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# prayer diary



I have come into the world as a  
light, so that no-one who believes  
in me should stay in darkness.

*John 12:46*

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No-one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. *Luke 8:16*

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**'lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one' *Matthew 6:13***

**W**elcome to our summer 2011 *Prayer Diary*, and an enormous thank you for your continued interest, support and prayers.

We learn from John that Jesus prayed for the ongoing spiritual health of his disciples (John 17:11-12, 15). Peter and Paul in their letters make it clear that the evil one is intentionally looking to deceive, entrap and undermine the witness of those called to lead.

Therefore, as we move into the season in which so many people will be involved in leading Ventures and Falcon Camps, I want to invite you to build your prayers around the words that Jesus offered us: 'lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one'. Let me suggest three ways in which this can be the underlying theme of our prayers.

Firstly, let's pray that those leading and helping on our summer camps remain true to the Jesus model of leadership. This servant understanding revolves around putting others first: being willing to give of oneself even when it is inconvenient, costly and the last thing on our minds. It is not the 'natural' way – and we need to plead on behalf of those who are called to lead.

Secondly, let's pray that those speaking, teaching and leading Bible studies on our camps will be free from the temptation to impress, over-theologise or to 'indulge' a point of view. The evil one is so subtle in the way that he attempts to undermine the work of the gospel – and we need your prayers for

all those who will be charged with teaching and nurturing the faith of young people this summer.

Finally, let's pray for the daily discipleship of all those who are mentioned in this *Prayer Diary*. Peter tells us that the devil quite literally 'prowls' around looking for Christians whom he can ensnare. It's my observation that the evil one particularly targets those who have influence on the faith of others. So often he looks to do this through the twisting or misuse of the Godly gifts of sexuality and ambition. Therefore we need to pray for each and every one of the 3,000 volunteer leaders on our camps, for God's protection and that they will daily know his grace and strength in resisting the temptations of the evil one.

Let's include other local church leaders in those prayers this summer. Please pray for these leaders and their families during this time: that they will be physically, emotionally and spiritually refreshed for his service.

As my letter accompanying this edition requests, can I also ask for your particular prayers during this time of change and transition at CPAS. Knowing of your fantastically prayerful support is a great encouragement, especially as we look ahead to a different – but nonetheless exciting – future playing our part in God's mission.

Yours in Christ,

**John Dunnett**  
General Director

## WEEK 1

# pray for ventures and falcon camps

We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. *Psalms 78:4*

For a full list of holidays and leaders, see pages 10-11.



### Sunday 17 July

Praise God for the 4,500 children and young people taking part in this summer's Ventures and Falcon Camps, and pray that he will be at work in their hearts even before the holidays begin.

### Monday 18 July

Pray that God will speak powerfully through the Bible teaching on Venture holidays this summer, and that people will grasp more of who he is and his great love for them.

### Tuesday 19 July

Pray for young people on Ventures who are considering following Jesus, that they will have the opportunity to have questions answered and experience the presence of God for themselves.

### Wednesday 20 July

Ventures are a great time for making new friends. Pray that no-one feels lonely on a Venture this summer, especially those who come on holiday by themselves.

### Thursday 21 July

Praise God for all the Christian young people who have brought friends who don't know Jesus with them on a Venture this year. Pray that they will be salt and light to those around them.

### Friday 22 July

High-energy activities are a key part of many Venture holidays, including abseiling, canoeing and rock climbing. Ask God for safety and protection from both physical and spiritual dangers.

### Saturday 23 July

The first eleven Ventures of the summer begin today! Pray for safe travel, and that anyone who is feeling nervous will settle in quickly, surrounded by fun and friendship.

Ventures and Falcon Camps are life-changing holidays for 8-18s. Thousands of young people will have the opportunity to meet Jesus

4 prayer diary Christ, get to know him better, and in turn lead others to him.

# pray for ventures and falcon camps

WEEK 2

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! *1 John 1:3a*

## Sunday 24 July

Several Falcon Camps begin this week. Please pray that all the young people taking part will have a wonderful time and experience God's love.

## Monday 25 July

Falcon Afloat!, a Falcon Camp for 10-13s aboard a canal boat in Essex is taking place this week. Pray that the children will have an enjoyable, safe, Jesus-centred holiday.

## Tuesday 26 July

Thank God for all those who support Falcon Camps financially, enabling children and teenagers who would not otherwise enjoy a holiday to have a life-transforming week away.

## Wednesday 27 July

Ask God to heal young people on Falcon Camps who have been damaged emotionally by the difficulties they face in their lives, and bring hope in tough situations.

## Thursday 28 July

Pray that children and teenagers living in challenging economic circumstances will understand that true richness comes from knowing and following Jesus.

## Friday 29 July

Pray that the ministry of Falcon Camps will have a lasting effect on those who take part, that they will remember what they have learned about God and seek him in their day-to-day lives.

## Saturday 30 July

Halls Green 1 begins today in Kent. Pray that those taking part, and everyone else who goes on a Falcon Camp this summer, will have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.



Falcon Camps are action-packed, unforgettable, Christian holidays for children and teenagers who face some kind of disadvantage in their day-to-day lives.

## WEEK 3

# pray for ventures and falcon camps

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. *Proverbs 11:25*

For a full list of holidays and leaders, see pages 10-11.

### Sunday 31 July

Pray that the leaders of the 21 Ventures and Falcon Camps which begin this weekend will share their excitement and passion for Jesus with the children and teenagers in their care.

### Monday 1 August

Ask God to bless the overall leaders who juggle full-time work or study with planning, preparing and leading a holiday.

### Tuesday 2 August

For many junior leaders, volunteering on a Venture or Falcon Camp is their first experience of leadership. Pray that God will develop their skills and gifts to grow his kingdom.

### Wednesday 3 August

Praise God for the cooks and caterers on Ventures and Falcon Camps. Pray for wisdom and creativity, especially for those on Maidwell 1 and Morfa Bay who each cater for more than 150 people!

### Thursday 4 August

Pray for the volunteers who are leading on a Venture for the first time, or stepping into a new role this year.

### Friday 5 August

Lift up in prayer the youth leaders who are bringing a group of young people on holiday this summer. Pray that the whole group will grow closer to God through this experience.

### Saturday 6 August

Venture and Falcon Camp leaders often end up learning as much about God as the young people they are leading! Pray that everyone will grow in understanding and become more Christ-like as a result.



This week's prayers focus on the amazing men and women who volunteer as leaders of Ventures and Falcon Camps.

# pray for ventures and falcon camps

WEEK 4

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. *2 Chronicles 15:7*

## Sunday 7 August

Pray that God would use the work and efforts of the head office team for his glory. Ask him to guide the co-ordinators and help them make good decisions to further his kingdom.

## Monday 8 August

Ask God for good communications between office staff, leaders, parents and others involved in this year's Ventures and Falcon Camps.

## Tuesday 9 August

Pray that God would be divinely managing the workload of the Ventures team this summer, so that no-one will feel stressed or overwhelmed as they support this life-changing ministry.

## Wednesday 10 August

Pray that God would have his hand over any issues which arise on all the holidays taking place this week, and that the head office team would be able to respond well to queries.

## Thursday 11 August

As this summer's holidays take place, Venture co-ordinators are busy finding sites for next year. Pray that every holiday will find a suitable, affordable site where its ministry can flourish and grow.

## Friday 12 August

Good administration is key to a holiday running smoothly and being as effective as it can be, freeing leaders up to spend more time discipling the young people. Thank God for the skills and efficiency of the office team in this area.

## Saturday 13 August

Pray for those involved in promoting Venture and Falcon Camps, that God would be using their work to bring more young people on these holidays, and ultimately to faith in him.



This week we are praying for the Ventures head office team as they seek to serve God through their vital work behind the scenes.

## WEEK 5

# pray for ventures and falcon camps

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. *Matthew 24:14*

For a full list of holidays and leaders, see pages 10-11.



### Sunday 14 August

Praise God for over 50 years of life-changing Venture holidays, and lift up in prayer all those who have been blessed through this ministry both directly and indirectly.

### Monday 15 August

Pray that young people will return from the holidays full of joy and wonder and God will reveal himself to their friends and families as they 'shine among them like stars' (Philippians 2:15).

### Tuesday 16 August

Pray that youth groups and churches across the nation will be strengthened, encouraged and inspired by the excitement and enthusiasm of young people who have been on Ventures.

### Wednesday 17 August

Four Falcon Camps are taking place this week. Pray that the families of the young people on Falcon Camps will see more of God's love and power and overcome financial, physical and emotional hardships.

### Thursday 18 August

Ask God to help the young people who gave their lives to him on Falcon Camps to find a loving Christian community back at home.

### Friday 19 August

Pray that God will speak into the lives of the colleagues and friends of Venture and Falcon Camp leaders as they see their passion for serving God through this ministry.

### Saturday 20 August

Thank God for all that is happening on Ventures and Falcon Camps this summer and pray for a ripple effect of more young people, families and communities to be transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ.

When Ventures and Falcon Camps are over, an amazing new opportunity begins as the young people go back to their homes, schools and communities full of excitement about God's love.

# pray for CPAS patronage churches

WEEK 6

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. *Hebrews 4:14*

## Sunday 21 August

Pray for uplifting times of worship, clear Bible teaching and the encouragement of God's people in all 515 CPAS patronage parishes today.

## Monday 22 August

Pray for the Rev Clare Dowding as she moves house and prepares to start a demanding job as incumbent of Earlham, an inner-city suburb of Norwich.

## Tuesday 23 August

The draft advert for the post at Alperton – a lively multi-ethnic parish in north-west London – is being finalised this week. Pray it would attract a significant level of interest and lead to good applications.

## Wednesday 24 August

Pray for the Rev John Wigmore in his first couple of weeks as incumbent of Winklebury and Worting, large estate parishes in Basingstoke.

## Thursday 25 August

Give thanks for the appointment of the Rev Dr Jonathan Mobey, about to start as vicar of Harwell and Chilton, part of Oxford Diocese.

## Friday 26 August

The Rev Everton McLeod is licensed this evening as the new minister at Trentham and Handford in Lichfield Diocese. Pray for a fantastic service and a really good start to Everton's ministry on Sunday.

## Saturday 27 August

Pray for the patronage team of John Alderman and Kathy Burch as they work on the different stages of appointments for all churches currently with vacancies.



Church of the Good Shepherd, Winklebury

CPAS is a major evangelical patron in the Church of England, with responsibility for nominating candidates to more than 500 benefices nationwide.

# pray for ventures and falcon camps

Key: ■ Explorers ■ Explorers/Pathfinders ■ Pathfinders ■ CYFA ■ Falcon Camps

## Week commencing Sunday 17 July

Foremarke 1	Chris Watkin	23-30 July
Ranby House 1	Aimee Lyall, Matthew Arnold	23-30 July
Pinewood	Tom and Vandella King	23-30 July
Blandford 3	Phil and Becky Howden	23-30 July
Bakewell	Mark and Cathy Norris	23-30 July
Casterton 1	Peter Walkingshaw, George Crowder	23-30 July
Danehill 1	Marc Lloyd, Dave Mackie, Jim Charles	23-30 July
Edgehill	Tim Ambrose, Andy Kearns	23-30 July
Leiston	James Trueman, Hilary Musker, Ruth Kelly	23-30 July
Woolhampton 1	Ed Drew, Phil Allcock	23-30 July
Maidwell 1	Scott McKay, Pete Matthew	23-31 July

## Week commencing Sunday 24 July

Brymore 1	Graham Nunn	24-30 July
Xtreme Sports	Peter Hillman, Matt Rose	24-31 July
Sparkford 1	James Nash, Nick Lambert, Tom Watts	24 July-1 Aug
Keppleway 1	Tim Ditchfield, Rory and Mariane Browne	25 July-1 Aug
Brambletye 1	Nick and Laura Gowers, Tim and Helen Spencer	26 July-2 Aug
Bredon 1	Matt Lloyd, Jason Roach	28 July-4 Aug
Stage-Fright 1: Woodhall Spa	Michael Johnson, Kelly Betteridge	29 July-4 Aug
Colwyn Bay 3	Dan Hook, Andrew Grey	29 July-6 Aug
Sandiley	Ann Leddra, Chris Wagstaffe, Bethany Piggott-Gainford	29 July-7 Aug
Barnstaple 1	Phil and Hazel Line, Guy and Naomi Heywood	30 July-6 Aug
Rydal	Alan and Sam Stapleton	30 July-6 Aug
Sizewell	Anthony and Sarah Holmes	30 July-6 Aug
Blandford 2	Nikki Gudgin, Gaz and Lucy Selby Frankenburg, Katie Llewellyn	30 July-6 Aug
Canal Cruise	Margaret Gompers, Gerv Markham, Laura Shepherd	30 July-6 Aug
Casterton 2	Paul Bye, Alison Barratt	30 July-6 Aug
Hope Valley	Andy and Amanda Brewerton, Matthew and Jacky Waldoock	30 July-6 Aug
Oswestry	David Eaves, Jonathan Edmonds	30 July-6 Aug
Stanbridge Earls 2	Andrew McClellan	30 July-6 Aug
Ripon 1	Sam and Claire Corley	30 July-7 Aug
Quantock 1	Mark Wallace, Rachel Goodhart	30 July-8 Aug
Falcon Afloat!	Andy and Alice Smith	24-28 July
Saffron Walden 1	Alistair Langton	24-29 July
Treginnis	Jane Simpkins	24-29 July
Perrot Hill 1	Neil Foster, Neil Wylie	24-30 July
Ringsfield	Mark and Jo Brown	24-30 July
Halls Green 1	Sue Shrubbs	30 July-6 Aug



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## Week commencing Sunday 31 July

Wensleydale 1	Hugo and Jenny Charteris	31 July-3 Aug
Brymore 2	Graham Nunn	31 July-6 Aug
Danehill 3	Jennifer Roberts, Nick and Elizabeth Minnican, Paul and Sarah John	31 July-6 Aug
Romsey 1	Mark Jones Parry	31 July-6 Aug
Woolhampton 2	Steven Hanna, Matt Williams	31 July-7 Aug
Foremarke 2	Richard Leadbeater, Adrian Watts	31 July-7 Aug
Ranby House 2	Aimee Lyall, Matthew Arnold	31 July-7 Aug
Lighthouse: Bourton Taster	Jon Prior, Becky Davies	1-5 Aug
Maidwell 2	Geoff Harley-Mason, Liz Young	1-7 Aug
Haslemere 1	Christine Penfold	1-9 Aug
Sparkford 2	Jon Tuckwell, Martin Ayers	2-10 Aug
Criccieth 2	Phil and Erin Savill, Ellen Millar	2-12 Aug
Wensleydale 2	Hugo and Jenny Charteris	3-6 Aug
Brambletye 2	Nick Margesson, Mike Palin	5-13 Aug
Blaithwaite 2	Rob and Margaret Bianchi, Nicholas Bianchi, Julia Pearce	6-13 Aug
Bredon 2	Kevin Newman	6-13 Aug
Stanbridge Earls 1 (Dunhurst)	Andy and Jennie Watts	6-13 Aug
Lighthouse: Bourton	Marcia Wadham, Jon Prior	6-13 Aug
Morfa Bay	Helen Pattinson, Tim and Rachel Redding, Paul and Debbie Evans	6-13 Aug
Barnstaple 2	Matthew Rowland, Simon Talbot, Richard Scott	6-13 Aug
Blaithwaite 1	Rob and Margaret Bianchi, Sam and Leanna Williamson	6-13 Aug
Stanbridge Earls 3	Andy and Abi Nash, Carrie Dow, Helen McNeely, Christopher Henderson	6-13 Aug
Dovedale	David Collier, Emma Fuller, Martin Woodruff	31 July-6 Aug
Kingsmead	Bob and Ann Clucas	31 July-6 Aug
Perrot Hill 2	Ben and Catherine Kendall	31 July-6 Aug
Saffron Walden 2	Lynne Parkinson, Owen Smith	31 July-5 Aug
Halls Green 2	Joy and Kevin Johnson	6-13 Aug

## Week commencing Sunday 7 August

Romsey 3	Mark and Elinor Birri	7-13 Aug
Stage Fright 2: Woodhall Spa	Michael Johnson, Chris and Katy Servante	7-13 Aug
Colwyn Bay 4	Dave Barnsley, Phillip Tedd	7-14 Aug
Foremarke 3	Simon Wearn, Chris Taylor	7-14 Aug
Whitby	Sue Powell	7-14 Aug
Danehill 2	Andrew Marsh	7-14 Aug
Sibford	Dave Griffiths-Jones, Joe Byrne	7-14 Aug
Woolhampton 3	Ben Thompson, John Percival	8-15 Aug
Quantock 3	John Martin, Nick and Cherry Weir	9-17 Aug
Ripon 2	Sam and Claire Corley	9-17 Aug
Haslemere 2	Christine Penfold, Paul Peterson	10-18 Aug
Sparkford 3	Mark Simpson, Nick Moore, Rachel Millington, Tom Nash	11-19 Aug
Blaithwaite 3	Rob and Margaret Bianchi	13-20 Aug
Bredon 3	Andy Clark, Alison Howard-Williams	13-20 Aug
Stanbridge Earls 4	James Jamieson, Simon Pedley, Adam Pymble	13-20 Aug
Sedbergh	Kieran Bush, Gwilym Davies, Ed Coleridge	13-21 Aug
Oswestry 1	Jez Oldfield, Emma Hale, Kate Linnett, Gail Linnett	7-13 Aug
Halls Green 3	Lydia Anderson	13-17 Aug
Lee Abbey	John Fryer, Sarah Darren	13-19 Aug

## Week commencing Sunday 14 August

Barnstaple 3	Ed Shaw, Jack Butler, Rob Phillips	14-21 Aug
Brambletye 3	Toby and Alex Nicholls, Martin Segal	14-21 Aug
Casterton 3	Carol Stewart, Rachel Nelson, Sarah Cumming, Phil Tigg	14-21 Aug
Kingsmead 1	Dan Wood, Vincent Whitworth, Penny Hinchcliffe	14-21 Aug
Criccieth 3	Rory Paget-Wilkes, Andrei Wiltshire	14-24 Aug
Haslemere 3	Christine Penfold, Sami Watts, Alec Gill	19-27 Aug
Chepstow	John and Jennifer Fry, Rebecca Miller	14-20 Aug
Dean Forest	Richard Prescott, Lynn Moore	14-20 Aug
Pinewood Falcon	Miriam Gosling, Nate Morgan Locke	14-20 Aug

## Week commencing Sunday 21 August

Fulneck	Bob Clucas, Chris and Becky Ward, and John and Abi Ward	22-29 Aug
New Forest B	Ben Jones, Simon Potter	23-30 Aug
Kingsmead 2	Jon and Hannah McCowen	22-27 Aug

## WEEK 7

# pray for lay leaders

In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. And so he prospered. *2 Chronicles 31:21*



Debbie MacLeod, *Growing Leaders* course leader at St Paul's Howell Hill, Surrey

### Sunday 28 August

Pray for those who lead 'behind the scenes' in churches, organising rotas for cleaning, coffee or setting up. Ask God to bless them as they serve his Church.

### Monday 29 August

Parent and toddler groups are often a first point of contact between a church

and its surrounding community. Please pray for those who run these groups, thanking God for their generosity of time and energy.

### Tuesday 30 August

Pray for leaders of small groups preparing Bible studies and activities. Ask that they may lead wisely and help others to have a deeper relationship with God.

### Wednesday 31 August

Thank God for those who help to lead enquirer's courses at churches across the country, helping others to discover the good news of Jesus for themselves.

### Thursday 1 September

Please pray for the people who serve on PCCs, looking after the general running of churches and their finances. Thank God for their service, enabling the missional work of the Church to continue.

### Friday 2 September

As children's leaders prepare for this Sunday's meetings, pray that they may have energy and inspiration to help young people learn more about Jesus.

### Saturday 3 September

Pray for those who lead the music in churches that, through their talents, people will discover more about God and praise him.

Hundreds of churches have run *Growing Leaders* courses to equip all kinds of leaders. Visit [www.cpas.org.uk/growingleaders](http://www.cpas.org.uk/growingleaders) to find out more.

# pray for mentors

WEEK 8

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. *1 Timothy 4:2*

## Sunday 4 September

Pray for leaders to encourage and equip good mentoring relationships within the lives of local churches.

## Monday 5 September

Give thanks for the inspiration and vision behind the CPAS resource to help churches setup new mentoring schemes.

## Tuesday 6 September

Ask God to use mentoring as a way of giving people of all ages a renewed commitment and depth of discipleship.

## Wednesday 7 September

Mentoring is a position of great responsibility. Pray that those acting as mentors within churches will be Christ-like role models through their words and actions.

## Thursday 8 September

Ask God to guide those who would like to find a mentor but are uncertain who to approach or how to get started.

## Friday 9 September

Praise God for the positive impact of mentors in the lives of people who have taken part in *Growing Leaders* and *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* courses.

## Saturday 10 September

Give thanks to God for the selfless commitment of anybody you know who has acted as a mentor for you or somebody else.



This autumn CPAS launches a new resource to enable local churches to setup church-based mentoring schemes. Visit [www.cpas.org.uk/mentoring](http://www.cpas.org.uk/mentoring) for more details.

## WEEK 9

# pray for those exploring call

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!'  
*Exodus 3:4*



### **Sunday 11 September**

Please pray that those attending *You and Ministry* next weekend will hear God's voice clearly as they consider their future ministry.

### **Monday 12 September**

Pray for the leaders of *You and Ministry* as they prepare and deliver the material, and as they help others to consider whether they are called to ordained or authorised ministry.

### **Tuesday 13 September**

Pray for clarity for any people who may be unsure of their future direction. Ask God to guide them and help them discern their next steps.

### **Wednesday 14 September**

Women considering a call to ministry can face particular challenges in the Church. Pray for them today that they may have the courage to follow where God is leading.

### **Thursday 15 September**

Ask God to call more men and women to full-time ministry in the Church of England and thank him for all those already serving in this way.

### **Friday 16 September**

Many young people struggle with finding direction for their life. Pray for them to seek and discover God's will and ask that he may lead many more into ordained ministry.

### **Saturday 17 September**

Pray that those on the *You and Ministry* weekend will remember all they learn and continue to discern their vocation.

CPAS *You and Ministry* weekends are for people to explore their sense of calling to ordained or other authorised ministries in the Church.

# pray for CPAS and the wider Church

WEEK 10

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

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## Sunday 18 September

Praise God for all that he has done through the work of CPAS during the past 175 years.

## Monday 19 September

Ask God to give more of his divine perspective to those in senior leadership roles within the Church of England.

## Tuesday 20 September

Let's pray that men, women and young people will continue to turn to the Church for spiritual insight as well as moral guidance.

## Wednesday 21 September

Ask God to inspire more support for CPAS from local churches who share our passion for making disciples and developing leaders.

## Thursday 22 September

Pray for the Holy Spirit's insight and guidance in all of CPAS' plans to more effectively enable church growth.

## Friday 23 September

Many church leaders will be seeking new ways of reaching out to people in their communities this autumn. Ask God to guide and strengthen them for the task of mission.

## Saturday 24 September

May God continue to use churches to transform communities in towns and cities and bring more people into his kingdom.



John Dunnett, CPAS general director

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## WEEK 11

# pray for young leaders

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:5*



### Sunday 25 September

Thank God for the young people who have done the *Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* course in churches around the UK and ask that more teenagers will be developed through this resource.

### Monday 26 September

Please pray for more young people to be called into leadership so that the Church can be relevant to a new generation.

### Tuesday 27 September

Many who attend Ventures continue to become leaders on these holidays. Pray for any who made that step this summer and ask that they would continue to develop their leadership ability.

### Wednesday 28 September

Pray for opportunities for young people who are Christians to exercise leadership both within and outside of the Church, influencing their generation as followers of Jesus.

### Thursday 29 September

Pray for young leaders to grow in Christ-likeness, developing as disciples who play a key role in the mission of the Church.

### Friday 30 September

As young people face pressures from their friends, please pray that they will remain distinctive as Christians in their lives at school and home.

### Saturday 1 October

Ask God to give young leaders the confidence to put themselves forward for roles in their churches.

*Growing Leaders – Youth Edition* is a course for church to help young people grow in Christ-like character as they are equipped to lead in their churches, schools, colleges and homes.

# pray for incumbents

WEEK 12

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.  
*Acts 20:28*

## Sunday 2 October

Ask God to guide any curates looking for incumbency positions so that they will find the right posts for them.

## Monday 3 October

Pray that church incumbents will seek to develop more leaders who can help their churches in mission.

## Tuesday 4 October

Please pray for the participants on *The Buck Stops Here* conference this week and ask God to equip them for the road ahead in ministry.

## Wednesday 5 October

First-time incumbents can face particular challenges as they adapt to their new roles. Please pray for them today.

## Thursday 6 October

Thank God for the gifts of all those who serve as incumbents and pray that God will raise up more leaders to take the Church forward into the future.

## Friday 7 October

Pray that incumbents would seek ways to lead their churches to connect with their surrounding communities to share the good news of Jesus.

## Saturday 8 October

In the fast-changing culture we live in, ask God to give church leaders the wisdom to deal with change in positive ways.

John Hookway, vicar of Christ Church Ware



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*The Buck Stops Here* conferences are for clergy in their first incumbency, helping them deal with some of the challenges of the role and equipping them for the long-haul.

# pray for CPAS patronage churches



John Alderman, CPAS patronage secretary

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. *Romans 8:26*

### Thursday 13 October

Pray for patrons and dioceses to find God's way through the complex issue of a lack of applications for posts and less clergy being willing to move.

### Friday 14 October

Ask God to guide and strengthen the patronage team as they prepare agendas and background papers for the forthcoming trustees meeting, usually including at least two posts for short-listing.

### Saturday 15 October

John Alderman retires as patronage secretary in 2012. As the time of his departure draws closer, please pray for his successor and for the handover process between the two.

### Sunday 9 October

Pray for the patronage parishes that are currently in vacancy and the encouragement of God's people even in the midst of uncertainty about the future.

### Monday 10 October

John Alderman chairs EPCC (Evangelical Patronage Consultative Council) which is an informal 'umbrella group' for all the evangelical patronage trusts. Please pray for their steering group meeting this autumn.

### Tuesday 11 October

CPAS administers a register of evangelical clergy looking for a move. Pray for this important part of seeking to place the right clergy into the right posts at the right time.

### Wednesday 12 October

The short-listed candidates for the post of incumbent at Alperton in north-west London are making their informal parish visits this week ahead of the interview day next Friday.

Amongst the 500-plus CPAS patronage churches, there are approximately 50 vacant incumbencies at any time.

# 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.

## Sunday 17 July Ventures and Falcon Camps

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. *Psalms 78:4*

Praise God for the 4,000 children and young people taking part in this year's Venture holidays.

## Sunday 24 July Ventures and Falcon Camps

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! *1 John 1:3a*

Pray that children and teenagers on Falcon Camps will have a wonderful holiday and experience God's love.

## Sunday 31 July Ventures and Falcon Camps

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. *Proverbs 11:25*

Ask God to bless all those volunteering as leaders on this summer's Ventures and Falcon Camps.

## Sunday 7 August Ventures and Falcon Camps

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded. *2 Chronicles 15:7*

Ask God for good communication between head office staff, leaders, parents and others involved in this year's Ventures and Falcon Camps.

## Sunday 14 August Ventures and Falcon Camps

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. *Matthew 24:14*

Pray that churches will be strengthened, encouraged and inspired by the excitement of young people who have been on Ventures.

## Sunday 21 August Pray for CPAS patronage churches

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. *Hebrews 4:14*

Pray for those beginning or about to start new roles as incumbents in CPAS patronage churches.

## Sunday 28 August Pray for lay leaders

In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly. *2 Chronicles 31:21*

Thanks God for those who lead enquirer's courses at churches, helping others to discover the good news of Jesus.

## Sunday 4 September Pray for mentors

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. *1 Timothy 4:2*

Ask God to use mentoring as a way of giving people of all ages a renewed commitment and depth of discipleship.

## Sunday 11 September Pray for those exploring call

When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' *Exodus 3:4*

Please pray for those attending the *You and Ministry* weekend to hear God's voice clearly.

## Sunday 18 September Pray for CPAS and the wider Church

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. *1 Peter 2:9*

May God continue to use churches to transform communities in towns and cities, bringing more people into his kingdom.

## Sunday 25 September Pray for young leaders

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

Pray for young leaders to grow in Christ-likeness, developing as disciples who play a key role in the mission of the Church.

## Sunday 2 October Pray for incumbents

Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. *Acts 20:28*

Pray that incumbents will seek to develop more leaders who can help their churches in mission.

## Sunday 9 October Pray for CPAS patronage churches

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. *Romans 8:26*

Ask God to encourage all those in churches without an incumbent at this time.



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