

PATRONAGE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



Application Pack

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Thank you for considering the Patronage Development Officer post at CPAS.

About CPAS

CPAS is one of the key organisations shaping the future of the UK Church. Its patronage work and leadership training are shaping the current generation of church leaders. Its residential holidays influence the lives of thousands of young people each year. CPAS' role in the UK is unique, long-standing and influential within the Church of England and its evangelical constituency.

Our founders' aim was clear, to take the gospel 'to every person's door, with a single eye to the glory of God' which has meant that our work has always been in partnership with local churches. Currently we focus on patronage, training and the residential holidays we run for young people. We value our rich heritage and partnerships across the evangelical constituency, and seek to be biblical, missional, prayerful and Christ-like in all we do.

Looking towards 2025, our prayer and aspiration is to see:



The three main areas of our work are:

- Patronage: supporting the appointment process for clergy in nearly 700 churches.
- Leadership: resources, events and programmes to develop leaders at all levels in local churches.
- Ventures and Falcons (VF): for 8-18's to explore life with Jesus on our holidays and school residential.

Our Aspirations

We long to see a Christ-centred, Bible-based, mission-focused Church where leaders are clear about their call to discipleship, growing in Christ-like character, and competent to lead in a time of rapid change; where leaders discern God's direction, enable action, build teams, develop leaders, facilitate communication, and nurture people; where leaders work in and across teams, reflecting the diversity of ministries, and model themselves on the servant character of Jesus; where leaders help transform inherited churches, pioneer new worshipping communities and deliver creative residential ministry, effectively helping children, young people and adults hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ. This role is vital to making this vision a reality.

CPAS AND PATRONAGE

Patronage is central to the appointment of incumbents in the Church of England. CPAS has been involved in patronage for more than a century and has now become, through the providence of God, the largest patron in the Church of England with almost 700 patronages spread across every diocese. We have parishes in every context from rich to poor, city centre to deeply rural, very large to tiny congregations, single parishes to large multi-parish benefices and across market towns, seaside hotspots, multicultural communities and sprawling estates.

Our Patronage Aspirations

Patronage offers an amazing opportunity to make a difference in the appointment of new parish leaders – one of the key ways by which Jesus renews the ministry and mission of his local church. Through the breadth of our experience, Jesus has also given us insight into the challenges and opportunities facing parishes, and the chance to participate in significant conversations about patronage around the country.

We live in a time of considerable change and uncertainty for our parishes and believe that God is particularly calling us as patron to engage with and support our benefices and clergy - offering practical resources, prayerful backup and wise counsel through vacancies and beyond.

The Opportunity

We are looking to appoint two colleagues to work with us on ambitious aspirations. We see opportunities to engage in national patronage conversations and, working with other CPAS teams, to deepen our relationship with our patronage churches and clergy and develop the CPAS offer to them. We are looking for colleagues who can go further in encouraging all our churches to offer pathways to faith, every leader to be a catalyst for evangelism, all Christians to become more courageous witnesses to Christ and every child to have the opportunity to discover Jesus.

The Key Areas

The six key areas for this role both develop our impact and strengthen our core work:

- **Interviews:** Work constructively with senior diocesan staff and parish reps in the process of appointing to vacancies. This requires good negotiating skills – to build good relationships with diocesan officers, strengthen the confidence of inexperienced parish reps and where possible advance the Evangelical commitments of our patronage.
- **Consultations about suspensions and pastoral reorganisation:** Although this is a less glamorous task, it is foundational for understanding current trends and future risks for patronage. Enter the Archdeacon's world and support parishes and incumbents at moments of vulnerability.
- **Support for incumbents:** Work alongside other CPAS staff including the Church Relationships Officer to find targeted ways to support and encourage our patronage clergy and parish leaders, through prayer, listening, preaching, training and counsel so that CPAS parishes experience the benefit of the CPAS offer throughout the incumbency, and not just during appointment.
- **CPAS patronage partners:** Grow a network of clergy across the country to support the Patronage Team in their work around the country – including selection, induction, training and support.
- **Networking:** Proactively build networks of patrons so that they can speak and operate more confidently and effectively in the current patronage context.
- **Projects:** We have a number of development projects in mind, including convening national conversations around key patronage issues. Help the team decide on the most important strategic projects and find ways to move them forward.

Please read on and prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to join us.

ROLE PROFILE

RESPONSIBLE TO: Patronage Secretary.

KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:

Internally: Leadership Specialists, Church Relationship Officer, Head of Leadership Development, Ventures and Falcons Principal, Fundraising and Communications team, CEO and Patronage Trustees.
Externally: clergy, national and diocesan staff and other patrons.

JOB PURPOSE: To join the Patronage Secretary, on behalf of the Patronage Trustees, in developing the impact of CPAS patronage both in parish vacancies and across the wider church. The role will focus in three directions:

- Strengthening effective patronage processes on behalf of parishes
- Strengthening two-way relationships with patronage clergy
- Fostering relationships with other patrons to address national issues affecting patronage

CORE TASKS

- Seek the appointment of clergy in collaboration with the Patronage Secretary, acting on behalf of the Patronage Trustees and representing the biblical and theological vision & values of CPAS.
- Provide leadership, support and advice to parishes on patronage issues, offering support through appointments and consultations.
- Work constructively with senior diocesan staff and their legal officers in the process of appointing to vacancies.
- Offer prayerful and pastoral support to clergy seeking a move to new roles, exploring their theological fit for potential positions.
- Build and support a network of people around the country to represent CPAS in its patronage work.
- Proactively liaise with the Venture Falcons Ministry and Leadership Development teams to maximise synergy between ministry areas and support/develop leaders post-appointment process.
- Strengthen connection with patronage churches including through prayer, visits, preaching, coaching, training, signposting, and other forms of support, and in conjunction with the Church Relationships Officer inspire and encourage churches to support CPAS financially.
- Undertake patronage development projects as agreed with the Patronage Secretary and CEO.
- Liaise with other patrons, especially through the Evangelical Patrons Consultative Council (EPCC), and develop new networks of patrons, representing the Christian vision and values of CPAS in this process.
- Keep abreast of patronage-related legislation, as well as developments in the wider Church.
- Read, consult, think and communicate theologically and biblically about leadership and ministry in local churches, specifically Anglican churches.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Contribute to the spiritual culture of the CPAS team.
- Participate in the prayer life of CPAS.
- Because of the geographic spread of the CPAS patronage churches, the post holder will be required to travel on a regular basis, and often to locations where a car is the only practical means of transport. A full driving licence is therefore required throughout the employment.
- It is anticipated that the post holder will live within access to the CPAS office to enable office responsibilities as well as those 'in the field' to be adequately discharged.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION

Essential:

- Theological qualification.
- Holds or as has held a license to ordained ministry in the Church of England.

Desirable:

- Understanding of the appointments system of the Church of England.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Essential:

- Experience of leading a church in the Church of England.
- Experience of leading good staff appointment processes, including safer recruitment.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Detail-oriented, with strong organisational abilities.
- Able to use independent judgement and coordinate the work of others.
- An enabler of volunteers, to support the delivery of patronage work and functions.

Desirable:

- Experience of negotiating well with Diocesan leaders and advising clergy.
- Experience of relating across the evangelical constituency.
- A competent and confident user of IT.

PERSONAL QUALITIES

Essential:

- Discreet; able to maintain personal and professional confidences.
- Passionate about the local church and its calling to enable people to hear and discover the good news of Jesus Christ. Committed to seeing 'gospel ministers' appointed.
- Able to think creatively and identify new opportunities. An excellent problem-solver.
- Able to work collaboratively within a team.
- Demonstrate courage and graciousness in response to contentious issues.

CHRISTIAN FAITH

CPAS is an evangelical Anglican mission agency, working to support churches across the UK and Republic of Ireland. Due to the nature of the role there is an Occupational Requirement that the postholder is a committed Christian under Part 1 of Schedule 9 of the Equality Act 2010, an active member of a local church, and in agreement with the [CPAS Basis of Faith](#). As the post includes significant representation of the organisation externally and the appointment of clergy in the Church of England on behalf of CPAS, the post holder will also be required to deliver patronage commitments in line with the evangelical convictions and ethos of the organisation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

We are looking to make two appointments. We are open to candidates who are interested in either full-time or part-time work. Please state on your application if you are looking for part-time or full-time in the role.

1. **Location:** The full-time role will be based in the CPAS office in Coventry. For part-time work we will consider other flexible working arrangements that suit the demands of the role.
2. **Salary:** £46,305-£48,620 per annum (pro-rata for part-time roles).
3. **Contract:** These are permanent appointments. They are subject to an initial six month probationary period and the usual ongoing CPAS appraisal process.
4. **Pension:** Clergy employed by CPAS will continue to access the Church of England clergy pension scheme.
5. **Hours of work:** Full-time working hours are 37 hours per week.
6. **Holiday:** Annual leave entitlement is 33 days (pro rata for part-time). This entitlement is inclusive of bank and public holidays, and there are, in addition, three days of paid leave between Christmas and New Year when the CPAS office is closed. The holiday year begins on 1 January each year.
7. **Employee Assistance:** CPAS provides free access to Health Assured, the employee assistance programme.
8. **Start date:** To start as soon as possible.
9. These posts will be subject to a basic DBS check and all staff are expected to undertake safeguarding training during induction and be able to articulate how their role supports the safeguarding culture within CPAS.

You must have evidence of your right to work in the UK.

HOW TO APPLY

For a first informal conversation about the role and about CPAS, please contact Mike Duff, our Patronage Secretary via recruitment@cpas.org.uk

Please complete the application form and ensure you demonstrate how you meet the requirements of the person specification. Please also complete and return the Declaration of Suitability form. Please note we cannot shortlist your application unless you supply the additional information. We will be contacting your diocesan bishop as part of our safer recruitment process.

Applications should be sent by email to recruitment@cpas.org.uk

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

The deadline for applications is **12 May** at midnight.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews are scheduled for **23 May** at our offices in Coventry.

INFORMATION FOR CLERGY MOVING FROM PAROCHIAL POSTS TO CPAS

CPAS fully reimburse working expenses and provides a safe and positive working environment.

If you are considering moving from a Parochial post to a post with CPAS, you may have some questions about how the salary and benefits differ from Parochial posts. The following is a run-down of the most common questions and answers:

- You will continue to remain in the Clergy Pension Scheme as CPAS is a Church of England mission agency.
- CPAS does not usually provide housing for employees, so you will need to find accommodation that suits your needs.
- There is no relocation package, therefore any moving expenses will need to be self funded (removal firms/solicitors fees, etc).
- During your employment with CPAS travel expenses are fully reimbursed, but mileage is only payable for work related journeys, not for commuting to and from work. Please note we pay HMRC mileage rates for all work journeys.
- At CPAS, we want to make good provision for your working environment. We have a flexible approach to working locations: some roles are home-based for which you will receive an allowance for office equipment. For office based roles you will have a great working environment in a modern open-plan office with free parking and a nearby shopping centre within walking distance. Although there is the possibility of flexible working arrangement from home (pending satisfactory home-based risk assessments and subject to making an application) you will not receive an allowance for your home workstation.
- As part of your role, you will be required to minister in dioceses around the country. You will therefore need to arrange and keep current a General License or PTO from the Bishop in the Diocese where you live. That will involve staying up to date with safeguarding training.

You may want to seek financial advice on the following:

- If you own a house which you have rented out, but no longer live in accommodation that is tied to your post (Vicarage/Rectory), your primary residence status may lapse and if so, your home will become liable for Capital Gains Tax on the sale.