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'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it,
but God has been making it grow.'

1 Corinthians 3:6

growing leaders since 1836



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And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together. For the
mouth of the Lord has spoken. *Isaiah 40:5*



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Welcome to our latest *Prayer Diary*, and thank you for continuing to pray for the ministry of CPAS in this our 175th anniversary year.

It was the vision of Lord Shaftesbury and others back in 1836 to enhance the leadership of local churches and secure a gospel witness that launched our history. And it is this same passion to see local churches reaching out to communities with the love of God in Christ that still undergirds all we do.

**'Then Philip ... told him
the good news about Jesus.'
Acts 8:35**

The New Testament is full of helpful insights into what it is that enables the Church to witness effectively – and therefore the things we should pray for. The story of Philip in Acts chapter 8 (the waiter turned witness) is one such passage – and I want to open this edition of our *Prayer Diary* by offering some reflections on this passage, to direct and inspire our praying for all the different kinds of leaders in local churches.

Firstly, Philip had ears that listened to God. We are told in verses 26 and 29 that God spoke to Philip through an angel and then by the Spirit. I can't pretend to know exactly how this happened, or what it felt or looked like at the time. But it would appear that Philip's spiritual ears were 'open' to the voice of God – something that we must pray for all those mentioned in this diary with leadership responsibility.

Secondly, Philip had the faith to believe that God could work in unusual places. After all, the desert (verse 26) was an empty, barren and hostile place with no obvious pulpit or crowd to speak to! Can we dare to pray that church leaders all over the UK and Republic of Ireland might have the capacity to believe that God is able to work in the most unlikely hearts, lives and localities?

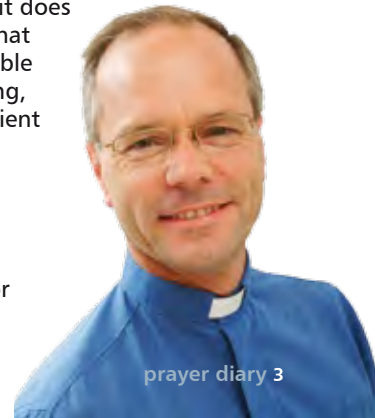
Thirdly, Philip had the courage that comes from obedience. When told to go (verse 26) he simply went (verse 27). It appears there was no debate, no need to hold a discussion or call a committee. Despite the possible costs and risk of going into the desert, Philip answered the call of God immediately. Will you pray that God will raise up such courage in our church leaders?

Finally, Philip had lips that spoke of Jesus. When the Ethiopian official enquired about the meaning of the scriptures he was reading, we are told that Philip told him the good news of Jesus (verse 35). No 'detours' into religion, church or anything else! Just Jesus.

Let's pray for all those who continue to lead and shape the life of local churches all over the UK and Republic of Ireland. And if the story of Philip inspires you as it does me, let's pray that God would enable us to be listening, believing, obedient and witnessing leaders.

To his glory,

John Dunnett
General Director



WEEK 1

pray for ventures and falcon camps

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13*



Members on last year's Ski Venture.

Sunday 17 April

Pray for the Easter Oswestry Falcon Camp which begins today, giving young people from disadvantaged backgrounds the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.

Monday 18 April

Ask God to inspire all those on the Ski Venture this week with the majesty of creation and his sacrificial love for each one of them.

Tuesday 19 April

Ventures and Falcon Camps are only possible because of the volunteer leaders who put in so much commitment, energy and enthusiasm. Please pray for them this week.

Wednesday 20 April

Pray for Ruth Hassall, CPAS leadership development adviser, who is speaking at Spring Harvest which takes place in Minehead this week.

Thursday 21 April

Please pray that any young people currently attending a Venture for the first time will feel welcomed, accepted and loved by those around them.

Friday 22 April

Pray for the children on the Bridgwater Venture today as they mark Good Friday and contemplate Jesus' crucifixion at the start of their week together.

Saturday 23 April

Pray that the members on all Venture holidays this Easter will return home eager to share the gospel with their friends and families.

Ventures and Falcon Camps:
life-changing holidays for 8-18s

pray for our nations

WEEK 2

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples. *1 Chronicles 16:24*

Sunday 24 April

Give thanks for Christ's glorious resurrection and pray for people of all ages to respond to its truth this Easter Sunday.

Monday 25 April

Pray for all those in national and local government as they lead people through a time of economic challenge and financial uncertainty.

Tuesday 26 April

Pray for God's blessing on church initiatives which reach out to the poor and marginalised elements of society in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Wednesday 27 April

In this 400th anniversary year of the King James Version of the Bible, ask God to inspire leaders of local churches with new ways to share his word with those around them.

Thursday 28 April

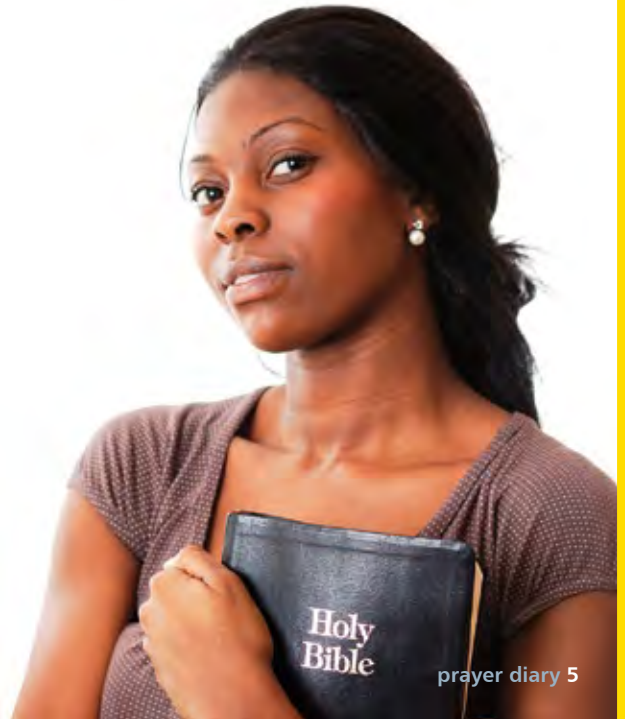
Ask God to bless all those involved in the marriage service for Prince William and Kate Middleton tomorrow.

Friday 29 April

Pray that the celebrations of today's Royal Wedding would bear much good fruit in all kinds of communities across the country.

Saturday 30 April

Ask God to enrich families and relationships in ways which reflect his love for all people.



WEEK 3

pray for CPAS patronage churches

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. *1 Peter 2:9*

Sunday 1 May

Pray for all patronage churches where there is a vacancy as they gather for worship today; for encouragement in the midst of natural uncertainty about the future.

Monday 2 May

Pray for a good number of applications and for God's right person to be appointed at Christ Church, Nailsea.

Tuesday 3 May

Ask God to support and encourage John Alderman and Kathy Burch in all of the patronage team's day to day office tasks, especially preparing for Thursday's trustees' meeting.

Wednesday 4 May

St Andrew's, Gorleston is a large and lively church in Great Yarmouth, seeking a new incumbent. Pray for the candidates as a shortlist is drawn up tomorrow.

Thursday 5 May

Pray for wisdom and discernment as the patronage trustees meet today in London to review progress on about 45 current vacancies and to shortlist for two of them.

Friday 6 May

Pray for the incumbents at patronage churches who are preparing to move on or retire.

Saturday 7 May

As CPAS holds a *You and Ministry* event in Wales, pray for those attending to gain a clearer understanding of God's call on their lives.



Christ Church, Nailsea.

CPAS nominates candidates to more than
500 benefices in the Church of England

pray for growing leaders

WEEK 4

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. *1 Peter 4:10*



Sunday 8 May

Ask God to bless John Dunnett with wisdom and discernment as he preaches at Christ Church, Warley in Essex today.

Monday 9 May

Please pray for clergy attending *The Buck Stops Here*, a CPAS conference for those entering or new to overall leadership of a church, which begins today.

Tuesday 10 May

Give thanks for the godly wisdom and inspiration behind the *Growing Leaders* suite of courses and books.

Wednesday 11 May

Ask God to sustain and enrich the ministries of clergy who return to parish life after *The Buck Stops Here*.

Thursday 12 May

CPAS is at CRE (Christian Resources Exhibition) at Sandown Racecourse in Surrey this week. Pray for more leaders to grasp how CPAS materials can help their churches grow.

Friday 13 May

Pray for teenagers in churches, youth groups and schools who are taking part in the *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* course.

Saturday 14 May

Pray that the newly updated *Growing Leaders* course would help more churches develop the character, competence and call of men and women who lead others to Christ.

WEEK 5

CPAS regional leadership development advisers

By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. *Proverbs 24:3-4*



Laurence Gamlen, regional leadership development adviser (South).

Sunday 15 May

Please pray for Andrew Cowley, CPAS senior leadership development adviser, preaching at St Paul's, Howell Hill in Southwark diocese today.

Monday 16 May

Paul Hoey (Ireland) begins his sabbatical this week. Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide him with a sense of direction for the future.

Tuesday 17 May

Pray for the CPAS trustees, who meet today, and ask God to bless them with his wisdom in all their decisions and discussions.

Wednesday 18 May

Give thanks for the positive response to *Leading Edge* local forums, which cover several key leadership topics.

Thursday 19 May

John Fisher (North-east) is speaking at Louthesk deanery synod in Lincoln diocese about how CPAS can support mission and ministry in that area. Pray for new links to be established with clergy and parishes.

Friday 20 May

Simon Chesters (North-west) is speaking at the Chester diocese lay conference, which begins today. Ask God to enable and encourage lay people to engage with the Bible afresh.

Saturday 21 May

Pray for John Coyne, CPAS director of local and regional delivery, as he manages and gives strategic oversight to the work of the regional leadership development advisers.

Leading Edge is a local forum examining key issues of local church leadership

pray for youth and children's leaders

WEEK 6

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.
Isaiah 43:6-7

Sunday 22 May

Pray for all those involved in leading youth and children's groups in churches across the country today.

Monday 23 May

Ask God to refresh and inspire all those attending Pitstop, a new CPAS event for long-term youth ministers, which begins in Oxfordshire today.

Tuesday 24 May

Ruth Hassall and Andy Castle are leading the first Pitstop residential. Pray that they would hear God's voice as they advise and guide youth ministers.

Wednesday 25 May

Pray for those young people with the gift of leadership to hear God's voice as they explore which direction to take in life.

Thursday 26 May

Pray for the numbers of young people in churches to grow as leaders find creative and imaginative ways of spreading the good news of Jesus.

Friday 27 May

Pray that the faith of young Christian leaders can be reflected in whatever they are doing in schools and colleges today.

Saturday 28 May

Ask God to encourage those leaders who are finding youth ministry a struggle at this time.



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WEEK 7

pray for ventures and falcon camps

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
1 John 1:5



Members on a Venture holiday last year.

Sunday 29 May

Pray for more young people to book their places on the Venture holidays which run throughout the summer.

Monday 30 May

Ask God to help the leaders on this summer's Falcon Camps communicate his love to young people who face disadvantage at home.

Tuesday 31 May

Two Venture holidays begin today, with half-term fun and life-changing opportunities in store for young people on the Knock and Quinta Ventures.

Wednesday 1 June

Pray for any children who are feeling homesick as they settle in at this week's Ventures.

Thursday 2 June

Give thanks for the catering staff on this week's Ventures who are busy preparing meals for members and leaders.

Friday 3 June

Ask God to inspire and guide Venture leaders preparing programmes, talks and activities for this summer's holidays.

Saturday 4 June

As the young people from Knock and Quinta Ventures go home, ask God to provide them with the boldness to share their faith with others.

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WEEK 8

pray for those exploring call

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. *Psalm 32:8*

Sunday 5 June

Pray for those who are struggling with the uncertainty of knowing whether or not they are being called to full-time ministry.

Monday 6 June

CPAS provides an *Exploring Call* resource for clergy who are helping people discern God's call. Pray that this will help more people discover their vocation.

Tuesday 7 June

With the average age of people being ordained at 49, pray for more people to respond to God's call into ordained ministry at a younger age.

Wednesday 8 June

Pray for all those in diocesan roles who have responsibility for guiding people through the vocations process.

Thursday 9 June

Praise God for giving CPAS the vision to run lifecall events for 16-25s. Pray that people in this age group would find others around them to offer wisdom, support and advice to guide them through.

Friday 10 June

You and Ministry begins today in Warwickshire. Pray that those attending would find support and encouragement in whatever they discover about their future direction.

Saturday 11 June

Pray that those leading *You and Ministry* would be attentive to God's voice and help guide people during conversations throughout the weekend.

Helping men and women explore God's call on *You and Ministry*.



women in leadership

WEEK 9

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed are those who trust in you. *Psalm 84:11-12*

Sunday 12 June

As *You and Ministry* finishes today, please pray that the participants will continue to listen to God's voice as they return home.

Monday 13 June

Ask God to bless those ordained women who act as mentors and role models for people who are exploring a call to ordination.

Tuesday 14 June

Please pray for Rosie Ward, CPAS leadership development adviser, as she supports, advises and equips female church leaders.

Wednesday 15 June

Pray that organisations such as Awesome (www.awesome.org.uk) would be effective in supporting women in leadership.



Vanessa Parr, curate at St Catherine's and St Paul's, Hoddesdon.

Thursday 16 June

Ask God to use Rosie Ward's *Growing Women Leaders* book to encourage female leaders and increase understanding of the challenges faced by women in leadership.

Friday 17 June

Pray for all women who are lay leaders in local churches to remain focused on sharing God's love with those around them.

Saturday 18 June

The free downloadable *Women in Mind* studies enable small groups to discuss this important topic. Please pray these would be well used and helpful.

WEEK 10

pray for the *arrow* leadership programme

Therefore, my dear friends ... continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
Philippians 2:12-13

Sunday 19 June

John Dunnett preaches at Holy Trinity, Platt in Manchester today. Pray for God to speak through him and enhance the church's mission activities.

Monday 20 June

The fourth and final residential for *Arrow Leadership Programme 11* takes place this week. Pray for all those involved as they explore leading well with others.

Participants and leaders from *Arrow 11*.



Tuesday 21 June

Today the *Arrow* residential will cover leadership and handling conflict. Pray for the 24 participants as they tackle this sensitive issue.

Wednesday 22 June

Ask God to sustain and inspire the team leading *Arrow*, so they feel refreshed and energised for the second half of the week.

Thursday 23 June

Pray for the *Arrow* participants as they have a quiet morning to reflect on what God has been teaching them so far this week.

Friday 24 June

Pray for joyful time together as the participants and leaders return home to families and friends after a week away on *Arrow*.

Saturday 25 June

Ask God to continue to bless the *Arrow* participants as they work out how to put this week's residential into practice.

***Arrow*: led more by, lead more like, lead more to Jesus**

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WEEK 11

pray for ordained leaders

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart;
with skilful hands he led them. *Psalm 78:72*

Sunday 26 June

Simon Chesters preaches at St Thomas, Norbury in Cheshire today. Ask God to help him communicate wisely and effectively.

Monday 27 June

Pray for those who have responsibility for multiple churches to remain mission-focused in their leadership.

Tuesday 28 June

Please pray for those curates who are preparing to take on their first incumbencies, as they adjust to the changes that lie ahead.

Wednesday 29 June

Pray for leaders who are handling sensitive pastoral situations in their parishes at this time.

Thursday 30 June

Pray that God would raise up support for clergy, with people putting their spiritual gifts into practice in churches across the country.

Friday 1 July

Ask God to provide rest and peace for those clergy who are having a day off today.

Saturday 2 July

Pray for all clergy to faithfully teach the Bible and be prayerfully dependent on the Holy Spirit.

Jon Scamman, vicar of St Thomas', Lancaster.



pray for CPAS

WEEK 12

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1836 - 2011

175 years of mission

But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalms 33:11

Sunday 3 July

Ask God to sustain and encourage all CPAS staff who are travelling to preach in local churches today.

Monday 4 July

Thank God for the way he has blessed the work of CPAS over the past 175 years since our formation in 1836.

Tuesday 5 July

Give thanks for the way that God's word has sustained the ministry of CPAS with its truth and hope.

Wednesday 6 July

Give thanks for the churches whose generous support allows CPAS to continue its work developing leaders for mission.

Thursday 7 July

Pray that the result of all CPAS' work would enable churches to help more people hear and discover the good news of Jesus.

Friday 8 July

Ask God to continue to inspire the ministry of CPAS with his vision for where our work should focus.

Saturday 9 July

Praise God for the people who sacrificially give to CPAS and help sustain our work with the leaders of local churches.



WEEK 13

pray for young leaders

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. *Jeremiah 33:3*

Sunday 10 July

Ask God to inspire more young people in local churches across the country to explore how to put their leadership gifts into practice.

Monday 11 July

Pray for all those looking ahead to gap years serving God at home and abroad. Ask him to strengthen and grow their faith through the work he's called them to do.

Tuesday 12 July

Please ask God to help those young leaders who may be struggling with personal discipleship issues.

Wednesday 13 July

Pray for those who will be leading on Ventures and Falcon Camps this summer, especially for the first time.

Thursday 14 July

Pray for young leaders to engage with reading the Bible and remain thirsty for more of God's word.

Friday 15 July

Many young leaders will start out in leadership through church outreach events this summer. Ask God to equip them for these acts of service.

Saturday 16 July

Ask God to continue equipping and developing young leaders through churches running the *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* course.



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.

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John Dunnett, CPAS General Director

