



## press release

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### **Bishop of Aston appointed chair of CPAS trustees**

The Rt Rev Andrew Watson, Bishop of Aston, has been elected as the new chair of trustees for the Anglican evangelical mission agency, CPAS.

Bishop Andrew is a long-term supporter of CPAS, and has previously served on the mission agency's council of reference. He will be responsible for overseeing the trustee body as they lead the charity in fulfilling its mission of enabling churches to help every person in the UK and Republic of Ireland discover the good news of Jesus.

John Dunnett, CPAS general director, said: 'We're delighted at Bishop Andrew's appointment as chair. His passion for mission, extensive parish experience and hands-on knowledge of issues surrounding evangelism and church growth make him an ideal person for this important role.

'Good leadership has been identified time and time again as a seminal factor in church growth, which is reflected in CPAS' vision to make disciples and develop leaders for mission. Bishop Andrew brings a pertinent understanding of the importance of effective leadership for local church mission, and we look forward to him leading the trustee body,' John said.

Bishop Andrew spent twelve years as incumbent of St Stephen's Twickenham, a CPAS patronage church, and has also held parish roles in Redditch and Notting Hill. During his time at St Stephen's, he became area dean of Hampton, and went on to be appointed as Bishop of Aston in 2008.

The bishop took part in the first CPAS *Arrow Leadership Programme*, which is now in its fourteenth year. He also spoke at the first CPAS **lifecall** young vocations day in 2010.

As well as chairing the mission agency's trustees, Bishop Andrew will be contributing to the National Larger Anglican Churches Consultation this October, which CPAS is taking a lead role in convening.

*To find out more about the National Larger Anglican Churches Consultation, please visit [www.cpas.org.uk/nlacc](http://www.cpas.org.uk/nlacc).*

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**Notes to Editors:**

**CPAS** ([www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk)) 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.