share the gospel message with their friends and families.

Saturday 30 May

Pray for the children who attend Falcon Camps. Ask God to equip the churches and leaders who work with these young people all year round.



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Young leaders growing in Christ-like character as they are equipped to lead in their churches, in their schools and colleges, and in their homes.

Growing Leaders – Youth Edition helps imagination become reality.

The course is designed to run over two terms with a mixture of teaching, mentoring and practical application to develop 14-18s in leadership. It includes

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'This has been the single most effective training I have done for young people seeking to develop their leadership. It's focused, down-to-earth and inspiring. I can't wait to run it again.'

Andy Castle, youth pastor at St Stephen's, Twickenham



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pray for church leaders

WEEK 7

Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' *John 6:35*

Sunday 31 May

Please pray for leaders of churches in Urban Priority Areas. Ask God to inspire church communities to reach out creatively with the gospel message to those in need.

Monday 1 June

Please pray for leaders of churches in rural areas. Ask God to refresh and equip everyone with leadership roles and responsibilities.

Tuesday 2 June

Please pray for church leaders at the National Larger Anglican Churches Consultation (sponsored by CPAS) which begins today at the Swanwick Conference Centre.

Wednesday 3 June

Pray for all the lay and ordained leaders who are mentored by a member of CPAS staff.



Lay and ordained leaders at St Paul and St Stephen's, Nottingham (a CPAS patronage church). Photo credit: James Bacon

Thursday 4 June

Thank God for all those involved in creating and producing the CPAS *Church Leadership* magazine and online resources.

Saturday 6 June

Pray for all those attending the *Growing Leaders – Training the Trainers* day in Crowborough today.

Friday 5 June

Please pray for the churches piloting the new CPAS leadership audit training tool.



Heather Atkinson
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Clap your hands, all you nations; shout
to God with cries of joy.
Psalm 47:1

Thursday 11 June

Pray for ordained leaders to live their lives in total surrender to Christ.

Friday 12 June

The CPAS *You and Ministry* weekend starts in Ilkely, Yorkshire today. Please pray those attending may hear God's voice as they seek his path for their lives.

Saturday 13 June

Ask God to call more men and women to ordained ministry, including pioneer ministry.

Sunday 7 June

Ask for the peace of God to be with those adjusting to a new life in ordained ministry. Pray for the new incumbents who attended the CPAS *Buck Stops Here* course last year.

Monday 8 June

Pray for vicars in multi-benefice roles to have the energy to serve their different congregations with care and sensitivity.

Tuesday 9 June

Pray for ordained leaders who may be seeking a new position within the Church to have clarity and peace as they look ahead to a time of change and upheaval.

Wednesday 10 June

Pray for incumbents seeking God's vision for their parishes. May they be attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and have the perseverance to see those visions become reality.

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www.twitter.com/cpasnews

pray for women in leadership

WEEK 9

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise! *Revelation 5:12*

Sunday 14 June

Please continue to pray for those taking part in this weekend's *You and Ministry* conference. Ask God for safe travel as they return home and for his peace as they reflect on the weekend.

Monday 15 June

Please pray the downloadable studies to accompany *Growing Women Leaders* would stimulate and resource groups in local churches.

Tuesday 16 June

Rosie Ward, CPAS leadership development adviser, is often asked for advice on issues ranging from growing a church to maternity leave. Pray for God's help as she seeks to be a resource to women in leadership.

The Rev Jo Stephens, curate at St Michael's, Bramcote
Photo credit: James Bacon

Wednesday 17 June

Growing Women Leaders, published last September by CPAS and BRF, has received good reviews. Please pray it would inform thinking on women in the Church and resource women leaders.

Thursday 18 June

Pray for the work of AWESOME (Anglican Women Evangelicals: Supporting our Ordained Ministry) as they support evangelical ordained women.

Friday 19 June

Pray for all women with leadership roles and responsibilities in their churches and communities.

Saturday 20 June

Please pray for courage for ordained women going into new situations.



WEEK 10

pray for *arrow*

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6:14*



Arrow 9 participants

Sunday 21 June

Pray for the 24 men and women travelling to Sheffield today for the fourth and final residential of *Arrow 9*.

Monday 22 June

Ask God to speak to those taking part in *Arrow 9* as they study 2 Timothy and explore 'Going the distance'.

Tuesday 23 June

Pray for the *Arrow* participants looking at 'Team building in ministry'.

Wednesday 24 June

Please pray for James Lawrence, Carol Street, Rosie Ward and the other members of the *Arrow* team as they encourage those taking part in *Arrow*.

Thursday 25 June

Ask God to equip those on *Arrow* to lead mission-shaped churches.

Friday 26 June

Pray for the *Arrow* participants as they spend time looking at handling change.

Saturday 27 June

Please pray for those attending the *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* training event in Sheffield today.

pray for regional leadership development advisers

WEEK 11

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed are those whose sin the Lord will never count against them. *Romans 4:7-8*

Sunday 28 June

Please pray for Michael Nokes, regional leadership development adviser for the North-East, preaching today in the Lincoln diocese.

Monday 29 June

Pray for Kevin Fitzgibbon, regional leadership development adviser for the East, working with leaders and churches in the dioceses of Ely, Norwich, and St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

Tuesday 30 June

Please pray for Laurence Gamlen, regional leadership development adviser for the South, as he builds links with the dioceses of Salisbury and Winchester.

Wednesday 1 July

Pray for Paul Hoey, regional leadership development adviser in Ireland, as he meets with key leaders in Ireland. Ask God to help us communicate our vision for Christian leadership development in Ireland.

Thursday 2 July

Please pray for Chris Kellock, the new regional leadership development adviser for Scotland and the three northern dioceses of England. Pray Chris would develop positive relationships with leaders and churches.

Friday 3 July

Pray for Charles Burgess, regional leadership development adviser for the South-west, working in the dioceses of Truro, Exeter, Bath and Wells, Bristol and Gloucester. Charles started work with CPAS in February.

Saturday 4 July

Please pray for the new regional leadership development adviser for the Midlands, John Fisher, who will start work with CPAS in the autumn. He will work in the dioceses of Oxford, Peterborough, Coventry, Worcester, Hereford, Birmingham and Leicester.

Correction: In the autumn edition of the prayer diary, we mistakenly wrote that Michael Nokes was mentoring the Rev Calvert Prentis. Michael is actually working with Calvert and Holy Trinity, Huddersfield on developing a growing and healthy church.



Charles Burgess

WEEK 12

pray for *growing leaders*



Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12

All Saints, Sidmouth who have just finished the *Growing Leaders* course

Sunday 5 July

Please pray for those who have just finished the CPAS *Growing Leaders* course at All Saints, Sidmouth as they consider their next steps as Christian leaders.

Monday 6 July

Pray for St Thomas, Bradley which is hoping to open up their next *Growing Leaders* course to churches in neighbouring parishes.

Tuesday 7 July

Twenty-five people recently completed *Growing Leaders* at St Mark's, Battersea Rise. Ask God to guide these men and women as they seek to follow him.

Wednesday 8 July

The third *Growing Leaders* course at Springfield Church in Surrey begins in September. Pray for the people invited onto the course currently praying about whether taking part is right for them at this time.

Thursday 9 July

Please pray for St Andrew's, Eastern Green, as they prepare to run the *Growing Leaders* course. Ask God to prompt leaders and potential leaders to participate.

Friday 10 July

Please pray for the bishops, clergy and lay members of General Synod which begins meeting in York today.

Saturday 11 July

Pray for John Dunnett, CPAS general director, and other CPAS staff members representing CPAS at General Synod.

pray for ventures and falcon camps

WEEK 13

Sing for joy to the God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob! *Psalm 81:1*

Sunday 12 July

Thank God for the thousands of volunteer leaders who run Ventures and Falcon Camps each year.

Monday 13 July

Thank God for all the children and young people who have made commitments to Jesus on Ventures and Falcon Camps.

Tuesday 14 July

The Colwyn Bay 4 Venture takes place at the beginning of August. Please pray for the leaders making their final preparations. Ask God to help them effectively disciple the young people who attend.

Wednesday 15 July

Many children face disadvantage in the day-to-day lives. Please pray for Falcon Camps which enable these children to have a much-needed holiday and to discover God's love for them.

Thursday 16 July

Please pray for the leaders of the Stage Fright 1 and 2 Ventures at Woodhall Spa which take place next month. Ask God to help those leading communicate creatively the good news of Jesus.

Friday 17 July

Please pray for David and Liz Wooldridge, overall leaders on the Criccieth 2 Venture, which takes place on 10-20 August.

Saturday 18 July

Pray for the Falcon Camp held at Lee Abbey which takes place on the 15-22 August. Ask God to meet the needs of the children and young people there.



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prayer diary overview

This overview is designed to be easily detached in order to help those who prefer to pray in a less structured way. Please use the Bible verses to guide you, and ask the Holy Spirit for inspiration. Each section outlines the prayer focus for the week ahead.

Sunday 19 April

Pray for CPAS patronage churches

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. *Acts 1:8*

Please pray for interviews and meetings as the patronage team meets with PCCs, archdeacons and bishops to discuss parish profiles, short-lists and appointments.

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support through the power of prayer

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