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## **Training leaders for mission excites new CPAS director**

John Coyne, who has joined mission agency CPAS from St John's Theological College in Nottingham, is calling on 30 years' of ordained ministry experience to help enhance the leadership and mission of local churches.

John, director of local and regional delivery at CPAS, heads up the team of nine regional leadership development advisers, as well as overseeing CPAS' patronage appointment responsibilities undertaken by the Rev Canon John Alderman for more than 500 churches nationwide.

He joined CPAS last month from St John's, where he was dean of college and director of practical theology.

'Our challenge is to deliver training, mentoring and consultancy which is appropriate and focused, enabling churches to help more people hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ,' said John.

'This role excites me because it draws on my twin passions – that the Church is clearly focused on sharing in God's mission, and the development of good leadership which enables this to happen.

'Two early training initiatives which reflect the new CPAS vision are currently being piloted in churches:

- *Leadership Matters* is a whole-church audit, designed to highlight effectiveness in seven key functions of leadership
- *Leading Edge* forums exist to help groups of eight to ten leaders work through the implications of relevant leadership topics.

'These resources work in tandem with the mentoring and consultancy support provided by our regional leadership advisers. By working with local churches or small groups of leaders to provide focused and appropriate support, these advisers can contribute something beyond that provided by books and courses alone.

'We are not just focusing on ordained leaders. There is a need to develop leadership gifts amongst all the people of God in order for the Church to embrace a positive future.'

After training at Oak Hill, John was ordained in 1979, and developed an increasingly mission-focused ministry in two curacies and an incumbency. From 1988, he then served as an RAF Chaplain for seventeen years until 2005, when he moved to St John's.

John explained: 'From my formative years after ordination, I developed a strongly missional approach to ministry. This includes my time in the RAF, in a role which is seen by many as essentially pastoral, but to me was primarily about relating my faith and ministry to people who often had little or no Christian background. For five of my seventeen years in chaplaincy I was the RAF adviser in evangelism.'

John Dunnett, general director of CPAS, said: 'I am delighted to welcome John to the management team at CPAS. With his breadth and depth of experience comes a real heart for sharing the gospel, which will help the church leaders we work with to understand the importance of forming a mission-shaped Church.'

## **Ends**

**For further information please contact Olly Du Croz at CPAS on 01926 458443.**

## **Notes to Editors:**

- **CPAS is an Anglican evangelical mission agency working with churches, mainly in the UK and Republic of Ireland. It enables churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ.**
- **CPAS helps churches become more mission-focused by developing effective leaders at all levels: training, resourcing, empowering and inspiring men, women and young people who point others to Jesus.**