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Those who hope
in the Lord will renew
their strength. They will
soar on wings like eagles; they
will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

making disciples, developing leaders,
growing churches



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Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16

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Welcome to the latest CPAS *Prayer Diary*, to help guide your prayers for our ministry up until the early weeks of 2012. I'm writing these words in the aftermath of the Ventures and Falcon Camps summer season and would ask that you begin by rejoicing with me in the commitments made by so many children and teenagers to follow Jesus. Without being able to offer actual numbers at this stage, I have heard many reports of young people from both church and un-churched backgrounds making personal decisions to Christian commitment. Hallelujah!

May I also, during this time of challenge and change at CPAS, ask you to thank God for those of our staff who have had to move on this summer as a result of the current financial situation. Pray also that those still looking for work will find it soon. In times such as this it is reassuring to be aware of God's guiding and presence.

As I read my Bible there is one promise that God makes to his people again and again: 'I am with you'. He says it to Jacob early on in his life (Genesis 28:15), to Joshua as he faced the challenge of entering the Promised Land (Joshua 1:5) and to Isaiah as he faced 'troubled waters' (Isaiah 43:2).

However, these words are not just spoken to bring personal comfort and relief. I believe that these words are also intended to be both a promise and a vision for mission.

The great commission of Matthew 28:18-20 is a clear mandate and injunction for the church to give itself throughout all time proclaiming the good news of the love of God in Christ. The fact that Jesus' promise of 'I am with you always' follows on immediately from this commission is indicative of its missional nature. He is with us to enable us, inspire us, lead us and equip us for mission. This understanding is reiterated in Luke's second book (sometimes referred to as the Acts of the Holy Spirit) where the presence of the Spirit of Jesus equips the church for mission.

This helps us in knowing how to pray for CPAS and its ministry over the next few months: please pray that in patronage appointments, God will be with us to 'nudge' who is selected for particular posts. In continuing to pray for those on Ventures and Falcon Camps, let's pray that the challenge of the gospel will be enlivened by the presence of the Holy Spirit. For those on *You & Ministry* and **lifecall** events please pray that the Lord will speak to those attending concerning his direction and call for their lives. And for all the local church leaders we come into contact with over the next few months, let's pray that they will be graced and strengthened by his presence each day, and therefore equipped for mission.

Yours in Christ,

John Dunnett
General Director

WEEK 1

pray for CPAS patronage churches

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. *Joshua 1:5*



Christ Church, Chorleywood

Sunday 16 October

John Dunnett and James Lawrence are preaching at the CPAS patronage churches of St Michael and All Angels, Galleywood (Chelmsford diocese) and St Thomas', Clapham (St Albans diocese) today.

Monday 17 October

Applications for the new vicar at Christ Church, Chorleywood close this week. Pray for wisdom to discern God's right person for this exciting and influential post.

Tuesday 18 October

Pray for John Dunnett as he preaches in a service at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford today, which is followed by a Q&A session with the students.

Wednesday 19 October

John Alderman chairs the EPCC (Evangelical Patronage Consultative Council), the umbrella organisation for all evangelical patronage trusts. Please pray for the EPCC steering group which meets next week to discuss national church issues affecting patronage trusts and the appointment process.

Thursday 20 October

Applications are due this week for the post at Denton with Tarring Neville (near Newhaven, Sussex), a church which has seen some significant growth over the last few years, especially drawing in young families.

Friday 21 October

There are interviews today for the incumbent post at St James', Alperton, a lively multi-ethnic parish in north-west London with a number of non-English-speaking Sunday congregations. Please pray for the right person for this distinctive ministry.

Saturday 22 October

Pray for those aged 16-25 attending the **lifecall** event at St Laurence, Reading today. Ask God to help these young leaders discover his purpose for them.

CPAS is the UK's leading evangelical patron, with part or sole responsibility in nominating candidates for vacancies at more than 500 churches.

pray for ventures and falcon camps

WEEK 2

To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

Daniel 1:17

Sunday 23 October

Pray that all the 8-18s who went on holiday this summer would be growing in their faith and gaining knowledge and understanding in their local church contexts.

Monday 24 October

Ready to Lead, a new Venture holiday, is happening this week. Pray that the teenagers taking part will discover something of God's calling on their life as they explore Christ-centred leadership.

Tuesday 25 October

Halls Green 4, a Falcon Camp in Kent for 12-18s, is also taking place now. Pray that the young people enjoy all the outdoor activities and learn about God's love for them personally.

Wednesday 26 October

Half-term is a great opportunity for families to spend time together. Pray that all the children and teenagers will have a wonderful holiday, particularly Falcon Camp participants who may be facing difficulties at home.

Thursday 27 October

J. John, George Carey and John Holbrook (Bishop of Brixsworth) are among those who were involved in Ventures many years ago and have gone on to become highly influential Christian leaders. Pray God would be preparing the young people attending the holidays today to do great things for him in the future.

Friday 28 October

The Ventures head office team are currently working on next summer's brochure. Pray that God would have his hand over all the practicalities, and details would be confirmed in good time.

Saturday 29 October

The majority of Christians come to faith as children, teenagers or young adults. Ask God to inspire more young people to share the good news of Jesus with their friends at school or college.



Ventures and Falcon Camps aren't just for summer! This week we lift up those attending the autumn half-term holidays, as well as the wider Ventures and Falcon Camps community.

WEEK 3

pray for the arrow leadership programme

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



Participants on *Arrow 11*

Sunday 30 October

Pray for John Coyne as he preaches today at St Matthew's, Bristol, a CPAS patronage church led by the Rev Mat Ineson.

Monday 31 October

This week sees the end of the latest *Arrow Leadership Programme*. Pray that participants will be able to consolidate all their experiences from the past 18 months and prepare well for moving on.

Tuesday 1 November

A *Leading Edge* event on the topic of Discerning Direction takes place at Christ Church, Anerley today for church leaders from Rochester diocese and surrounding areas.

Wednesday 2 November

A *Growing Leaders* training event takes place at St James', Didsbury in Manchester this evening, as James Lawrence enables and equips leaders to be able to develop leadership in their churches.

Thursday 3 November

As the mentoring of *Arrow 11* participants comes to a close, pray that all will be able to find people to guide and support their ministries in the future.

Friday 4 November

The application deadline for *Arrow 12* is less than a month away, so please pray for all those who are considering applying for the programme which begins next year.

Saturday 5 November

Today is the 'Moving On' day as the eleventh *Arrow Leadership Programme* ends. Pray that those finishing the programme will go on being equipped and inspired to share the good news of Jesus with those around them.

The CPAS *Arrow Leadership Programme* is a transformational 18-month programme for Christian leaders aged 25-40. See www.cpas.org.uk/arrow



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WEEK 4

pray for young leaders

How great is the love that the father lavished on us,
that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1



Teenagers on a *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* course

Sunday 6 November

Pray for wisdom and discernment for clergy who have responsibility over young leaders, as they offer guidance and look for appropriate leadership opportunities.

Monday 7 November

Many young people will have led for the first time on a Venture holiday or Falcon Camp this year. Ask God to help them grow as disciples while they continue to mature as leaders.

Tuesday 8 November

Ask God to pour out his fatherly love on any young leaders facing disappointment or frustration if they feel stifled or marginalised by those around them.

Wednesday 9 November

Pray for all the curates attending a training event at Liverpool Cathedral today, where James Lawrence is talking about the importance of developing young leaders in churches.

Thursday 10 November

John Fisher is leading a *Leading Edge* training event on Missional Leadership at Holy Trinity, Boston today. Pray for him and all the church leaders attending.

Friday 11 November

Pray for those leading Christian Unions in schools, colleges and universities, where young people's gifts and abilities are put into practice.

Saturday 12 November

Pray that those attending *Leading Edge* at Holy Trinity, Jesmond today will understand how to best develop leaders in their churches as James Lawrence leads an event on this vital subject.

CPAS is committed to making disciples and developing leaders amongst young people, especially through Ventures and Falcon Camps, as well as our lifecall vocations events.

pray for those exploring call

WEEK 5

Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'
1 Samuel 3:10

Sunday 13 November

Following yesterday's *Leading Edge* event, James Lawrence preaches at Holy Trinity, Jesmond today. Ask God to use his message to help develop leadership potential so that more people come to faith in Christ.

Monday 14 November

Pray for those involved in leading the *You & Ministry* event which takes place next weekend in Warwickshire as they make their final preparations.

Tuesday 15 November

Pray for all those who attended the two **lifecall** events in Reading and St Albans last month, as they continue to seek God's direction for their lives.

Wednesday 16 November

Ask God to give people he is calling into ministry the boldness to respond by offering themselves to serve him in new ways.

Thursday 17 November

With the average of people being ordained at nearly 50 years old, pray that more young leaders would explore the options of authorised ministry in the Church of England.

Friday 18 November

Today the *You & Ministry* weekend begins at Offa House in Leamington Spa. Pray for all those discerning God's call to discover a clear understanding of how they can best serve him.

Saturday 19 November

You & Ministry continues today, with opportunities for the delegates to seek wise counsel from the leaders and space alone with God. Pray that each individual finds the right balance.



Taking part in a *You & Ministry* weekend

For more than 40 years, *You & Ministry* weekends have helped men and women explore whether God is calling them to ordination, as well as other forms of authorised leadership in the Church of England. [prayer diary 9](#)

WEEK 6

pray for mentoring

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.
Proverbs 27:17



Sunday 20 November

James Lawrence preaches at St Augustine's, Highbury, a long-standing supporter of CPAS led by the Rev Clive Main since 2000.

Monday 21 November

Many young people have a lack of positive role models. Ask God to help church leaders identify the right people to use as mentors.

Tuesday 22 November

Pray that the new *Mentoring Matters* resource will help deepen discipleship and develop leaders in local churches.

Wednesday 23 November

Pray for mentors to use the Bible as the foundation of any advice and guidance they offer.

Thursday 24 November

Mentoring is a key part of the *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* courses. Ask God to pour out his wisdom and understanding on those mentoring people of all ages.

Friday 25 November

Prayer is a vital part of Christian mentoring. May the power of prayer encourage and strengthen those in mentoring relationships.

Saturday 26 November

Ask God to provide guidance and support to all those who are struggling with personal or discipleship issues today.

Mentoring Matters is a new resource from CPAS, with everything you need to setup a church-based mentoring network. Visit www.cpas.org.uk/mentoring for further details.

pray for youth and children's leaders

WEEK 7

Therefore, whoever takes a humble place – becoming like this child – is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

Matthew 18:4-5

Sunday 27 November

CPAS staff are preaching at Christ Church, Guildford, St Mark's, Leamington Spa and St James', Porchester today. Pray that their words would help make disciples and develop leaders in those churches.

Monday 28 November

Pray for school chaplains and others working in schools, particularly in contexts where there is opposition to the Christian faith.

Tuesday 29 November

Ask God to help youth leaders be Christ-like role models for the teenagers they lead. Pray they will be able to answer questions honestly and helpfully, and be instrumental in bringing people to Jesus.

Wednesday 30 November

This evening James Lawrence is holding a *Growing Leaders* training event at Emmanuel, Northwood for church leaders interested in developing leaders of all ages.

Thursday 1 December

In this Advent season, pray that youth and children's leaders will be able to communicate the transforming message of Jesus' life, death and resurrection clearly, so that those they work with will know the 'good news of great joy' for themselves (Luke 2:10).

Friday 2 December

Lift up children's and families workers as they work hard to promote God-honouring family relationships in churches and communities, characterised by Jesus' love and humility.

Saturday 3 December

Pray that God would use the various ministries reaching out to children who grow up facing economic, social or emotional hardship to reveal his love for them.

Youth leaders at a CPAS event



This week, we lift up those involved in leading children's and youth ministry who play a pivotal role in the growth of God's kingdom.



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pray for CPAS patronage churches

WEEK 8

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. *Psalms 100:4*

Sunday 4 December

John Dunnett preaches in today's morning and evening services at Greyfriars Church, Reading, a CPAS patronage church in Oxford diocese.

Monday 5 December

John Fisher has been appointed as John Alderman's successor as patronage secretary. Please pray as they come towards the end of their transition process.

Tuesday 6 December

Please pray for the vacancy processes under way in parishes around the country including Cheylesmore, Heworth, and Biddulph Moor.

Wednesday 7 December

As the final part of his 'overlap' period with John Alderman, John Fisher will be making final preparations for the CPAS patronage trustees' meeting tomorrow.

Thursday 8 December

The patronage trustees meet in Warwick today to consider each of the 60-plus vacancies being handled at present, as well as examining the many sets of proposals for reorganisation of parishes.

Friday 9 December

The patronage team has a busy day following yesterday's trustees' meeting, including letters to bishops about short-listing and formal replies to legal consultations about pastoral schemes.

Saturday 10 December

Many patronage parishes are planning ahead for Christmas services and events, including lots of opportunities for work with local schools.



John Fisher becomes the new patronage secretary in January

CPAS also administers the EPCC register for clergy seeking a move, which is shared with all evangelical patrons responsible for Anglican parishes.

WEEK 9

pray for developing leaders

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.' *Matthew 13: 31-32*



James Lawrence at a *Growing Leaders* training evening

Sunday 11 December

Pray for any churches currently running *Growing Leaders* for the first time. Ask that they will be able to get the most out of the material.

Monday 12 December

Pray that church leaders will have the discernment to spot potential leaders in their congregations.

Tuesday 13 December

Thank God for the authors of the *Growing Leaders* material in creating a resource to help churches be more effective in mission.

Wednesday 14 December

Please pray that more churches will see the need for developing more Christ-like leaders as a key to enabling mission in the Church.

Thursday 15 December

Ask God to inspire the right people to put themselves forward for *Growing Leaders*. Pray for any who might lack the confidence to go ahead with the course.

Friday 16 December

With *Growing Leaders* training events taking place around the country, please pray for those taking part to learn how best to use the *Growing Leaders* material in their context.

Saturday 17 December

Pray for all those who have completed the *Growing Leaders* course and ask God to help them continue to develop as Christ-like leaders in any roles they are in.

The *Growing Leaders* and *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* courses are run in hundreds of churches across the UK and Republic of Ireland, developing leaders for mission.

pray for local churches

WEEK 10

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

Sunday 18 December

Pray a spirit of expectation and anticipation in Advent services taking place across the UK and Republic of Ireland today.

Monday 19 December

Local churches do tremendous work supporting lonely and disadvantaged people in their communities. Ask for God's blessing on those serving others in this way.

Tuesday 20 December

Join with us in praying for many more people to discover the good news of Jesus through local churches this Christmas.

Wednesday 21 December

Many church leaders face fatigue and stress during the busy festive period. Ask God to strengthen and sustain them at this time.

Thursday 22 December

Pray for those who will return to church this weekend after a lengthy absence to be able to discover and understand more of God's love for them.

Friday 23 December

As we near the end of the King James Bible's 400th anniversary year, pray that God's living word would impact the lives of many more people this week and beyond.

Saturday 24 December

Please pray that the celebrations heralding the birth of the saviour of the world will bring joy and peace this Christmas.



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WEEK 11

pray for ventures and falcon camps

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.
Galatians 4:4-5



Wintry Venture reunions at New Year

Sunday 25 December

This Christmas day, praise God for the amazing gift of Jesus, our 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:6).

Monday 26 December

Pray that all the children and young people who went on Ventures and Falcon Camps this year will feel God's presence this Christmas and be reminded of his great love for them.

Tuesday 27 December

Thank God for all the friendships made on this year's Venture holidays, as teenagers from the Ripon and Haslemere Ventures get excited about their New Year reunion holidays.

Wednesday 28 December

Ask God to be with the Venture and Falcon Camp leaders who are getting ready for New Year holidays this week. Pray they will be able to prepare well and also find time to rest.

Thursday 29 December

Pray that the young people going on the Ripon reunion Venture start the year focusing on Jesus, and are encouraged to continue following God's path for their lives.

Friday 30 December

Thank God for the success of the Haslemere Ventures, which have been running for almost 50 years. Pray for all involved in this year's New Year reunion holiday.

Saturday 31 December

Praise God for all he has done through Ventures and Falcon Camps and the wider ministry of CPAS in 2011, and pray he will have his hand over all that is to come in 2012.

As we celebrate the coming of Christ, Ventures and Falcon Camp leaders are preparing to share his love with children and teenagers on New Year reunion holidays.

pray for CPAS and our supporters

WEEK 12

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. *Matthew 28:19-20*

Sunday 1 January

James Lawrence is involved in a residential for clergy in Carlisle diocese taking place today and tomorrow. Pray for his input to be relevant and valuable for all those attending.

Monday 2 January

Ask God to bless and encourage the thousands of others who join with you in faithfully supporting the ministry of CPAS in prayer.

Tuesday 3 January

As the working year begins and the CPAS office re-opens after the Christmas break, ask God to help us in our work for the year ahead.

Wednesday 4 January

As a charity we rely on the financial support of individuals and churches. Give thanks to God for the generosity of all those who donate to our work.

Thursday 5 January

Pray that our work making disciples, developing leaders and growing churches will bear much fruit for God's kingdom in 2012.

Friday 6 January

After CPAS celebrated its 175th anniversary last year, please pray for God's continued provision through donations, event bookings and resource sales this year and beyond.

Saturday 7 January

Pray that all CPAS staff and trustees will continue to seek the Spirit's guidance and inspiration in everything we do and all our plans for the year ahead.



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As an Anglican evangelical mission agency, we rely on like-minded individuals and churches to support our work enabling local churches to help spread the good news of Jesus.

WEEK 13

pray for ordained leaders

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. *1 Corinthians 12:27*



St Luke's, Watford, a CPAS patronage church

Sunday 8 January

Ask for Spirit-led inspiration as churches offer the life-changing message of Jesus to those seeking truth and hope as a new year begins.

Monday 9 January

Thank God for the men and women who have chosen to serve him in full-time ministry. Pray that he will raise up more people to ordained ministry in the Church of England.

Tuesday 10 January

Ask God to help ordained leaders build good teams around them to enable their churches to thrive in ministry.

Wednesday 11 January

Pray for those leaders involved with pastoral support this week to have sensitivity and the right words to say to any in need.

Thursday 12 January

Remember any ordained leaders facing difficult times in their roles and ask God to help them to find ways of resolving conflicts or other issues they are dealing with.

Friday 13 January

Pray for ordained leaders taking services this Sunday. Ask God to give them wisdom and insights into his Word as they seek to guide others.

Saturday 14 January

Please pray that church incumbents will be able to keep focused on mission as the priority in their churches so that more people can come to know Jesus in their surrounding communities.

CPAS helps develop leaders so that local churches can focus on fulfilling God's mission to share the good news of Jesus in villages, towns and cities across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

prayer diary overview

This overview is designed for those who prefer to pray in a less structured way. Simply cut out this page and keep it in your Bible, journal, or wherever is most helpful. Use the weekly themes and Bible verses as you wish, with the Holy Spirit's leading for inspiration.

Sunday 16 October CPAS patronage churches

*I am the vine; you are the branches.
John 15:5*

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Sunday 23 October Ventures and Falcon Camps

*To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning.
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Pray for the Ventures and Falcon Camps taking place in this half-term week.

Sunday 30 October Arrow Leadership Programme

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. Isaiah 40:31
Arrow 11 ends with a 'Moving On' day this week, as applications are welcomed for *Arrow 12* which begins next year.

Sunday 6 November Young leaders

*How great is the love that the father lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!
1 John 3:1*

Pray for young people experiencing leadership for the first time this year at school, college, university or on Ventures and Falcon Camps.

Sunday 13 November Those exploring call

*Then Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'
1 Samuel 3:10*

Pray for those on this week's *You & Ministry* conference to discern

what God is calling them to do in their lives.

Sunday 20 November Mentoring

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

Pray that the new *Mentoring Matters* resource will help deepen discipleship and develop leaders in local churches.

Sunday 27 November Youth and children's leaders

Therefore, whoever takes a humble place – becoming like this child – is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:4-5

Ask God to help those responsible for leading young people to set a Christ-like example in their life and leadership.

Sunday 4 December CPAS patronage churches

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

The CPAS patronage trustees meet in Warwick this week to consider 60-plus clergy vacancies.

Sunday 11 December Developing leaders

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Matthew 13:31

Pray for all those on the *Growing Leaders* and *Growing Leaders – youth Edition* courses to grow in Christ-like character.

Sunday 18 December Local churches

The Lord bless you and keep you. Numbers 6:24

Pray that this Christmas many more people will discover the good news of Jesus through local churches.

Sunday 25 December Ventures and Falcon Camps

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:4-5

New Year reunion Venture holidays are great times for young people to celebrate all that God has done for them since the summer.

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Pray that the work of CPAS making disciples, developing leaders and growing churches will bear much fruit for God's kingdom in 2012.

Sunday 8 January Ordained leaders

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

Pray for clergy as they balance the various demands on their energy and time as they seek to make Jesus known in their parishes this year.

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