



## press release

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### **CPAS appoints Tim Friend as new youth principal**

CPAS has appointed Tim Friend to a new role responsible for the mission agency's programme of youth residential holidays.

Tim will be joining CPAS in early July as Ventures and Falcon Camps principal. He has worked for Southwell and Nottingham diocese for more than five years, mainly in the pioneering role of sports ambassador – the first such role in the country, using sport as a creative outreach to the 16-35 age group – before he became youth ministry adviser last autumn.

Tim has been a leader at summer camps in Sizewell for the past three years, which became part of the Ventures programme in 2011. He has been convinced about the impact of youth residential holidays since his own days as a teenager on South Hants Bible Camps, where he also took his first steps into leadership.

Tim said: 'My heart is to reach more young people who are not engaged with the gospel. Ventures and Falcon Camps have the key ingredients to make a difference in young people's lives. They supplement the good discipleship which is happening in local churches, but on camp that is intensified which means that so much more can be done in a short space of time. These times away are great fun and they also teach people how to personally engage with God throughout the rest of the year through prayer, reading the Bible and quiet times.

'I'm looking forward to being an ambassador for Ventures and Falcon Camps because I have experienced the value of residential camps in my own life and seen them have a positive effect on many other people. I'm especially motivated by the role of Falcon Camps in reaching disadvantaged young people.'

As his previous role may suggest, Tim is an avid sportsman. Until recently he was a regular rugby player, but is currently focusing his efforts on cycling in preparation for a fundraising challenge later this year on part of the Tour de France route in the Pyrenees. He is also an associate evangelist for Christians in Sport, which includes speaking at sports quizzes across the East Midlands.

Graham Archer, CPAS director of ministry, said: 'It is clear that God has been using the ministry of Ventures and Falcon Camps over many years to turn young hearts and minds to Jesus. Tim's appointment represents our continuing investment in frontline youth ministry for the future of the Church across the UK, and we are excited about all that God will do.'

Tim and his wife Kerstin, along with their two young daughters Abi and Emily, will continue living in the Nottingham area.

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**Notes to Editors:**

Ventures and Falcon Camps ([www.ventures.org.uk](http://www.ventures.org.uk)) are part of the ministry of CPAS ([www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk)), which is an Anglican evangelical mission agency.

About 4,000 children and young people aged 8-18 attend Ventures and Falcon Camps each year, with more than 100 holidays led by teams of volunteer leaders at sites around the UK. Falcon Camps are heavily subsidised holidays for children who face some kind of disadvantage in their daily lives.