

**PRAYER  
AND NEWS  
UPDATE**

I KEEP MY  
EYES ALWAYS ON  
THE LORD. WITH  
HIM AT MY RIGHT  
HAND, I SHALL NOT  
BE SHAKEN.

**PSALM 16:8**



MONTHLY UPDATE:  
SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS



CPAS is an Anglican evangelical mission agency working in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Our mission is to help every person hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ through the ministry of local churches.

We'd love to pray for you and your church during this challenging time. Please email Caroline Davenport ([cdavenport@cpas.org.uk](mailto:cdavenport@cpas.org.uk)) or call the number overleaf to be included in our staff prayers.

**THANK YOU FOR  
ALL YOUR SUPPORT.**

## GOD'S REDEEMING POWER

Welcome to our first Prayer and News Update of Summer 2020. In these uncertain times, it has not seemed sensible or practically feasible to produce our usual Prayer Diary, Catalyst magazine or Falcons Update. We value your prayerful support and so are producing a series of these more regular updates for this season.

We invite you to pray with us over the coming weeks for CPAS including Venture and Falcon holidays. As you may have heard, we have made the difficult decision to cancel all our summer residential events this year and are offering a virtual option to the young people who were due to attend.

As we come to pray, it is worth reminding ourselves that all situations (including the current pandemic) are redeemable by God. The slavery of Joseph fed God's people. The forced service of Esther saved God's people. Persecution in Acts 8 took the gospel to Samaria. Imprisonment in Philippi enabled Roman guards to be converted (Philippians 2:13). The confinement of John on Patmos gave us a wonderful vision of eternity in Revelation. As you use this update, let's pray that he will do his redeeming work – even in this time – and bring men, women and children to living faith in Christ.

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19-25 JULY

## PATRONAGE

**W**e are actively supporting CPAS patronage churches during this time through prayer, phone calls and training webinars. With many dioceses pausing recruitment, most of our appointment processes have been put on hold though a few have been able to move forward digitally.



SURELY  
GOD IS MY  
HELP; THE LORD  
IS THE ONE WHO  
SUSTAINS ME.

PSALM 54:4

### Prayer points:

- Praise God that we have still been able to license seven new incumbents since the Covid-19 crisis began. Pray for them as they start their new roles in the midst of change and uncertainty.
- Pray for churches in vacancy as they seek to connect with their communities and share God's love without an incumbent in place.
- Ask God to provide the patronage team with creativity and wisdom as they support and resource leaders of the 691 CPAS patronage churches at this time.

26 JULY – 1 AUG

## VENTURE HOLIDAYS

**W**ith all the summer residentials cancelled, our fantastic volunteer leaders have risen to the challenge with many offering 'Virtual Ventures' to the 8-18s who were due to take part in the holidays.



I PRAY  
THAT OUT OF HIS  
GLORIOUS RICHES HE  
MAY STRENGTHEN YOU  
WITH POWER THROUGH  
HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR  
INNER BEING.

EPHESIANS 3:16

VIRTUAL  
*Ventures* 

### Prayer points:

- Pray that God's presence will be powerfully known through the various online tools which will be used to deliver teaching, play games together and build community.
- Praise God for the willingness of many, many volunteer leaders to adapt and offer their gifts and skills to bless these young people in radically changed circumstances.
- Ask for God's provision in all the practicalities. Pray for good internet connections, functioning technology, freedom from distractions and lots of bright ideas about how to lead Virtual Ventures well.

**2-8 AUGUST**

## FALCON HOLIDAYS

**M**any children and teenagers who come on Falcon holidays face challenging situations in their daily lives. Being at home more than usual and missing out on regular activities and support (and their Falcon holiday!) will be especially difficult for some.



AS THE  
FATHER HAS  
LOVED ME, SO HAVE  
I LOVED YOU. NOW  
REMAIN IN MY LOVE.

**JOHN 15:9**

### Prayer points:

- Pray for the leaders as they find new and innovative ways to bless the young people through virtual activities, sending fun things in the post, phone calls with families and dedicated prayer.
- Pray for all families struggling with the current restrictions. Ask God to bring peace, reconciliation and love to those facing turmoil and tension at this time.
- Praise God for the hundreds of 8-18s who were due to come on a Falcon holiday this year. Pray they will have a very special summer and will know God's love in their lives.

**9-15 AUGUST**

## EQUIPPING CHRISTIAN LEADERS

**A**lthough our usual programme of training events and courses is not possible at this time, we are delighted by the large number of leaders engaging with CPAS training through webinars and online resources.

THEREFORE  
ENCOURAGE  
ONE ANOTHER AND  
BUILD EACH OTHER UP,  
JUST AS IN FACT YOU  
ARE DOING.

**1 THESSALONIANS  
5:11**



### Prayer points:

- Praise God for the hundreds of leaders who have taken part in CPAS' Leadership in Lockdown webinar series. Pray that this input will continue to help and encourage them.
- Pray for Christian leaders who are struggling with the change and uncertainty of the current situation. Ask God to help them in their leadership and provide them with what they need to lead well.
- As the situation with COVID-19 evolves, ask God to bless CPAS staff with ideas and insights into how we can best serve and equip Christian leaders.



## LEADERSHIP IN LOCKDOWN

With spring CPAS training events cancelled due to COVID-19, the CPAS Leadership team decided to take things online, and (rather rapidly!) began to produce material designed specifically to equip church leaders during these unprecedented times.

Around 1,200 church leaders from across the UK and Ireland (and even further afield) have taken part so far in a series of free webinars covering up-to-the-minute issues such as how to transition well from the immediate response to the crisis to a longer term view, and how to keep focused for the long haul.

Here's what the participants said:



'Each morning I go up to church and the bell is rung as we pray. This sound goes out over the village, a sound of hope that can be heard even by those in isolation.'

Rachel Alexander, Rector of St Mary's Snettisham

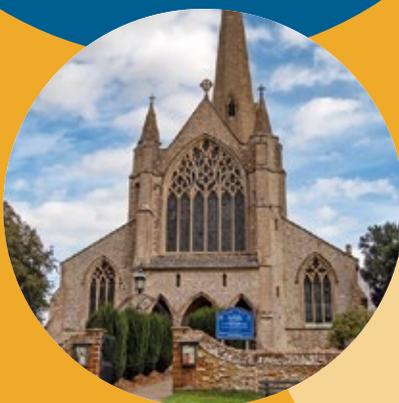
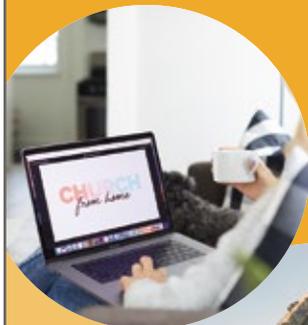


'This was the most helpful thing I've done since lockdown began and at a time when so many diocesan staff are on furlough and parish ministry has become a lonely place. Thank you!'

'I am now starting to think ahead and looking forward to making plans to incorporate online and physical church activities together for the future.'

'This will help me to resource Mission Community leaders to adapt to (and make the most of) the opportunities and challenges we face.'

'Spot on! Just the right training at the right time, delivered in the right way. My best Zoom experience so far. The material, resources and ideas were so very helpful. Thank you so much.'



# VENTURES AND FALCONS CAMPAIGN

Seventy-seven Venture and Falcon residentials were planned to take place during July and August. As a result of cancelling these, we have incurred non-recoverable losses in excess of £150,000.

If you share our vision for seeing children and young people experience life to the full in Jesus Christ, we'd love to invite you to support us at this unprecedented time by helping us recover this significant financial loss. We praise God that our generous supporters have already given over £45,000 – thank you!

We trust in the Lord's sovereignty as we seek to respond to this challenge faithfully and creatively through Virtual Ventures and other initiatives.

[www.give.net/venturesandfalcons](http://www.give.net/venturesandfalcons)

## SUPPORTING CPAS

Like many other charities, CPAS as a whole is also suffering losses due to reduced income. If you would like to make a donation or set up or increase a standing order, please visit [www.cpas.org.uk/give](http://www.cpas.org.uk/give) or phone **024 7526 7835** 9am-12.30pm Monday to Friday. You can also send a cheque payable to CPAS to the address bottom right.

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### Keeping Up-to-Date

We have a dedicated COVID-19 webpage where you can read all the latest information about how CPAS is working in this time. You can also follow [@CPASnews](https://twitter.com/CPASnews) on social media for regular news and prayer points, go to <http://praynow4.org/cpas> to download the PrayerMate app.



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