



## press release

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### **CPAS appoints pioneer minister to resource mission in multi-parish benefices**

Anglican evangelical mission agency CPAS has appointed the Rev Pam Macnaughton, a pioneer minister and diocesan adviser for pioneer ministry, to the role of leadership specialist.

Pam will be responsible for overseeing CPAS' new project which aims to resource mission in multi-parish benefices, as well as developing lay and ordained leaders in a wide variety of other settings through training and resources.

Pam has been working as an ordained pioneer minister at four churches in Bishopthorpe near York for the last five years, and is the diocesan adviser for pioneer ministry. With an increasing number of parishes being made up of three or more churches (over 60% in some dioceses), equipping leaders in this setting is one of the mission agency's key priorities.

Following a three-month research project on leadership issues in multi-parish benefices and a number of *Leading Edge* training days on the topic, CPAS is looking to launch a project in 2014 to help leaders working across a number of churches to be more effective in mission. Pam said: 'As someone who longs to see churches reaching out and growing, rather than just surviving, I'm really excited to be heading up the multi-parish benefice project, as well as contributing to CPAS' wider ministry of leadership development.'

In addition to her recent diocesan and parish roles, Pam is an assessor for the national panel for potential ordained pioneer ministers. She was ordained as a pioneer minister in 2008 after completing the Oxford Ministry Course. Her previous roles include website and newspaper editor for Fresh Expressions and director of ROOTS church resources.

James Lawrence, leadership principal at CPAS said: 'We're delighted that Pam is joining us, and know her experience of pioneering new congregations in multi-parish settings will contribute to this vital area of our work. With increasing interest in our leadership development days, programmes and resources from across churches and dioceses, Pam will be a great addition to the team.'

Pam joins CPAS' other leadership specialist, Charles Burgess, and will continue to be based in York, where she lives with her family.

### **Ends**

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**Notes to Editors:**

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