

## press release

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### New mentoring resource for churches

A new resource equipping local churches to set up mentoring networks is launched this month by Anglican evangelical mission agency, CPAS.

*Mentoring Matters* contains everything a church needs to start mentoring men, women and young people. It includes practical advice on setting up a network, a training process for new mentors and materials to support them in their role.

'Empowering relationships are key to healthy, growing churches, and Christian mentoring is an extremely effective way of nurturing disciples and developing leaders,' explained James Lawrence, author of *Mentoring Matters*. 'At CPAS we are keen to respond to requests from church leaders who want to begin a mentoring network, but are unsure how to go about it.'

The resource pack provides everything needed to set up a network, run a training course, and offer ongoing support to mentors. *Mentoring Matters* also includes a comprehensive introduction to Christian mentoring, exploring what mentoring is, how it can work in a variety of church contexts, its biblical grounding, and its particular importance in today's fast moving, rapidly changing world.

'Many Christians grapple with what it means to be a disciple of Jesus across every area of their lives,' said James. 'By identifying, equipping and resourcing mentors we can have a significant impact on the world around us through developing better disciples and stronger leaders who will reach out with God's love and the message of the gospel.'

The launch of *Mentoring Matters* will be followed by a series of training days to introduce people to Christian mentoring and the vital role it can play in developing discipleship and leadership in our churches. The first training day will take place in Warwick on 19 November.

*Mentoring Matters* costs £24 and is available to buy online at [www.cpas.org.uk/mentoring](http://www.cpas.org.uk/mentoring) or by phoning 01926 458458.

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**Notes to Editors:**

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