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Ask and it will be given
to you; seek and you will
find; knock and the door
will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

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I keep asking that the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious Father, may give
you the Spirit of wisdom
and revelation so that you
may know him better.

Ephesians 1:17

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Welcome to this edition of the CPAS *Prayer Diary*. I am encouraged to hear that so many people pray for CPAS on a daily basis. We value this support and believe it makes a difference.

I have recently been reading Paul's letter to the Ephesian church and in particular considering the focus of his prayers for them in chapter one. Although these prayers were written for all members of the Ephesian church, it is appropriate to use the cues that he offers in praying specifically for men and women with leadership roles and responsibilities in our churches today. May I therefore offer some suggestions as to how we might pray for the leaders mentioned in this *Prayer Diary*.

Paul's first prayer (verses 16-17) is that God would give the Ephesian Christians a greater knowledge of him. Peter gives a similar injunction to the readers of his second letter (2 Peter 3:18) and in Jesus' famous discourse on the good shepherd, he says 'I know my sheep and my sheep know me' (John 10:14).

In John Stott's commentary on Ephesians he suggests that the 'knowledge' being referred to is more Hebraic than Greek. In other words, this is about experience as well as understanding. Let's pray, therefore, that God's Spirit would enable leaders (lay and ordained alike) to have this knowledge of God each day.

Paul then prays that the Ephesians will know the hope and inheritance that is theirs in Christ (verse 18). The 19th century Cornish clergyman William Haslam was called from conducting a church service to his dying

father's side. On arrival, he was told: 'It's too late. Your father's dead'. He replied: 'Not dead. Just beginning to live'.

Let's pray that all those leaders (both young and older) mentioned in this *Prayer Diary* may know this hope and be confident in their security in Christ, since it is this security that offers leaders a foundation for all that they do in Christian ministry.

Finally, Paul prays that the Ephesian Christians would know the power of God (verse 19). Clearly, this must include reference to the work of God in regeneration and sanctification. But I wonder if there isn't something more as well. I have always been intrigued by Luke's comment in his Gospel (Luke 5:17) that 'the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick'. His turn of phrase suggests that there were occasions when such power was not present. Obviously this cannot be a negative reflection on Jesus – rather an indication that the Spirit of God blows both in and out of where he wills.

If there is one prayer that would be welcomed by church leaders all over our nations, it must be that God's Spirit would blow with power amongst his people and in the ministries and communities that he gives to us. I encourage you to make that a prayer for church leaders all over the UK and the Republic of Ireland.



Thank you.

John Dunnett
General Director

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prayer diary

WEEK 1

pray for ordained leaders

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.
John 17:20-21

Sunday 18 October

Please pray for Kevin Fitzgibbon, regional leadership development adviser for the East of England, preaching today at St Paul's, Cambridge.

Monday 19 October

The CPAS *Buck Stops Here* course for those taking on their first position of overall responsibility in a church begins today in County Down, Northern Ireland. Ask God to equip and encourage these leaders to lead mission-shaped churches.

Tuesday 20 October

Pray for the men and women attending *The Buck Stops Here* as they look at how to develop evangelism in their churches.

Wednesday 21 October

Please pray for *The Buck Stops Here* participants discussing vision and goal setting. Ask God to help them seek him and his priorities for their lives.

Thursday 22 October

Ask God to help ordained leaders in the UK and the Republic of Ireland build effective, mission-focused teams in their churches.

Friday 23 October

Please pray for clergy seeking to grow and develop godly lay leaders committed to evangelism in their churches.

Saturday 24 October

Pray for the Rev Steve Silvester, vicar of St Nicholas' church in Nottingham (a CPAS patronage church). The church is running *Growing Leaders* for the first time this term. Please ask God to develop those with the gift of leadership.



The Rev Steve Silvester, St Nicholas' Church, Nottingham

pray for falcon camps

WEEK 2

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. *John 10:11*

Sunday 25 October

Please pray for the Halls Green 4 Falcon Camp which started yesterday. Pray the young people would settle in quickly and happily.

Monday 26 October

Pray for overall leaders, Jon Lake and Lydia Anderson, as they welcome teenagers to the Carrotty Wood Falcon Camp which starts today.



Tuesday 27 October

Pray for young people on the Falcon Camps taking place this week to be impacted by the message of God's love for them as they hear and discover the good news of Jesus.

Wednesday 28 October

Halls Green 4 ends today and Halls Green 5 begins! Please pray for safety in travelling.

Thursday 29 October

Pray for all the children who attended a Falcon Camp this summer, that they may continue to experience God's love for them.

Friday 30 October

Ask God to guide and equip Falcon Camp leaders as they make the preparations for camps taking place next year.

Saturday 31 October

Today is the final day at Halls Green 5, so please ask God to protect and nourish the new faith of those who have responded to Jesus' call on their lives.

WEEK 3

pray for CPAS patronage churches

Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below – you keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

1 Kings 8:23



St Helen's, Stapleford

Sunday 1 November

Pray for all those involved in the final stages of the appointment process for a new incumbent at Busbridge and Hambledon in the diocese of Guildford.

Monday 2 November

Please pray that CPAS patronage churches will remain focused on mission and reaching out to their local communities with the good news of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday 3 November

Pray for a good response to the adverts for the vacancy at St Mary's Church, Islington. Graham Kings, now the Bishop of Sherborne, was the vicar here, until recently.

Wednesday 4 November

CPAS patronage seeks to fill vacant parishes with incumbents who have a heart for the gospel and are committed to seeing people come to and grow in faith in Christ. Please pray for this ministry.

Thursday 5 November

Please pray for all evangelical clergy who are considering moving into a new role in the near future.

Friday 6 November

Pray for interviews taking place today for a new incumbent at Stapleford in Nottingham.

Saturday 7 November

Pray for the CPAS patronage team of John Alderman and Kathy Burch as they co-ordinate and advise about clergy vacancies and church appointment processes.

pray for regional leadership development advisers

WEEK 4

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and grace to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:14*

Sunday 8 November

Please pray for Chris Kellock, regional leadership development adviser for Scotland and the northern dioceses in England, as he preaches at St Mary and Holy Trinity, Ulverston.

Monday 9 November

Pray for Michael Nokes, regional leadership development adviser for the North-east, running the new CPAS *Leading Edge* forums in the diocese of York. Pray for the church leaders attending *Leading Edge* as they look at what it means to be a Christ-like leader in the 21st century.

Tuesday 10 November

Please pray for Kevin Fitzgibbon, regional leadership development adviser for the East, as he finalises arrangements for a *Leading Edge* training day which takes place next week.

Chris Kellock, Regional Leadership Development Adviser for Scotland and the Northern English Dioceses.

Wednesday 11 November

Pray for Paul Hoey, regional leadership development adviser for Ireland, preparing for the first residential week of the second *Arrow Ireland Programme*. Ask God to help Paul and the other members of the leadership team to lead well, and for the participants to be equipped for a lifetime of missional leadership.

Thursday 12 November

Please pray for John Fisher, regional leadership development adviser, developing leaders in churches to be more effective in leadership so that men, women and children may come to know Christ.

Friday 13 November

Please pray for Laurence Gamlen, regional leadership development adviser for the South, as he builds up relationships with local church leaders in the dioceses of Salisbury and Winchester.

Saturday 14 November

Pray for Charles Burgess, regional leadership development adviser for South-west England. Charles is responding to an increasing number of churches asking for practical support and advice.



WEEK 5

pray for CPAS as we seek to help all those discerning God's call on their life

Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.
2 Samuel 7:28



Thursday 19 November

Pray for young leaders who may be hearing God calling them in a new direction.

Friday 20 November

Pray for participants on the CPAS *You and Ministry* weekend which begins in Warwickshire today. Ask God to speak clearly to each person taking part so that they will know the next steps to take in discerning God's call on their life.

Saturday 21 November

Please pray for the CPAS staff, including Mark Norris and Rosie Ward, who are running the *You and Ministry* weekend. Ask God to give them his wisdom as they engage with men and women exploring God's call on their lives.

Sunday 15 November

Pray for diocesan directors of ordinands helping men and women discern God's call.

Monday 16 November

Pray for Mark Norris, CPAS leadership development adviser for vocations, as he seeks to inspire more under-30s to offer themselves for ordination.

Tuesday 17 November

Please pray for all those mentoring men and women of every age through the process of exploring where God is leading them.

Wednesday 18 November

Pray for lay leaders, taking part in the CPAS *Growing Leaders* course, who are discerning God's calling on their lives.

pray for CPAS

WEEK 6

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; those who seek find; and to those who knock, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:7-8

Sunday 22 November

Please pray for everyone returning home today after the *You and Ministry* conference. Ask God to continue to guide each person as they seek to serve him.

Monday 23 November

Pray for CPAS as we seek to enable churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ.

Tuesday 24 November

Ask God to equip CPAS for our vision of developing 25,000 men and women to become more effective in missional leadership.

Wednesday 25 November

Please pray for the CPAS management team as they begin to plan the ministry priorities and budget for next year.

James Lawrence,
Director of Development

Thursday 26 November

Pray for the CPAS trustees who meet today. Ask God to give them insight and wisdom in their decision-making.

Friday 27 November

Thank God for the many churches and individuals who generously support the ministries of CPAS.

Saturday 28 November

Please pray for John Dunnett, the general director of CPAS. Ask God to encourage and protect him as he leads CPAS.



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pray for CPAS patronage churches

WEEK 7

What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned each to his task.

1 Corinthians 3:5

Sunday 29 November

Please pray for John Alderman as he goes to preach at Burton Joyce in Nottingham today where there is currently a vacancy.

Monday 30 November

Please pray for everyone involved with filling the vacancy at St Pancras, Pennycross near Plymouth.

Tuesday 1 December

Pray for all those considering applications to become the incumbent at Christ Church, Anerley in the diocese of Rochester.

Wednesday 2 December

Pray for parish representatives and PCCs who are compiling parish profiles. These are a crucial part of the appointment process and help candidates discern their future ministry.



St Pancras, Pennycross

Thursday 3 December

Pray for the CPAS patronage trustees who meet today to discuss vacancies, short-listings and wider Church issues.

Friday 4 December

Please pray for John Alderman, CPAS patronage secretary, and Kathy Burch, the PA to the patronage secretary, as they follow-up from yesterday's patronage trustees' meeting.

Saturday 5 December

Pray for the parishes of Gentleshaw and Farewell in the diocese of Lichfield as they look at the best ways to help people in their communities discover the gospel message. Please pray for John Alderman who is preaching there tomorrow.

WEEK 8

pray for young leaders

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

Sunday 6 December

Please pray for children and young people in positions of leadership in churches, in schools and colleges, and homes. Ask God to help them use their God-given gift of leadership in a biblical, God-honouring way that will enable others to come to know Christ.

Monday 7 December

Pray for the young people at St John's, Stanmore in Middlesex (featured in the autumn edition of *Catalyst*) who took part in the *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* pilot programme. Ask God to continue to develop their leadership gifts.

Tuesday 8 December

Pray for the churches around the country running *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* this year. Ask God to inspire a generation of young people committed to him and to his purposes.

Wednesday 9 December

Please pray that young leaders will know who they are in Christ, and will be confident in their identity in him.

Thursday 10 December

Ask God to equip all the mentors who nurture and develop young leaders. Pray they would enable the young people to reach their potential as disciples.

Friday 11 December

Pray that young leaders will be intentional about growing in Christ-like character, and will seek to be prayerfully dependent on God in all they do.

Saturday 12 December

Ask God to help children and young people stand firm in their faith at school, and share Jesus' love with their friends and families.



The youth group at St John's, Stanmore

pray for lay leaders

WEEK 9

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Psalm 100: 1-2

Sunday 13 December

Pray for lay leaders involved with leading church services today. Give thanks for all those who serve in this way.

Monday 14 December

Ask God to help all those with leadership roles and responsibilities in churches to seek him first.

Tuesday 15 December

Pray that lay leaders will actively share the good news of Jesus with their friends, families and neighbours and also encourage evangelism in their churches.

Wednesday 16 December

Pray that those in positions of lay leadership will be open to God's calling on their lives, especially if he is leading them into a new form of leadership or towards ordained ministry.



Thursday 17 December

Pray for good relationships between ordained and lay leaders in larger and smaller churches. Ask God to help leaders build creative and united teams.

Saturday 19 December

Ask God to provide lay leaders with all the energy and resources they need to fulfil the various roles they have at church, at work and at home.

Friday 18 December

Pray for any lay leaders who are discovering the cost and sacrifice of Christian leadership.

WEEK 10

Pray for our nations

I have come into the world as light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. *John 12:46*



Sunday 20 December

Please pray that many men, women and children would hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Monday 21 December

Pray for churches to communicate biblical truth in relevant and creative ways to those who don't usually attend church services.

Tuesday 22 December

Ask God to help church leaders build mission-shaped churches which reach out to their local communities.

Wednesday 23 December

Pray that churches will be seen as places to receive the good news of Jesus this Christmas, especially for those struggling with loneliness or despair.

Thursday 24 December

Pray for churches to be welcoming as they reach out to families and children today.

Friday 25 December

Thank God for the opportunity to celebrate the gift of his son Jesus Christ, and pray that he will be recognised as Lord today.

Saturday 26 December

Pray for any of your own friends, neighbours, colleagues and family who don't yet know Jesus personally.

pray for ventures

WEEK 11

My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you.
Job 42:5

Sunday 27 December

Pray for all the children and young people who made a commitment to follow Jesus on Venture holidays during the past year.

Monday 28 December

The Casterton New Year Venture begins today, so pray for the young people as they learn more about Jesus this week.

Tuesday 29 December

The New Year Venture at Haselmere begins today. Please pray for the leaders and young people as they look at God's love for the world.

Wednesday 30 December

Ask God to equip leaders with everything they need to prepare for Ventures taking place next year.

Thursday 31 December

Pray that the young people on Ventures can celebrate the New Year this evening with joy and expectation about growing in relationship with God in 2010.

Friday 1 January

Please pray for children and young people to book onto Venture holidays taking place this year, giving them the chance to read the Bible and learn about Jesus.

Saturday 2 January

Both New Year Ventures end today, so please pray for the young people as they return to share their stories and testimonies with family and friends.



WEEK 12

pray for God's provision

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:19*



Sunday 3 January

Give thanks for all those who faithfully support the ministries of CPAS, and sustain our work of enabling churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ.

Monday 4 January

Thank God for the many churches in the UK and the Republic of Ireland who generously give to the work of CPAS.

Tuesday 5 January

Please pray for the communications team who are responsible for producing fundraising materials and resources. Ask God for continued creativity and inspiration.

Wednesday 6 January

Thank God for the many generous, long-term supporters of CPAS. Ask God to prompt a new generation of supporters to become committed, life-long givers.

Thursday 7 January

Thank God for the many people who persist in prayer for the ministries of CPAS.

Friday 8 January

Pray for the trustees as they make budget decisions in this time of economic pressure.

Saturday 9 January

Ask God to continue to provide sufficient funding so that we can do all that we believe God has called us to do.

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pray for CPAS leadership development advisers

WEEK 13

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.

Lamentations 3: 22

Sunday 10 January

Please pray for Andy Castle, CPAS leadership development adviser, helping leaders of all ages be more effective for mission and outreach.

Monday 11 January

Ruth Hassall is the leadership development adviser with responsibility for youth and children. Please pray for Ruth as she seeks to develop leaders of these ministries, as well as young people in positions of leadership.

Tuesday 12 January

Please pray for Mark Norris, CPAS leadership development adviser with responsibility for vocations. Ask God to equip Mark as he especially looks to encourage younger leaders to offer themselves for ordination, including pioneer ministry.

Wednesday 13 January

Rosie Ward, leadership development adviser, has recently created two short courses (available from the CPAS website) which explore the themes and issues raised in her book *Growing Women Leaders*. Ask God to use these resources to help develop women in leadership in today's Church.

Thursday 14 January

Andrew Cowley is the senior leadership development adviser at CPAS. Ask God to encourage him as he oversees a number of new projects enabling CPAS to develop leaders committed to mission.

Friday 15 January

Pray for those taking part in the *Arrow Leadership Programme Take Two* residential. This time away is an opportunity for the *Arrow* participants and their spouses or friends to meet with one another and share something of the *Arrow* experience.

Saturday 16 January

Please pray for Alex Volcansek, leadership development adviser, developing leaders to be more effective in ministry and mission.



Andy Castle, Leadership Development Adviser

Praise God for all that he has done in the lives of children and young people through Ventures and Falcon Camps this summer.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures for ever.

Psalm 107:1



Thank God for the:

- children and young people who discovered more about God's love this summer
- commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteer leaders
- generosity of our supporters who enable these life-changing holidays to take place
- many people who sustain this ministry in prayer.

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 18 October Pray for ordained leaders

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. *John 17:20-21*

Ask God to equip the church leaders on the CPAS *Buck Stop Here* course in County Down to lead mission-shaped churches.

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Pray for young people on the Falcon Camps taking place this week to be impacted by the message of God's love for them as they hear and discover the good news of Jesus.

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Pray for all those involved in the final stages of the appointment process for a new incumbent at Busbridge and Hambledon in the diocese of Guildford.

Sunday 8 November Pray for regional leadership development advisers

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence.... *Hebrews 4:14*

Pray for the church leaders around the country who will attend *Leading Edge* forums co-ordinated by CPAS regional leadership development advisers.

Sunday 15 November Pray for vocations

Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. *2 Samuel 7:28*

Pray for lay leaders, taking part in the CPAS *Growing Leaders* course, who are discerning God's calling on their lives.

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Pray for parish representatives and PCCs who are compiling parish profiles.

Sunday 6 December Pray for young leaders

Submit yourselves, then, to God. *James 4:7*

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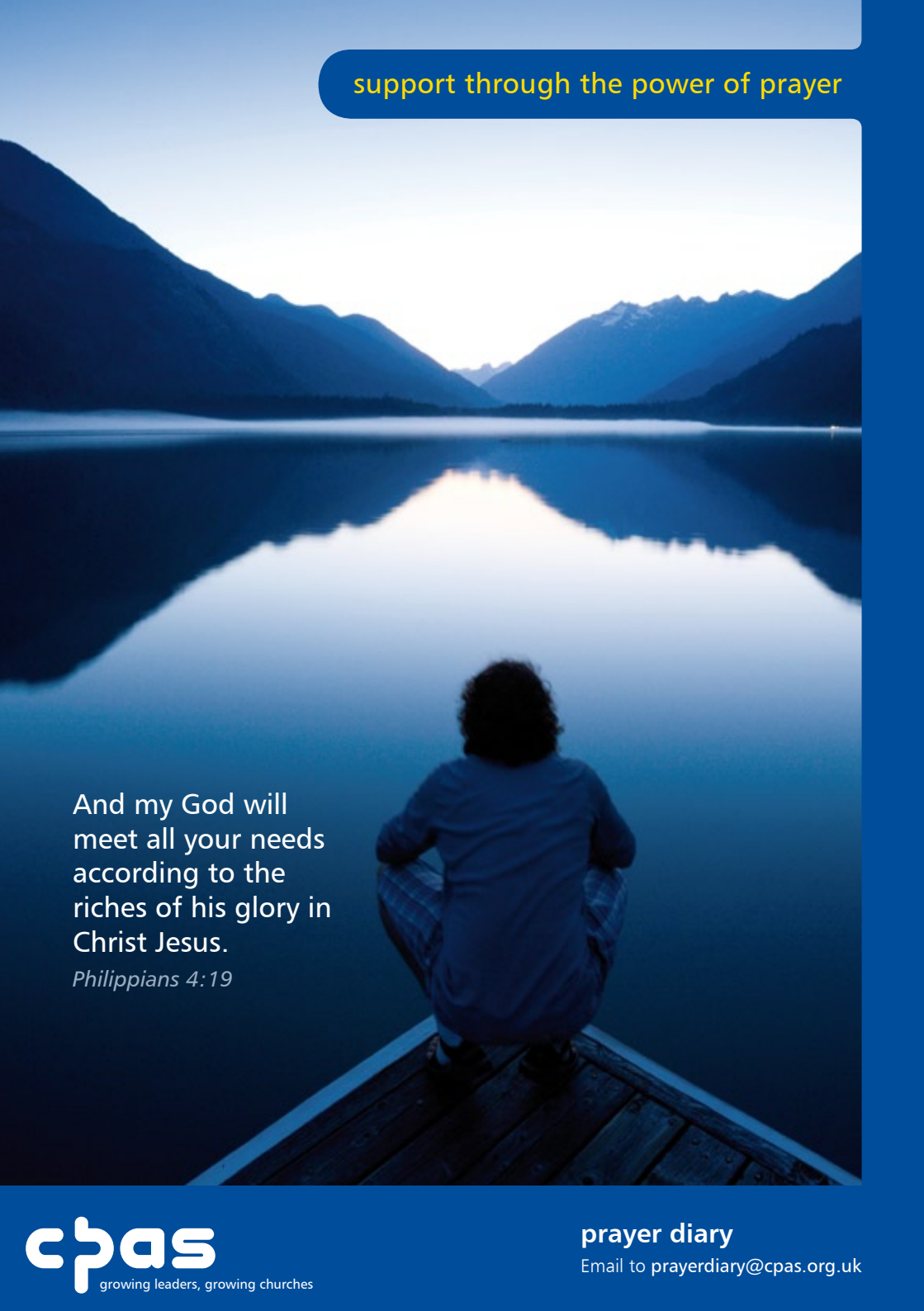
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Philippians 4:19