

press release

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New Venture holidays add to summer programme for 2010

A week of extreme sports and a chance for young people to explore the challenge of leadership are two unique additions to this summer's programme of Venture holidays.

Ventures, which are part of Anglican evangelical mission agency CPAS, include around 90 different holidays for children and young people aged 8 to 18 and are attended by more than 4,500 people each year.

The Xtreme Sports Venture will be run by Matt Rose, who is student minister of the Legacy Congregation where he also runs an extreme sports centre in Benfleet, Essex. The Legacy XS Centre will host the Venture, with skateboarding and BMXing throughout the week on 12,500 sq ft of indoor and outdoor ramps.

Also, a new Leadership Challenge Venture is being launched by two CPAS leadership development advisers with a passion for developing young leaders. Ruth Hassall and Andy Castle will run the holiday for young people aged 14-18 at Pinewood School in Wiltshire.

David Hart, director of Ventures and Falcon Camps at CPAS, said: 'We are always looking for interesting new types of Ventures, so these two very different specialist holidays are great additions to the programme for 2010.'

'These exciting new holidays will still essentially be Ventures, which are all designed to be fun, safe and life-changing holidays giving young people the opportunity to hear about and meet Jesus. Each Venture is committed to excellent standards, with a high ratio of leaders to members enabling effective transformation to take place in the lives of young people.'

'It is great to have more volunteers willing to put themselves forward as leaders of these new Ventures, to help spread the gospel to more young people and make the Christian faith relevant in all kinds of situations.'

For more information and booking details about both Ventures, please go to www.ventures.org.uk and search for 'Xtreme Sports' or 'Leadership Challenge'.

The Xtreme Sports Venture, which runs from 1-8 August, is for boys and girls aged 13-16. Matt Rose said: 'This new Venture is an opportunity for young people to meet Jesus in ways which might surprise them. It is good for them to know that they can express their faith in different ways, and that worship and prayer are not just about singing and kneeling down.'

The Leadership Challenge Venture will run from 24-31 July. Venture leader Andy Castle said: 'This is all about having fun together while exploring how to grow in the God-given gift of leadership. The great thing about having a week together is that there's room for focused discussion and teaching, as well as more exploratory activities and time for games or sports.'

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For further information or to arrange an interview with David Hart, director of CPAS Ventures, please contact Olly Du Croz on 01926 458433 or oducroz@cpas.org.uk.

Notes to Editors:

- CPAS is an Anglican evangelical mission agency working with churches, mainly in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. It enables churches to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Venture holidays are part of the ministry of CPAS, and aim to help children and young people meet Jesus Christ, get to know him better and lead others to him.

For further information about the CPAS Ventures, please visit www.ventures.org.uk.