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PRAYER DIARY

ALL THIS IS
FROM GOD, WHO
RECONCILED US TO
HIMSELF THROUGH
CHRIST AND GAVE US
THE MINISTRY OF
RECONCILIATION.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:18



SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS
THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER.

ENABLE
YOUR SERVANTS
TO SPEAK
YOUR WORD
WITH GREAT
BOLDNESS.

ACTS 4:29

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BOLDNESS IN OUR WITNESS



In Acts 4:24-31 we have a window into what we might call an early church 'prayer meeting'. This follows instructions from the religious leaders not to preach and minister in the name of Jesus (4:18) and threats against Peter and John (4:21). Our own situation may not be so overtly hostile to the gospel, yet many of us increasingly find ourselves facing opposition to the Christian faith, and so it is instructive to observe how the early church prayed at this time.

In the few words of prayer recorded for us by Luke, we can see an acknowledgement and a request.

The opening words of their prayers are 'Sovereign Lord... you made the heavens and the earth' (4:24). This prayer acknowledges God's reign and rule – even at a moment where it feels like gospel witness is being challenged, undermined and opposed.

Praying these words not only acknowledges the true state of affairs and God's sovereignty over their situation, but also builds their faith and enables them to have confidence in their subsequent request.

As you use this Prayer Diary, can I invite you to begin your prayers by acknowledging the greatness and goodness of God – both because it is true, and also because it will build your faith to intercede.

Having acknowledged the sovereignty of God, the believers then specifically ask: 'Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness'. They don't pray for protection, or even gospel success – they ask for boldness. Maybe they knew just what it was going to cost if they continued to preach the good news. We haven't yet got to the martyrdom of Stephen or the persecutions of Saul, but maybe the writing was already on the wall.

In these increasingly secular times, we need to pray for a boldness in our witness (noting that boldness is not insensitivity, rudeness or discourtesy!). As you use this diary please pray for the churches and leaders featured to have a godly boldness in their witness.

At the end of Luke's account of this meeting, we read that 'they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly' (4:31). Thank you for supporting us in prayer – let's pray that the Spirit will enable us all to be the witnesses the Lord calls us to be.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Bristol Diocese



Charles Burgess and **Emma Sykes**,
CPAS Leadership Specialists

This Wednesday, Charles Burgess is speaking to a group of clergy from Bristol diocese on the theme of 'Nurturing a Culture of Courage'. This is one of a series of CMD (Continuing Ministerial Development) training events for Bristol diocese, which are designed to help both clergy and lay leaders build a healthy culture of mission within their churches.

Next week, Emma Sykes will lead the next event, which will be about nurturing confidence in leadership. This will be followed by three more days over the summer covering resilience, managing expectations, nurturing relationships and prayerful leadership.

As well as fostering strong missional leadership skills, these CMD days enable the development of character and resilience, recognising how crucial a leader's inner spiritual life is to safe and effective leadership.

BE STRONG AND
COURAGEOUS, AND
DO THE WORK. DO
NOT BE AFRAID OR
DISCOURAGED, FOR
THE LORD GOD, MY GOD,
IS WITH YOU.

1 CHRONICLES 28:20

For your prayers:

Sun 19: Bristol diocese: Ask God to use this series of CMD days to nurture inner spiritual growth and outward practical leadership skills in lay and ordained leaders.

Mon 20: Bristol diocese: For a strong missional culture in churches across the diocese, which leads to many blessings flowing out to the wider world, and many more people coming to faith.

Tue 21: Patronage churches: Interviews are taking place at St Jude's Southsea today. Pray that the right new incumbent is found, and for everyone to have a clear sense of God's guiding hand.

Wed 22: Bristol diocese: For senior leaders in the diocese, including those who are relatively new in post, as they seek to connect people and communities with God through local church ministry.

Thu 23: Bristol diocese: For all those at the training today. Pray that every church represented will become bolder in mission as a result of this event.

Fri 24: Leadership: Pam Macnaughton is facilitating a learning community today and tomorrow as part of the Calling Young Disciples initiative in Worcester diocese.

Sat 25: Ireland: For the Church of Ireland's upcoming General Synod. Pray for prayerful, wise decisions and fruitful conversations.

VENTURES AND FALCONS

26 APRIL-2 MAY

School Ventures



YOUR
WORKS ARE
WONDERFUL,
I KNOW THAT
FULL WELL.

PSALM 139:14

The ministry of School Ventures continues to grow, with six residentials planned for June 2020 alone! Anna Shaw (School Ventures Development Officer) said: 'We're delighted that more and more School Ventures are taking place each year, and we are seeing a positive impact on the children's ministry of local churches.

'One of the 2019 School Ventures generated such enthusiasm that three "reunions" were arranged for the following three school terms at Christmas, Easter and Pentecost with church volunteers leading the teaching.

'The Christmas event saw pupils engaging with the Christmas story through questions like "Who do you think was most pleased to meet baby Jesus and why?" and "Who experienced the greatest range of emotions?", before being invited to consider their own response to the story. One teacher reported that she had never seen her pupils engage so thoughtfully or undertake such high-quality RE (Religious Education).'

For your prayers:

Sun 26: Church visits: CPAS Patronage Secretary Mike Duff as he preaches at St Mary's Rushden today. Praise God for this patronage church's generous support for CPAS' ministry.

Mon 27: School Ventures: The Blackburn North leadership team as they meet ahead of the residential in May. Pray the team bonds well and everyone is excited by the vision.

Tue 28: School Ventures: Review meetings are taking place this week with the headteachers of schools involved in Hereford and Winchester School Ventures. Pray for a great atmosphere and lots of enthusiasm for future residentials.

Wed 29: School Ventures: For all the residentials taking place this year to have a lasting impact on the children as they explore faith issues and grow in confidence and self-esteem.

Thu 30: School Ventures: For School Ventures Development Officer Anna Shaw and also School Ventures Administrator Ellie Hesling-Gibson, both of whom joined the team earlier this year.

Fri 1: School Ventures: For more Church of England schools and dioceses to get involved in School Ventures, so that more children are given the opportunity to hear the gospel.

Sat 2: School Ventures: For the development of a third teaching resource on the theme of superheroes, looking at 'heroes' of the Old Testament and Jesus, the perfect hero.

GOD'S VISION FOR CPAS

Please join us in praying for CPAS' ministry from now until 2025 following our recent vision refresh. This process involved discerning God's will for CPAS, and how we might best fulfil our calling to help churches bring 'the gospel to every door' in the coming years. Our prayers are focused on the planning and implementation of CPAS' work under the following four aspirations.

Pray for **every church** to be a pathway to faith



SUN 3

Ask God to guide CPAS as we develop new ways to resource and support churches in mission. Pray that this will enable churches to welcome many new people, and introduce them to the reconciling grace of God in Christ.

MON 4

Pray for our plans to invest in 60 new incumbents at patronage churches in order to help them discern, develop and live out a mission-oriented vision.

Pray for **every leader** to be a catalyst for evangelism



TUE 5

Pray for God's help in fulfilling our 5 year plan to equip 1,000 ordained and lay ministers to lead churches in evangelism.

WED 6

Ask for God's blessing on mission-minded leaders working in multi-parish benefices. Pray that CPAS' work in this area will have a big impact on many churches and communities.





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2 CORINTHIANS 5:18

Pray that **every**
child will have
the chance to
explore Jesus



THU 7

Ask for God to provide the financial resources, people and partnerships needed to fulfil our goal of enabling 5,000 children to explore the gospel through School Ventures.

FRI 8

Pray that this in turn helps churches connected with Church of England Schools to grow their children's ministries, and welcome whole families into church life.

Pray for **every**
Christian to be
a courageous
gospel witness



SAT 9

Ask God to guide CPAS as we consider how we might help Christians in parishes throughout the Church of England to be bold in living and speaking for Christ.



LEADERSHIP

Arrow Residential 1

Twenty-four Christian leaders aged 25-40 will gather this week for the first residential of Arrow programme 16 at Hothorpe Hall in Leicestershire. New Arrow Director Jo McKee and the rest of the residential team will be helping the participants consider who they are in Christ with teaching on the theme of 'Call to Character'.

Please use the following timetable to pray for the participants through the week as they embark on this special journey in leading more like Jesus, leading more with Jesus and leading more to Jesus.



Jo McKee, Director of Arrow

SUN 10



12.00-4.00pm	Team set up
4.00-5.15pm	Arrival and room allocation
5.30-6.00pm	Welcome
6.00-7.30pm	Evening meal
7.40-9.30pm	Orientation

WED 13



8.00-9.45am	Late breakfast
9.50-11.00am	Worship and Bible teaching (Paul Perkin)
11.25-12.30pm	Leadership Matters (James Lawrence)
12.30-2.10pm	Lunch and free time
2.15-5.00pm	Leadership Matters (James Lawrence)
5.00-6.00pm	Reflection in the chapel
6.00-9.30pm	Evening meal and time with peer cells

MON 11

- 7.15-8.15am** Breakfast
- 8.20-9.30am** Worship and Bible teaching (Paul Perkin)
- 9.30-6.00pm** Outdoor activities day
- 6.00-7.30pm** Evening meal
- 7.40-9.30pm** Personal Development (Alex Volcansek)

TUE 12

- 7.15-8.15am** Breakfast
- 8.20-9.30am** Worship and Bible teaching (Paul Perkin)
- 9.50-12.30pm** Evangelism in a Post Truth World (Neil Hudson)
- 12.30-2.15pm** Lunch
- 2.15-4.45pm** Evangelism in a Post Truth World (Neil Hudson)
- 5.30-7.30pm** Evening meal
- 7.40-9.30pm** Free time

THU 14

- 7.15-8.15am** Breakfast
- 8.20-9.30am** Worship and Bible teaching (Paul Perkin)
- 9.50-12.30pm** Leading Well with Others (Libby Talbot)
- 12.30-2.10pm** Lunch and free time
- 2.15-5.15pm** Leading Well with Others (Libby Talbot)
- 5.15-7.00pm** Free time
- 7.00-10.00pm** Final night dinner and drinks

FRI 15

- 7.15-8.15am** Breakfast and pack
- 8.20-8.45am** Worship
- 8.55-10.55am** Discerning Personal Vision (Jo McKee)
- 11.00-11.30am** Evaluation and coffee
- 11.30-1.00pm** Moving On (Arrow team)
- 1.00-1.45pm** Lunch and depart
- 2.00-4.00pm** Team meeting and set down

SAT 16

'This is the beginning of a very important journey for each Arrow participant. Please pray that everyone is aware of God's presence over the next 18 months. And as they return home, ask that there is an easy integration at the end of the residential, back into their family and working lives.'

Jo McKee, Director of Arrow

17-23 MAY

PATRONAGE CHURCHES

Christ Church Barnet (London)



Andy Rimmer, Vicar

This month, members of Christ Church Barnet are taking part in 'Bless Barnet', a community project which involves serving people in the local area in a variety of ways. They will be litter picking every Saturday as well as a range of other community projects. The church is also celebrating the very special milestone of its 175 year anniversary.

Vicar Andy Rimmer asks: 'Please pray for us as we take part in this month of blessing. Pray for many fruitful conversations that will lead others to Jesus, and ask God to help us live out our vision: The transformation of Barnet and beyond, with the love of Jesus, one life at a time.'

Please join us this week in offering prayer and praise for this faithful church's many ministries.

MAY
THE LORD
DIRECT YOUR
HEARTS INTO GOD'S
LOVE AND CHRIST'S
PERSEVERANCE.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:5

For your prayers:

Sun 17: Christ Church Barnet: Praise God for all he has done in and through the church over 175 years, and ask for continued growth and openness to the Holy Spirit.

Mon 18: Christ Church Barnet: The Open Door Centre, which is next to the church. This serves local people through a drop-in café and rooms used for foodbank and other compassion ministries.

Tue 19: Christ Church Barnet: For the church as they develop their new vision for evangelism and mission. Pray everyone will become more confident in who they are in Christ.

Wed 20: Leadership: Patronage Leadership Specialist John Coyne as he leads On Call – Stay or Go? in Cheadle. This is an event to help clergy discern whether to stay where they are or consider a move.

Thu 21: Thy Kingdom Come: For many more churches across England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales to take part in this year's Thy Kingdom Come prayer movement from 21-31 May.

Fri 22: Christ Church Barnet: The Shed men's ministry which meets once a month. Pray for great conversations and connections through this regular event.

Sat 23: Christ Church Barnet: Today, the church will be serving the local area as a part of their 'Bless Barnet' project. Ask that people in the community see God's love clearly through these actions.

VENTURES AND FALCONS

Promoting Holidays

24-30 MAY



Ventures and Falcons
at Big Church Day Out



GLORIFY
THE LORD
WITH ME: LET US
EXALT HIS NAME
TOGETHER.

PSALM 34:3

This Sunday (24 May) is day two of Big Church Day Out, an annual Christian festival which sees 25,000 people gather in rural West Sussex to enjoy fun, fellowship and worship with music from some of the world's best Christian artists. We will be there flying the flag for Ventures and Falcons in the Bazaar exhibition area, encouraging lots of young people to come on a holiday. Holiday time has come already for the 8-11 year olds taking part in the two Buzz Ventures in Staffordshire and Lancaster! From Tuesday-Friday (26-29 May), around 75 children will be going on a space-themed adventure full of crafts, games and teaching from the Bible on God, the world and us.

It's also a busy time for staff in the office as leaders' handbooks are mailed out containing vital information on health and safety, safeguarding, budgeting and more. There are also still bookings coming in from both young people and leaders as families make summer plans during the half-term break.

For your prayers:

Sun 24: Ventures and Falcons: For all the children, young people and parents visiting the Ventures and Falcons stand today at Big Church Day Out. Pray many will be inspired to get involved this summer and beyond.

Mon 25: Ventures and Falcons: Bookings for summer Ventures and Falcons as many young people and leaders finalise their summer plans. Pray for lots of full holidays!

Tue 26: Ventures and Falcons: The two Buzz Ventures as they start today. Pray all the 8-11s settle in well, particularly those who are new to Ventures.

Wed 27: Ventures and Falcons: Overall leader Anna asks us to pray 'for the activities and Bible teaching at the Buzz to give the children a greater understanding of Jesus and his love'.

Thu 28: Leadership: James Lawrence is leading the second of two training days for clergy in Chichester diocese. Pray God uses this training to help local churches thrive and grow.

Fri 29: Ventures and Falcons: For each child to leave the Buzz Ventures with a sense of awe about who God is, and a desire to trust in Jesus when they go back to life at home.

Sat 30: Scotland: The Scottish Episcopal Institute (the body responsible for clergy and lay Reader training) as it works to shape vibrant, missional ministers for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Lindisfarne College of Theology

KEEP WATCH
OVER YOURSELVES
AND ALL THE FLOCK
OF WHICH THE HOLY
SPIRIT HAS MADE YOU
OVERSEERS.

ACTS 20:28

At its sites in North Shields and Durham, Lindisfarne College of Theology supports the Church in the North East of England by encouraging discipleship and growing ministers in intentional communities of Christian hospitality, learning and prayer. CPAS Leadership Specialist Ian Parkinson's work with the college includes:

- Teaching ordinands and licensed lay ministers twice a year on a range of missional leadership topics. This Saturday (6 June), Ian will speak on leading and sustaining yourself.
- Forming a team to deliver a ten-week module on Christian leadership across the two centres in summer 2021. The hope is that this will support and equip leaders working in a range of settings, including many who minister in challenging and under-resourced areas.



For your prayers:

Sun 31: Lindisfarne College of Theology: Ian asks us to pray for: 'Encounters with God for the students, and hope for those who are called to exercise leadership in challenging areas.'

Mon 1: Lindisfarne College of Theology: Ian as he forms and co-ordinates a team to deliver the ten-week module on Christian leadership in summer 2021.

Tue 2: CPAS staff: The staff team leaders as they meet today. Pray for a useful, Christ-centred time together which helps CPAS enable more churches to share the good news of Jesus.

Wed 3: Lindisfarne College of Theology: For Ian and the others on the team as they seek to resource churches in the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle through the new teaching module.

Thu 4: Leadership: CPAS and LICC are partnering with the Diocese of Gloucester to deliver Flourish, a two-year long change programme working with church leadership teams. Pray for tonight's session on fruitfulness.

Fri 5: Lindisfarne College of Theology: For God to use Ian's teaching to help the students more fully experience the unconditional grace of God, so they can lead in his strength.

Sat 6: Lindisfarne College of Theology: For everyone attending today's teaching to hear God speaking into their lives, and gain a clearer picture of what might help them lead in a more effective, sustainable way.



LEADERSHIP

Developing Others in Leadership

7-13 JUNE

AS IRON
SHARPENS IRON,
SO ONE PERSON
SHARPENS ANOTHER.

PROVERBS 27:17



Good leadership at every level is vital for a healthy, growing church. Both through our own resources, such as Growing Leaders, and through input in diocesan training programmes, CPAS is supporting clergy and others in this crucial work of developing others in leadership.

James Lawrence is in Ely diocese this Wednesday and Thursday (10-11 June) to deliver mentor training to a group of clergy who will then mentor other leaders over 6-8 months. He said: 'The hope is that they will then continue mentoring others, some of whom will themselves become mentors, and that ultimately this investment will equip many leaders in the diocese to minister more effectively for years to come.'

Please pray that CPAS' work in this area will resource churches across the British Isles with many more confident, competent, Christ-centred leaders.

For your prayers:

Sun 7: Patronage churches: Thank God for the ministry of St Peter's Ditton (Rochester diocese), where CPAS Director of Ministry Graham Archer is preaching this morning.

Mon 8: Developing others in leadership: For all those facilitating a CPAS Growing Leaders course in their local church. Pray that this experience of investing in others is positive and leads to growth.

Tue 9: Developing others in leadership: Churches where there are very few people involved in leadership. Ask God to call and prompt those with leadership potential.

Wed 10: Developing others in leadership: Those taking part in the mentor training in Ely diocese today and tomorrow. Today, the group will look at the mentoring journey and consider how to listen and ask questions well.

Thu 11: Developing others in leadership: The Ely diocese mentors as they engage with training material on sense-making, prayer, setting goals and engaging with Scripture.

Fri 12: Multi-parish benefices: God's wisdom and inspiration for the Thrive multi-parish benefice learning community meeting today and tomorrow in Wiltshire.

Sat 13: Ireland: The Diocesan Synod for the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, which begins today. Pray for churches across the diocese as they seek to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

LEADERSHIP

PCC Tonight

It's now been five years since CPAS launched PCC Tonight. We're thrilled that it's being used by such a large number of churches, with around 1,700 packs sold so far. We've also been delighted to welcome over 3,000 PCC members to our popular PCC Tonight training evenings, the latest of which is happening this Thursday in Shrewsbury.

The training will cover everything from the purpose and place of PCCs to ways to avoid common dysfunctions such as poor organisation, communication and follow through. The purpose is to help PCC meetings to become more fun, focused and fruitful, so that local churches can be more effective in doing God's work in the world around them.

BUT YOU ARE
A CHOSEN PEOPLE,
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,
A HOLY NATION, GOD'S
SPECIAL POSSESSION, THAT
YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES
OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU
OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS
WONDERFUL LIGHT.

1 PETER 2:9

For your prayers:

Sun 14: PCC Tonight: Praise God that PCC Tonight is being so widely used. Ask that each PCC using it will see their church grow in the coming years as many new people come to faith.

Mon 15: Wales: From today until Wednesday, Leadership Specialist Ian Parkinson is leading teaching on collaboration and teams for ordinands at St Padarn's Institute in Cardiff.

Tue 16: Patronage churches: Interviews are taking place today for the role of the new incumbent at Telford Park (Southwark), with Patronage Secretary Mike Duff chairing the interview panel.

Wed 17: PCC Tonight: For struggling PCCs. Pray for great communication, positive relationships, good organisation and spiritual insights for PCCs and equivalent bodies across the British Isles.

Thu 18: PCC Tonight: All the PCC members attending tonight's training evening in Shrewsbury. Ask God to help them better understand their identity and purpose.

Fri 19: Ventures and Falcons: Nottingham School Venture is taking place this weekend, giving around 40 children aged 8-10 the chance to learn more about the Christian faith.

Sat 20: PCC Tonight: For the resource to continue helping local churches to 'declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light' (1 Peter 2:9).



LEADERSHIP

Multi-Parish Benefices

21-27 JUNE

Milton Abbas,
Salisbury diocese



JESUS
REPLIED, 'LET
US GO SOMEWHERE
ELSE – TO THE NEARBY
VILLAGES – SO THAT
I CAN PREACH THERE
ALSO. THAT IS WHY I
HAVE COME.'

MARK 1:38

Thrive multi-parish benefice learning communities bring together the leadership teams of four to six benefices from a particular geographic area over a two year period. Each benefice may contain anything up to 15 parishes (sometimes more)! This training process recognises that leaders in this context typically encounter a completely different set of challenges and opportunities from those working in one parish, even if it has multiple congregations.

CPAS is currently partnering with several dioceses to deliver Thrive. This Friday and Saturday, church teams from multi-parish benefices in Salisbury diocese will meet for the first time. The theme is 'Journey', and each team will spend time considering the journey of their churches so far, the journey of wider culture, and what God might be calling them to next.

For your prayers:

Sun 21: Thrive: The Thrive learning community meeting later this week is one of four running in Salisbury diocese. Ask God to give every church what it needs to move forward in mission.

Mon 22: Thrive: A positive start to this new Salisbury learning community, smooth logistics and committed engagement from the participants.

Tue 23: Thrive: Pam Macnaughton from CPAS and Lesley Bentley from Lichfield diocese as they prepare to facilitate the learning community time together later this week.

Wed 24: Thrive: For Thrive to lead to renewal of hope, genuine encouragement, effective planning, positive action and ultimately growth in every church that takes part.

Thu 25: Thrive: All the leadership teams who will gather tomorrow and Saturday to consider the question of 'Where have we come from and what is God's call for us at this time?'

Fri 26: Thrive: For each church team taking part today to make the most of the material, teaching and discussion opportunities, and to feel excited about the next two years.

Sat 27: School Ventures: The first London School Venture is taking place this weekend. Pray for all the children and teachers to have a fun and inspiring time learning about the Christian faith.

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LEADERSHIP

Chester Diocese

This Thursday (2 July), new incumbents from Chester diocese will gather in Warrington for training from CPAS'

James Lawrence on prioritising well in the early days of a post. James said: 'As a church leader, it is often difficult to prioritise time well and focus on what God is calling you to do, amidst all the activities parish ministry can involve. Please pray that all those attending will gain some really helpful, practical insights that help shape the ministry and mission of the church they are leading.'

Elsewhere in the diocese, CPAS has recently run a series of training events on the theme of exploring biblical leadership, which were attended by over 50 Christian leaders. We're also thrilled to be running three more School Ventures in Chester diocese, bringing the total number to 13 since 2016, accommodating over 600 children from 15 different Church of England Schools.

YOUR
KINGDOM
COME, YOUR WILL
BE DONE, ON EARTH
AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 6:10

For your prayers:

Sun 28: Chester diocese: The five CPAS patronage churches in the diocese: Birkenhead Priory, Macclesfield Team, Marbury with Tushingham and Whitewell, the Rural Daneside group and Pott Shrigley.

Mon 29: Wales: Planning for the Diocese of Bangor's clergy conference taking place later this year on the theme of 'Doing theology excellently'.

Tue 30: Chester diocese: The diocese contains 273 parishes, around 100 of which are in rural areas. Pray that churches in both urban and rural settings are able to reach many people with the good news of Jesus.

Wed 1: Chester diocese: Praise God for all the children who have learnt about the Christian faith on a School Venture, and pray for great relationships between churches and schools.

Thu 2: Chester diocese: The new incumbents as they gather today to learn more about prioritising well. Pray this will have a big impact on their ministry for years to come.

Fri 3: Scotland: For senior leaders in the Scottish Episcopal Church as they seek God's will in shaping, guiding and nurturing the ministry of clergy and churches across the country.

Sat 4: Chester diocese: The 50+ leaders who attended the Exploring Biblical Leadership events. Ask God to help them continue to ground their ministry in biblical principles.



VENTURES AND FALCONS

Summer Preparations

5-11 JULY



THE LORD
WATCHES OVER
YOU – THE LORD IS
YOUR SHADE AT YOUR
RIGHT HAND.

PSALM 121:5

This summer there will be 61 Ventures and 17 Falcon holidays taking place in the UK, giving around 3,000 children and teenagers the chance to spend time learning more about God, grow as individuals and have the time of their lives taking part in activities and making new friends.

‘Please join us in thanking God for all these holidays (including three new ones!) and for the thousands of young people who will be given the opportunity to explore life with Jesus.

‘We feel very blessed to have such amazing volunteers and supporters to help make all this happen. Please pray for them as the final preparations take place and they get ready to welcome the young people in the coming weeks.’

Tim Friend, Ventures and Falcons Principal



For your prayers:

Sun 5: Ventures and Falcons: Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the young people and leaders who will be attending a Venture or Falcon holiday this summer.

Mon 6: Ventures and Falcons: Safety on all of the Ventures and Falcons this summer. Ask God to protect every child and every volunteer on all of the 78 holidays.

Tue 7: Ventures and Falcons: There will be new young people, new leaders, new sites and new holidays this summer! Thank God for this, and ask him to help anyone new to quickly settle in.

Wed 8: Ventures and Falcons: For the thousands of young people taking part in holidays this summer to engage well with the teaching and take steps forward in their faith journey.

Thu 9: Trustees: The CPAS trustees and patronage trustees as they meet in Coventry today. Praise God for their service and ask him to continue to use them to steer the work of CPAS.

Fri 10: Ventures and Falcons: All the people who work behind the scenes to make Ventures and Falcons happen. Give thanks to God for their hard work and the impact this has across the holidays.

Sat 11: Leadership: Charles Burgess as he speaks to clergy from Bristol diocese about leading in prayer. Pray God speaks through him and the teaching helps many churches.

PATRONAGE CHURCHES

Hoddesdon St Catherine and St Paul (St Albans)

Since Rachel Pennant became the vicar of Hoddesdon in 2016, the church has been on a hugely encouraging journey together which has led to greater unity, closer relationships, deeper spirituality, good participation in Sunday services and prayer meetings and a more outward focus.

Please join us in praying along with the whole church that its ministries will impact local families and people of all ages with the gospel. Please pray in particular for the upcoming Messy Church programme running from September in a local school, and also for the existing engagement the church has with young families through christenings and the all-age Sunday service.



Rachel Pennant (right), Jacqui Gifford (middle) and Kate Carter (left)

BY THIS
EVERYONE WILL
KNOW THAT YOU ARE
MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU
LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

JOHN 13:35

For your prayers:

Sun 12: Hoddesdon: Those attending the 11.15am all-age service today, and all those who take part in church services and other ministries but do not yet know Jesus.

Mon 13: Hoddesdon: The Messy Church programme. For smooth, unhindered planning and preparation ready for the September launch.

Tue 14: Hoddesdon: Vicar Rachel Pennant and Curate Kate Carter as they lead the church. Pray also for the church's plans to appoint a community outreach worker.

Wed 15: Hoddesdon: For strong relationships, both within the congregation, and with the local community as the church seeks to engage with new people.

Thu 16: Patronage: Interviews take place today for the role of the new incumbent at Saxmundham (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) with Director of Ministry Graham Archer on the interview panel.

Fri 17: Scotland: The Rt Rev Kevin Pearson, who is the new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. Praise God for his appointment and pray that God will guide and bless him.

Sat 18: Hoddesdon: The church's work with 'Love Hoddesdon', which is a local initiative bringing together businesses, charities, churches and other organisations.

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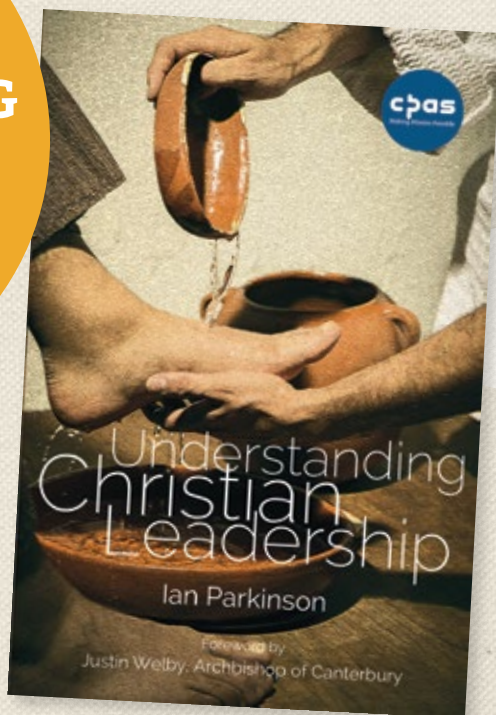
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