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prayer diary



'Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.'

Luke 18:1

making disciples, developing leaders,
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And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. *Luke 18:7-8*

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As an ordinand at theological college many years ago I can well remember a tutor asking me whether I was 'comfortable' with my largely intercessory model of prayer. Although I hope my understanding and practice has matured and enlarged over the years, I still remain committed to the idea that we are called to intercede.

Jesus' prayer 'seminar' in Matthew 6 encourages us to pray 'your kingdom come, your will be done' (v10) and I have always believed that this intercessory imperative stands strong despite the questions that people sometimes raise:

Q: Isn't it God who makes everything happen?

A: Yes.

Q: Then why do we need to pray?

Q: Doesn't God already know our needs?

A: Yes.

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Q: Isn't it always God's ambition to see his kingdom come?

A: Yes.

Q: Then why do we need to pray it?

The justification for intercessory prayer must be – in short – that God in his sovereign

choice has chosen to share responsibility for the coming of his kingdom with us. Luke records Jesus as saying that God gives the Holy Spirit 'to those who ask him' (Luke 11:13). And James tells us that 'You do not have, because you do not ask God' (James 4:2).

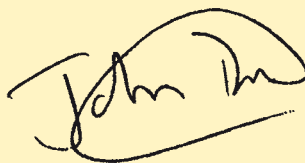
It is clear that intercession is divinely ordained – and that the exercise of it is one of the means by which God's kingdom blessings are released.

**'Without God, we cannot;
without us, God will not.'**
St Augustine

I hope that you will not be in any way 'burdened' by the suggestion that the fruitfulness of CPAS' ministry is dependent upon the prayers of yourself and others who support us in this way. But if what I have shared in this brief article is biblically correct, then I hope that you will share with me a sense of responsibility for intercession, and an enthusiasm to be participants in this kingdom calling.

I hope you find this edition of *Prayer Diary* to be helpful in interceding for the people, projects and places identified. I remain enormously grateful to you for your interest, support and prayer. May God bless you richly as you seek his grace and provision for CPAS and the work that God has called us to.

Yours in Christ's service,



John Dunnett
General Director



WEEK 1

pray for the development of leaders

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. *Ephesians 4:11-12*

Sunday 15 January

Pray for CPAS staff as they preach in churches this year, that they will faithfully teach God's word and encourage the leaders in the churches they visit.

Monday 16 January

Today, please pray for Carol Street, *Arrow's* programme manager, as she oversees the running of *Arrow* and relates to participants and graduates.

Tuesday 17 January

James Lawrence, leadership principal, is speaking at a clergy retreat in Carlisle diocese on 'sustaining yourself in leadership'. Please pray for a good engagement with those attending and sensitivity in addressing the issues raised, and for this leadership of the team.

Wednesday 18 January

Pray for some new strategic initiatives that focus on developing younger leaders, including the final stages of editing a Grove booklet on this theme which is published later this year.

Thursday 19 January

Kirstin Macdonald is the leadership team administrator. Please pray for her as she juggles various projects concerning our leadership development events and resources.

Friday 20 January

Charles Burgess works with dioceses to establish links for our training and consultancy work. Pray for good connections with key people and for fruitful opportunities to serve dioceses in leadership development.

Saturday 21 January

Pray that we may know God's leading in the process of appointing another leadership specialist to plan and deliver this area of work.



CPAS *Growing Leaders* resources and books are used in about 700 churches across the country, to develop the leadership potential in men, women and teenagers.

pray for those exploring vocation

WEEK 2

Many are the plans in a human heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. *Proverbs 19:21*

Sunday 22 January

Pray that the Holy Spirit would be prompting men and women to explore their vocation and consider attending a *You and Ministry* weekend this year.

Monday 23 January

Today is the selection day for *Arrow Leadership Programme 12*, which begins in March. Pray for those involved in deciding between applicants.

Tuesday 24 January

Ask God to help younger people discern God's direction, and find opportunities to explore and use their gifts in their day-to-day lives.

Wednesday 25 January

Pray for the 101 men and women who attended *You and Ministry* weekends in 2011 as they continue to pursue God's vision for their lives.



Thursday 26 January

Pray for church leaders, who are often the first port-of-call for those in their congregation who are considering a call to ministry. Pray they will give wise, godly advice.

Friday 27 January

Pray for diocesan vocations advisers, directors of ordinands and others whose role involves offering guidance, support and information to those who sense a call to ordained ministry.

Saturday 28 January

Bring before God those who are struggling to embrace a calling to lay, authorised or ordained ministry. Ask him to give them the confidence and assurance they need to follow him wholeheartedly.

This week, we are praying for the men, women and young people who God may be calling to a particular ministry, as lay, authorised or ordained leaders.

WEEK 3

pray for ventures and falcon camps

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



Sunday 29 January

Please pray for youth leaders, church leaders and parents to promote the opportunity of a life-changing holiday that a Venture provides.

Sunday 30 January

Please pray that young people who attended Ventures last year will continue to put into practise the teaching they heard on their Venture.

Monday 31 January

The CPAS trustees meet today. Please pray for them as they meet in Warwick to discuss strategic issues shaping the future of CPAS.

Wednesday 1 February

Today James Lawrence is speaking at a second Carlisle diocese clergy retreat about 'sustaining yourself in leadership'.

Thursday 2 February

Please pray for the CPAS patronage trustees meeting, as they shortlist for vacant parish roles and talk through issues affecting clergy vacancies and appointments.

Friday 3 February

Please pray for the preparations for next week's Venture overall leaders' training day, so it will be a great support and encouragement for those volunteers leading this year's holidays.

Saturday 4 February

Ask God to provide Ventures and Falcon Camps overall leaders with the right people to be part of their teams.



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WEEK 4

pray for CPAS patronage churches

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. *Romans 1:16*



John Fisher, the new patronage secretary

Sunday 5 February

Remember the 12 patronage trustees who met in London last week. There is much follow up work after these meetings, including writing to candidates who will have applied to Gypsy Hill, Newburn, and Heworth parishes.

Monday 6 February

Pray for the General Synod meeting which begins in London today, as they debate key issues for the future of the Church of England.

Tuesday 7 February

David Barnes the new vicar of Stratton and Launcells, near Bude, was licensed last week. Ask God to bless and sustain him in this role.

Wednesday 8 February

Pray for candidates considering making applications and for those preparing for interviews following short-listing.

Thursday 9 February

Pray for John Fisher, the new patronage secretary, and for Kathy Burch as they establish a new working relationship in the patronage department.

Friday 10 February

Lift up in prayer any clergy who are considering moving on from their current post. Pray God would guide them to the right decision, and that they would have the courage to follow his call.

Saturday 11 February

The parish of Cheylesmore in Coventry diocese has a section 12 meeting with the bishop later this month. Pray for wisdom as work is done to prepare the parish profile and set up the vacancy procedure.

CPAS is the sole or shared patron for more than 500 benefices across the UK, including local churches in every English diocese.

pray for mentoring in local churches

WEEK 5

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. *Philippians 2:15-16*

Sunday 12 February

Pray for Charles Burgess, CPAS leadership specialist, who is involved in leading a weekend for curates in Bristol diocese.

Monday 13 February

There are a series of training events planned for *Mentoring Matters* through the year. Pray for good numbers at each event, and for people to leave both inspired and informed.

Tuesday 14 February

Pray that the *Mentoring Matters* resource will be well used to set up church-based mentoring networks around the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Wednesday 15 February

James Lawrence and Charles Burgess are working with dioceses to explore ways to encourage mentoring within churches. Pray for doors of opportunity to open so that disciples may be nurtured and leaders developed.

Thursday 16 February

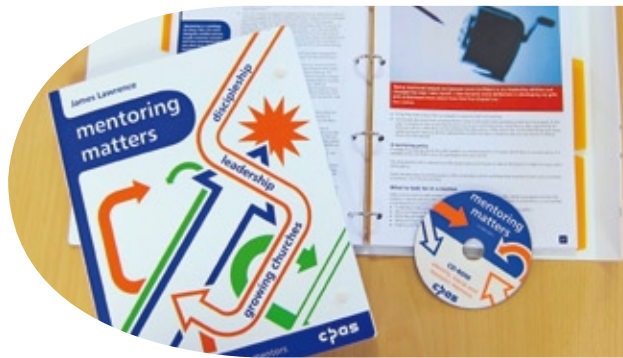
We're thinking about a series of follow up resources on mentoring, so please pray for wisdom as decisions are made about where to invest time and energy.

Friday 17 February

Through the *Arrow Leadership Programme* and *Growing Leaders* courses many people are mentored. Pray for wisdom for those who have roles as mentors, that they may offer encouragement and support.

Saturday 18 February

Pray for CPAS staff who act as mentors, that what they learn through the process may feed back in to creative thinking about future mentoring developments.



Mentoring Matters was launched last year to help local churches nurture disciples and develop leaders through mentoring networks.

WEEK 6

pray for CPAS and our supporters

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.
Psalm 100:5



**making disciples
developing leaders
growing churches**

Sunday 19 February

Pray for staff and supporters who are representing and promoting CPAS in churches across the country today.

Monday 20 February

Give thanks to God for his financial provision for the work of CPAS, especially in these challenging economic times.

Tuesday 21 February

Please pray for the CPAS staff as they prepare for an office move during the next couple of months.

Wednesday 22 February

Join us in praising God for the faithful support of many people across the country who sacrificially donate towards the work of CPAS.

Thursday 23 February

Pray for the CPAS management and trustees who have responsibility for the future direction of CPAS ministries.

Friday 24 February

Everything that we do is to enable more men, women and children to come to know Christ. Please pray for God to use our work in extending his kingdom.

Saturday 25 February

Ask God to bless the ministries of local churches which support CPAS through their giving to Christian mission agencies in the UK and overseas.

CPAS is funded by the generous donations of churches and individuals who value the importance enabling mission through local churches across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

pray for ventures and falcon camps

WEEK 7

This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. *Mark 14:24*

Sunday 26 February

Pray for youth leaders working with their youth groups today, many of whom will have developed their skills on Ventures.

Monday 27 February

James Lawrence is teaching at St Mellitus College, London. Pray that his talk will encourage and inspire those men and women in their theological studies.

Tuesday 28 February

Please pray that young people will not be discouraged from attending Ventures because of the Olympic Games. We're working really hard to ensure anyone who wants to can keep up with the action.

Wednesday 29 February

Please pray for the senior leaders of all our Ventures and Falcon Camps as they develop programmes for their events this year.

Thursday 1 March

There are still spaces available on many Ventures and Falcon Camps. Please pray that opportunities to present these life-changing holidays at national and regional events will be well received.

Friday 2 March

Some Venture leaders will have their preparation weekends at this time of year. Please pray that teams will draw closer to each other as they draw closer to Jesus Christ.

Saturday 3 March

Pray that all those who attended a Venture or Falcon Camp last year are still finding hope, challenge and encouragement from reading the Bible.



More than 3,000 incredible volunteers are involved in leading Ventures and Falcon Camps each year. Visit www.ventures.org.uk to find out more.

WEEK 8

pray for you and ministry weekends

They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. *Matthew 4:21-22*

Sunday 4 March

Praise God for 50 years of *You and Ministry* weekends, and for the thousands of people who have benefited from the chance to explore their vocation through these events.

Monday 5 March

Thank God for the past participants on *You and Ministry* who are now working in ordained or authorised ministry. Pray they will keep listening to God's voice.

Tuesday 6 March

A participant on a recent CPAS vocations event said: 'I know that what God wants most for my life is to know that I am loved, and for me to become who he created me to be.' Pray people will sense God's peace as they consider different options.

Wednesday 7 March

Pray for Kirstin Macdonald, the leadership administrator for CPAS vocations events. Thank God for her gifts, and for all the work she puts in to make these weekends run smoothly.

Thursday 8 March

The last minute preparations for this weekend's *You and Ministry* are taking place today. Ask God to help those leading the weekend to prepare spiritually and practically.

Friday 9 March

Around 25 men and women will arrive at the *You and Ministry* weekend in Ilkley this evening. Pray that God's guiding Spirit would be at work in their hearts over the next 48 hours.

Saturday 10 March

Pray for the speakers at *You and Ministry* today. Ask God to speak through them, and equip them to help the participants work out the next steps in their vocational journey.



The first *You and Ministry* weekend took place in 1962. Over the last 50 years, these events have helped thousands of people consider a call to ordained or authorised ministry.

is God calling you?



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authorised ministry in
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WEEK 9

pray for the *arrow* leadership programme

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. *Psalm 18:2*

Sunday 11 March

This week we are praying for *Arrow*. Pray for the 300 *Arrow* graduates in the UK and Republic of Ireland, that they continue to be led more by Jesus, lead more like Jesus and lead more to Jesus.

Monday 12 March

The preparation day for the new *Arrow* programme is at the end of this week. Pray for Carol Street and Kirstin Macdonald as they prepare materials for the day, that all the practical things will fall into place.

Tuesday 13 March

There are 24 participants on *Arrow* 12. Pray for an openness to God's work in their lives throughout the programme, and that they will dive in right from the start.

Wednesday 14 March

Arrow is overseen by a core team of four people. Pray for the oversight of *Arrow* and for wise decisions about its long-term direction.

Thursday 15 March

Arrow is run by a programme team made up of two CPAS staff (James Lawrence and Carol Street) and six volunteers, led by Richard Kellett. Pray for him in this role, for wisdom and insight to lead the programme and team well.

Friday 16 March

Pray for the remainder of the team (including David and Becky Widdows, Cathy Blair and Steve Beak) as they meet for a team evening together tonight. Pray they will work well together.

Saturday 17 March

Pray for the *Arrow* preparation day as participants and their spouses or a friend gather at CPAS in Warwick for a day to inform them about the process of *Arrow* and inspire them to give of their best to the programme.



For more than 10 years *Arrow* has been helping sustain Christian leaders aged 25-40 for a lifetime of ministry which points men, women and young people towards the light of Christ.

pray for CPAS patronage churches

WEEK 10

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. *Matthew 5:6*

Sunday 18 March

Please pray for the applicants for Cheylesmore and Biddulph Moor and Knypersley as they wait for news following short-listing.

Monday 19 March

The patronage trustees met last week, so pray for the follow-up work and for wisdom for all involved in decisions.

Tuesday 20 March

The patronage secretary travels many miles. Pray for safety and energy as he visits churches at various stages during the application process.

Wednesday 21 March

Pray for the new vicar of Christ Church Chorleywood who will be licensed in the near future.

Thursday 22 March

The editorial group for the Grove Leadership Series meets today, working in conjunction with CPAS to produce a range of guides on key leadership topics.

Friday 23 March

Give thanks for the chair of the patronage trustees, the Rev Canon Steve Allen, for all that he offers to CPAS and our patronage churches.

Saturday 24 March

Pray for clergy who feel called by God to new places to remain confident in his plans for their future.

Christ Church, Cheylesmore



As England's largest evangelical patron, CPAS has a key role to play in appointing clergy who have a heart for sharing the gospel and seeing people won for Christ.

WEEK 11

pray for young leaders

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105



Sunday 25 March

John Dunnett is preaching at Christ Church Southborough today. Please pray for him and that church as they gather in Kent.

Monday 26 March

Pray for those young people who have completed *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* in churches during the past few years, as they continue to grow as followers of Christ.

Tuesday 27 March

Ask God to help the parents and families of young Christian leaders to be supportive and encouraging as their children explore their leadership gifts.

Wednesday 28 March

Please pray for the CPAS trustees as they meet today and for the Rt Rev Paul Williams, Bishop of Kensington, as he chairs the meeting.

Thursday 29 March

Ask God to help church leaders to find ways of deepening discipleship amongst children and teenagers in their churches.

Friday 30 March

Many young people explore their leadership gifts on Venture holidays. Pray for those who will be leading on holidays this summer.

Saturday 31 March

Pray for those mentoring young people in local churches to be positive Christian role models and offer sound biblical advice.

Growing Leaders – Youth Edition is an eight-session course enabling local churches to invest in teenagers with leadership potential.

pray for ventures and falcon camps

WEEK 12

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*

Sunday 1 April

A number of Ventures and Falcon Camps are run over the Easter holidays, including the Scottish Falcon Camp which starts today. Pray for safety, fun and an opportunity to discover the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Monday 2 April

Our new Venture in partnership with Ambassadors in Sport starts today. The Ultimate Goal provides professional football training for boys age 14-18 and an opportunity to discover more about the ultimate champion.

Tuesday 3 April

Let's pray for transformation and a growth in Christ-likeness to occur in everyone who attends a Venture this Easter.

Wednesday 4 April

There's still time for young people to join a Venture for the summer. Ask God to help them see what a fantastic, life-changing opportunity it could be.

Thursday 5 April

Leaders of the Easter Haslemere Venture will be making final preparations for their Venture which starts next week. Please pray that nothing is forgotten.

Friday 6 April

Bridgwater and Ski Ventures start on this Good Friday. Pray that all the young people who attend will recognise God's sacrificial love for each of them.

Saturday 7 April

Broads Cruise leaders will be welcoming their members today at the start of their Venture. Please pray that members and leaders will grow in their discipleship to Christ during their week sailing.



Several Ventures and Falcon Camps take place during the Easter holidays, with children and young people given the opportunity to explore the Bible and discover more about Jesus.

WEEK 13

pray for local churches

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. *Acts 2:24*



Sunday 8 April

As we celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection please pray for all those who discover the truth of that victory at church services today.

Monday 9 April

Ask God to use the joy of Easter to revive any people who feel that their faith has become stale over the years.

Tuesday 10 April

Pray for church leaders who are having time off after Holy Week to be refreshed and inspired for their ongoing ministry.

Wednesday 11 April

Volunteers are crucial to the ministry and mission of local churches. Pray for somebody who serves your own church in this way.

Thursday 12 April

May God's Word be the 'sword of the Spirit' (Eph 6:17) used by local churches to uphold the authenticity of their ministry in the face of any opposition or challenge.

Friday 13 April

Ask God to help churches find effective ways to develop leaders and nurture disciples in their local context.

Saturday 14 April

Pray for clergy, especially in rural areas, who have responsibility for several churches in different towns and villages.

This week many people will be reflecting on biblical truths preached in churches across the country on Easter Sunday, so pray that many will respond to the reality of God's sacrificial love for them.

prayer diary overview

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mentoring matters

Nurture disciples and
develop leaders
in your church

Be introduced to the new
CPAS resource and identify
practical ways to set up
a church-based
mentoring network.



Training events taking place around the country in 2012
include: Poole (25 February) and Worcester (10 March).