

The CPAS logo, featuring the letters 'cpas' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font inside a dark blue circle.

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The CPAS Supporters' Update

CONNECTED

The word 'Ventures' in a large, red, cursive script font.

Ventures

Holidays worth sharing

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TOM, VENTURE JUNIOR LEADER

SUMMER
2025



CPAS is an Anglican
evangelical mission
agency enabling
churches to help
every person hear
and discover the good
news of Jesus Christ.

Jon Scamman,
Chief Executive Officer



Letter from Jon

Welcome to the third edition of Connected, our new quarterly Supporter Update.

The summer is a time for many of us to see family and friends face-to-face, and it's been a joy to spend time recently with a number of close friends to CPAS.

In the past few weeks, we convened the first on-site Evangelical Patrons Gathering and held our first in-person Council of Reference since before Covid. We also had our annual Staff Prayer Day and brought our two trustee bodies together in Coventry.

It has been tremendously encouraging to hear how God is working in CPAS churches all over the country, with stories of young adults coming to faith and being baptised. We continue to pray that this quiet revival might grow and grow.

As we look to the heavens for signs of God's grace, we were thrilled by the support for CPAS' first skydive, raising much-needed funds to help children to attend Venture holidays. You haven't missed your chance as there's always next year!

As we head into a busy summer holiday season, we are particularly praying for children and young people to have fun, make friends, and have life-changing encounters with Jesus. We are running a summer appeal to support these holidays, and you can find more information on the back page.

Thank you for the many different ways you support CPAS, through prayer, volunteering, financial donations, or even throwing yourself out of an airplane!

CPAS Team Update

NEW STAFF WELCOME

In the last few months, we've been delighted to welcome three new members of staff:

- Eva Swap as Data Analyst.
- Joy Langley as Falcon Holidays Development Officer.
- Harnett Dias as Executive Assistant to the Patronage Team.

We're very excited for the various projects they will be working on so please join us in praying for them as they begin this new season.

CPAS FUNDRAISERS FLYING HIGH

On Saturday 21 June, a beautifully sunny morning, we saw six intrepid fundraisers arrive at Hinton Skydiving Centre. They were raising money for this summer season of Venture holidays, taking to the skies so young people can explore life with Jesus.

The divers included two current Venture attendees, one past Venture attendee, two CPAS staff members, and a current Junior Leader.

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SANDY, CPAS STAFF MEMBER

Surpassing their target, their brave efforts have raised **£4,546!**

We're so proud of everyone who took part and thankful for those who have given to support Ventures.



Scan the QR
code to watch
the first CPAS
skydive video.



Leadership

This exciting summer term has seen our team deliver 66 events between April and July. Thanks to your support, a major focus has been training and journeying with ministers with significant oversight responsibility as they lead multiple churches across different communities.

Matt completed a year-long Oversight Ministers course with the Diocese of Worcester, while Sarah led Oversight sessions in Truro and Derby.

One participant shared,

‘THE INTRODUCTION TO ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP AS A VITAL TOOL FOR OVERSIGHT MINISTRY WAS REALLY WELL OUTLINED WITH EXAMPLES FROM SARAH AND BALANCED WITH EXPERIENCE FROM THE ROOM. REALLY REALLY GREAT!’

Additional highlights from this term include:

- Over 100 people attended our online PCC Tonight event, engaging in vital conversations around parish leadership.
- The Arrow Leadership Programme’s current cohort celebrated its final residential, with recruitment now underway for the next cohort, beginning March 2026.
- Jo and James shared insights on adaptive leadership at the Reach conference.
- CPAS was represented internationally – James in Switzerland at the Intercontinental Church Society conference, and Jo in Denmark on the Danish Arrow programme.

- Simon and Matt launched our new Change Course, working with five churches over three months as we explored their local change projects.

Finally, we’re thrilled to welcome Marjolein Barrett as our new Leadership Team Administrator.

Thank you for standing with us to strengthen leaders across the Church.

Jo McKee,

Head of Leadership Development



PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for leaders with significant oversight, that God would give them wisdom as they lead multiple churches, congregations and communities.
- Pray for those leading change in their churches, that they would be courageous and wise.
- Ask for God’s blessing on Arrow recruitment.
- Pray for Marjolein as she begins her new role.

Patronage

Since the last Connected, we've been encouraged by 26 licensing services in our Patronage parishes across the country, from the Isle of Wight to the Isle of Man, and from Watford to Wolverhampton.

We've also made a further 25 appointments – we are the sole patron for 16 of them. We thank God for his faithfulness in each of these appointments.

- Since January, team highlights have included the gathering for Evangelical Patrons which we hosted in London for the Evangelical Patrons' Consultative Council (EPCC). It was a hugely encouraging day of input, networking and prayer.
- Rob, one of our Patronage Development Officers (on the left in the picture below), also took the brave decision to jump out a plane at CPAS' first skydive for Venture holidays!

Finally, we were glad to receive this message from a candidate who, despite not being appointed, wrote to express his thanks for our team's advice and encouragement,

'I WANTED TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CARE OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS. YOUR ADVICE AND HELP HAS BEEN REALLY SIGNIFICANT, AND I CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOUR WORK.'

We're heartened to see how everyone in an appointment process can be blessed by our team, regardless of the outcome.

Out of 695 Patronage Benefices, we currently have 156 in vacancy. Please pray for our team and for these church families as they navigate uncertain times.

Mike Duff,
Patronage Secretary

PRAYER POINTS

- Give thanks for the appointment of Harnett as our new EA to the Patronage Team, and for Dagmer agreeing to stay on till the end of August to ensure a good handover.
- Give thanks for the Evangelical Patrons Gathering at All Soul's Langham Place in May.
- Pray for Patronage legislation going through the General Synod and for Synod members giving attention to this, supported by a member of our team.



Ventures and Falcons



THE SUMMER SEASON IS IN FULL SWING!

Our Venture and Falcon holidays officially kicked off on 23 July and we're so excited and expectant to see what God might do over the summer. At the time of writing, we have **2,339 young people** booked across 46 Venture holidays and **137** booked across ten Falcon holidays.

Emma* (*name changed) attended Broads Cruise Venture over Easter and shared this about her experience,

'IT WAS THE BEST THING EVER. MY STANDOUT MEMORY IS JUST BEING WITH PEOPLE, REALLY KIND, FUNNY PEOPLE. EVERYONE THERE IS NICE. WE LEARNED ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JOY AND HAPPINESS. HAPPINESS IS "I GOT A PACK OF HARIBO'S" BUT JOY STAYS WITH YOU FOREVER. SINCE BROADS CRUISE, I'M MORE JOYFUL IN MY DAY-TO-DAY LIFE.'

PRAYER POINTS

- Continue to pray for everyone involved in ensuring these holidays happen, including our Overall Leaders and volunteer teams, Holiday Ministry Coordinators, Leaders and our Safeguarding Team.
- Pray for safety and fun for all the children and young people attending a CPAS holiday.

There are plenty of other exciting things happening in our team:

- Joy Langley, our new Falcon Holidays Development Officer joined us in July. A former headteacher, she brings significant experience of working in the education and charity sectors. She will bring fresh energy to our upcoming Falcon review (and plans to visit every single Falcon holiday this summer!).
- The last School Venture under the original model ran in June with 35 pupils from St Paul's CE Primary school supported by St Paul's Church, Leamington Spa. We're excited to launch our new School Ministry model in the autumn, as we focus on helping churches and schools' partner together more closely (watch this space).

Beyond the summer, we're building a strategy to further invest in improved systems and leader support. Thank you for praying and supporting CPAS holidays!

Tim Friend,

Ventures and Falcons Principal



From a Life-Changing Venture to a Lifelong Supporter

Clare first heard about CPAS Venture holidays in 2016 through her church youth worker, and she was eager for her daughters to go.

Then aged ten and eight, they attended Woolie 4 Venture. 'They were nervous about getting homesick,' Clare remembers, 'but I was amazed by how gospel-centred it was and how nurturing the leaders were. The girls couldn't wait to go back!'

Inspired by their experience, Clare volunteered as a leader the following year. 'Seeing children, some from disadvantaged backgrounds, begin to open up, trust and ask questions about Jesus was extraordinary. These children might never have encountered the gospel otherwise.'

The Ventures experience impacted Clare's whole family. 'I shared what I'd witnessed with my then non-Christian husband, Tim,' recalls Clare. 'He saw how it impacted the children and me, and it switched a light on for him.'

Despite not being a Christian himself, Tim's heart was moved, so he and Clare began supporting CPAS financially. Just a few years later, Tim came to faith.

Almost ten years later, Clare and Tim give regularly, pray intentionally and champion CPAS' ministry.

'We've witnessed how Ventures make children feel safe, known and loved,' says Clare. 'They discover the truth of who they are in Christ – something the world can't offer. CPAS' work truly bears fruit and brings eternal hope in a messy world. It's a wonderful cause to give towards. You're not just donating – you're investing in eternity.'



Supporting CPAS

SUPPORT VENTURES AND FALCONS 2025

The sun is shining, ice cream is melting and our summer season of CPAS holidays has officially begun!

There are lots of ways you can support:

Please pray. You can download our special holiday Prayer Calendar that lists every holiday with ways you can pray for the young people, leaders and team. Pray with us (www.cpas.org/pray).



Your gift can change a child's life. We're running a special Summer Appeal to raise money for Ventures and Falcons. If you've already given, thank you so much – you have helped ensure money is no barrier to a child attending one of our holidays.

There's still time to get involved. Visit our website (www.cpas.org.uk/summer) to find out what difference your gift can make.



ARROW APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

The Arrow Leadership Programme is for Christian leaders aged 25-40, lay or ordained, who long to be led more by Jesus, lead more like Jesus and lead more to Jesus.

Running over 18 months, this programme includes residentials, mentorship, peer groups and high-quality training on a variety of topics including character, vision, spiritual disciplines, personal management and more.

'THE CAREFULLY BLENDED TRIPLE FOCUS ON LEADERSHIP, EVANGELISM AND CHARACTER IS UNIQUE AND CATALYSING.'

RICH JOHNSON, VICAR IN WORCESTER, AND NEW WINE NATIONAL LEADER

If you or someone you know might be interested, more information can be found on our website: www.cpas.org.uk/arrow.



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