



press release

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Christ Church Lisburn hosts mentoring event

The first Saturday day conference organised by the new CPAS Ireland Steering group took place on the 19 October in Christ Church Parish Halls, Lisburn and was attended by 38 people representing a number of organisations and churches.

The day began with the welcome by the Rector, Rev Paul Dundas who chairs the CPAS Ireland Steering Group. He welcomed and prayed for the Rev James Lawrence, CPAS Leadership Principal who was leading the day on the theme of mentoring.

In the four sessions, James unpacked the meaning of Christian mentoring, the qualities of mentors and mentees, how to set up mentoring in a parish or organisation and the stages to allow that to happen. There were many opportunities for group exercises and discussions as issues were raised by the delegates. James was engaging and challenging and placed mentoring as one tool to develop leaders and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in the local church or in a church organisation. Any organisation, Church or Diocese can contact James Lawrence directly at CPAS for further information or training.

Resources were available for purchase including *Mentoring Matters* which is a resource produced by CPAS and is available to purchase online. In recent months, a complimentary copy of this resource was sent to the Bishops in the Church of Ireland.

The next day conference is on Thursday 27 March in Lisburn on the theme of *Keeping watch over ourselves in leadership* and will be led by Graham Archer, CPAS Director of Ministry. Details of that day and future events are available on the CPAS website or by contacting Rev Paul Dundas on 0774 0589465.

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