

**PRAYER
AND NEWS
UPDATE**

MY JOY AND
CROWN, STAND
FIRM IN THE LORD
IN THIS WAY, DEAR
FRIENDS!

PHILIPPIANS 4:1

**LATEST UPDATE:
SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS**



We're looking forward to welcoming leaders from across the UK and Republic of Ireland to two new series of online training events this autumn, along with a number of ad hoc events on key topics.

Refreshed Leadership for Reimagining Church

This series of five day events offers practical help to leaders in this reconstruction phase of the pandemic, as they seek to be adaptable and shape churches around new opportunities.

- **Nurturing New Leaders**, 16 September
- **Shaping a Missional Culture**, 28 September
- **Handling Change**, 6 October
- **Leading Well with Others**, 20 October
- **Discerning Direction**, 1 December



Leadership: Getting Below the Surface

Doing stuff as a leader is only part of the leadership matrix. The other is what is going on below the surface. A mini-series of three mornings designed to stretch and grow godly leaders.

- **Leading with Confidence**, 21 September
- **Building Courage**, 25 November
- **Leading with Vulnerability**, 27 January

Other Training Events

- **Leadership webinars**, 22 September and 17 November
- **National Larger Anglican Churches Consultation**, 12 October
- **Strategic Planning in a Time of Uncertainty**, 13 October
- **PCC Tonight Training Evening**, 4 November



Please pray these events help leaders and churches to thrive and grow, so that many, many more people can find faith in Christ.



James Lawrence,
CPAS Leadership
Principal

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Every church
a pathway
to faith



Every leader
a catalyst for
evangelism



Every child
the chance to
explore Jesus



Every Christian
a courageous
witness



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.

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD

Jeremiah chapter 32 tells the story of the impending defeat of Jerusalem at the hands of the Babylonians. In this context God tells Jeremiah to purchase a piece of land. He later explains that this is a sign that he will return his people to the land he has given them once they have been punished for their rejection of him.

As part of the assurance that God gives to Jeremiah, he asks him a question: 'Is anything too hard for me?' (Jeremiah 32:27). This rhetorical question is meant to evoke from Jeremiah a response of faith and trust – 'no', he is invited to affirm, 'nothing is impossible for you'.

As we come to pray for the work of CPAS, can I invite us all to stand with Jeremiah in affirming that nothing is impossible for God – and then to pray in that vein. As churches emerge from the pandemic and as the Church of England and others wrestle with financial, structural and other challenges, we need to pray with confidence that God will enable local churches to reach out afresh with the gospel, so that men, women and children might come to saving faith in Christ.

If Jeremiah's conviction – and ours – is that 'nothing is impossible for God' then we can pray boldly, confidently, asking for great things, dreaming big kingdom visions. Thank you for praying for CPAS in this way.

A blue ink handwritten signature that reads "John Dunnett".

John Dunnett, General Director



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All Bible quotations taken from the New International Version.

19-25 SEPTEMBER

LEADING EVANGELISM LEARNING HUB

This Saturday, the first session of our pilot Leading Evangelism Learning Hub will take place online. Fifteen incumbents, along with other leaders from their church contexts, will explore the key theme of 'Connect'.



HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER.

COLOSSIANS 1:17

For your prayers:

- Pray for the leaders as they explore connecting with God, connecting with the vocation of the Church, connecting with people and where they are at, and connecting the gospel to contemporary culture.
- Ask God's blessing on this new initiative. Praise him for the enthusiastic response, with some leaders already on the waiting list for the next hub.
- Pray God speaks through James Lawrence as he leads the input on Saturday, and through the participants as they share ideas and insights.

26 SEPTEMBER-2 OCTOBER

REFRESHED LEADERSHIP FOR REIMAGINING CHURCH

This week, we continue our series of online training events to help leaders in this reconstruction phase of the pandemic (see page 2), as they seek to be adaptable to shape churches around new opportunities.



FOR THE LORD ALMIGHTY HAS PURPOSED, AND WHO CAN THWART HIM? HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT, AND WHO CAN TURN IT BACK?

ISAIAH 14:27

For your prayers:

- Pray for Thursday's event, which will look at how church leaders shape the culture of their churches around a renewed commitment to Christ's mission.
- Pray that God prompts the right leaders to attend the upcoming events on handling change, leading well with others and discerning direction.
- Pray for Charles Burgess (Leadership Specialist) and Rod Street (Ministry Partner) as they prepare and adapt material ahead of the events, as the implications of the pandemic shift.

3-9 OCTOBER

SCHOOL VENTURES

With many School Ventures postponed due to COVID, your prayers are hugely appreciated as we work with schools, dioceses and churches to navigate how we commence delivering term-time residentials to help children investigate the core concepts of the gospel.'

Anna Shaw, School Ventures Development Officer

GUIDE ME
IN YOUR TRUTH
AND TEACH ME, FOR
YOU ARE GOD MY
SAVIOUR.
PSALM 25:5



For your prayers:

- Pray for the overall leaders of School Ventures as they navigate running residentials with pupils from multiple schools in the midst of COVID recovery.
- Pray for Tim Friend and Anna Shaw this Tuesday, as they meet with contacts from Hereford Diocese to consider future School Ventures.
- Ask for God's provision as we seek to meet our target of reaching at least 680 pupils this academic year through School Ventures, and 5,000 by the end of 2024.

10-16 OCTOBER

NEW RESOURCES

Creating a Culture of Evangelism (working title of book, release 2022) will help leaders nurture an evangelistic culture in churches, congregations and fresh expressions.

Leading in Evangelism Learning Platform (coming soon) is an online learning experience for church leaders, developed in partnership with several other organisations.

I DO ALL THIS
FOR THE SAKE OF
THE GOSPEL, THAT
I MAY SHARE IN
ITS BLESSINGS.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:23

For your prayers:

- Pray God uses **Creating a Culture of Evangelism** to transform thousands of churches, and pray that we are able to distribute it widely across the UK and Ireland.
- Pray for Di Archer, CPAS Resources Manager, as she edits and oversees production and distribution of this new book.
- Ask God to guide the early stages of development of a new CPAS project for focal ministers (lay and ordained) leading churches, congregations and fresh expressions.



17-23 OCTOBER

CHURCHES SEEKING VICARS

This Thursday, the CPAS patronage trustees meet to shortlist candidates at parishes in vacancy, including Stapleford (Southwell and Nottingham) and Sandal Magna (Leeds). Several churches are also preparing to advertise in November.



Mike Duff,
Patronage Secretary

AND MY
GOD WILL MEET
ALL YOUR NEEDS
ACCORDING TO THE
RICHES OF HIS GLORY
IN CHRIST JESUS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

For your prayers:

- Pray with Stapleford for a leader 'who feels led by the Holy Spirit to lead forward our parish with its three very different community churches'.
- Pray for Sandal Magna as they seek a leader with the drive and vision to develop the church's ministries among the communities they serve.
- Pray that God prompts the right leaders to apply for Woodbridge St John and Bredfield (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) and Leyton Christ Church (Chelmsford).

24-30 OCTOBER

HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

Three Ventures are taking place this October half term, giving around 130 young people the chance to hear about Jesus while making friends and doing everything from drama, dance and art to abseiling, climbing and swimming.



WE PROCLAIM
TO YOU WHAT
WE HAVE SEEN AND
HEARD, SO THAT
YOU ALSO MAY HAVE
FELLOWSHIP WITH US.

1 JOHN 1:3

For your prayers:

- Bridgwater 1 (9-13s) is full of exciting activities and learning about God, along with a bonfire and a feast! Pray for overall leaders David White, Helen Pattinson and Catharine Turton.
- Bridgwater 2 (14-18s) is also led by David, Helen and Catharine and involves creative worship, crafts and a banquet. Pray for life-changing encounters with God.
- Pray for Haslemere@Danehill (10-13s), an action-packed three days with plenty of crazy games and sport, music, craft and an evening pool party, led by Paul Peterson, Jess McLaren and Sam Baker.

31 OCTOBER – 6 NOVEMBER

PCC TONIGHT

L launched in September, PCC Tonight – Leading Your Churches in Evangelism is new downloadable resource to help PCCs consider how they can lead their churches in evangelism.

HOW, THEN,
CAN THEY CALL ON
THE ONE THEY HAVE NOT
BELIEVED IN? AND HOW
CAN THEY BELIEVE IN THE
ONE OF WHOM THEY
HAVE NOT HEARD?

ROMANS 10:14



For your prayers:

- Praise God for the launch of this resource, and pray that it helps hundreds of PCCs to order and mobilise their church communities around evangelism, so that many may come to know Christ.
- Pray for the PCC Tonight training evening taking place online on Thursday, with around 200 participants representing PCCs from across England.
- Pray for your own PCC or equivalent body. Ask God to encourage them as they serve, and pray that the Church's calling to make disciples would be at the centre of their leadership.

7-13 NOVEMBER

ARROW LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Praise God for the 24 leaders aged 25-40 who have just completed the sixteenth Arrow Leadership Programme. Pray that their ministries would bring glory to God, and that they would have increased confidence in sharing the good news.

PRAISE BE
TO HIS GLORIOUS
NAME FOR EVER; MAY
THE WHOLE EARTH BE
FILLED WITH HIS GLORY.

PSALM 72:19

For your prayers:

- Pray for participants David Biggs, Luke Briggs, Jenny Buckler, Josh Carlson, Edward Carthy, Benjamin Clayton, Tom Collins and Ed Down.
- Pray for participants Adrian Evans, Sarah Evans, Robin Ham, Jonathan Iddon, Jennifer Ingram, Chris Jones, Gary Kennaugh and Dan Leathers.
- Pray for participants Jared Littlewood, Alexander Oehring, David Owens, Zoe Phillips, Eve Ridgeway, Hannah Smith, Alistair Stevenson and Christopher Tufnell.

Arrow participants on a residential in June



14-20 NOVEMBER

NEW APPOINTMENTS

In the first half of 2021, 33 appointments were made to CPAS patronage churches. Thank you so much for praying! Please join us in praising God for new appointments, and ask for God's blessing on them as they lead their churches forward.



GLORY
IN HIS HOLY
NAME; LET THE
HEARTS OF THOSE
WHO SEEK THE
LORD REJOICE.

1 CHRONICLES 16:10

For your prayers:

- Praise God for Tom Rout, who has been appointed to Stanford-le-hope with Mucking and Mark Maloney who is the new vicar of Little Heath Christ Church.
- Give thanks for Alex Cacouris at St Paul's Dorking, Rob Philips at St Mary's Eastrop and Darren Wolf at Spitalfields Christ Church.
- Praise God for the appointment of Adam Denley at St John's Folkestone and Jackie Maw at West Wight.

'It has been lovely and all outside activities have been able to run in full sunshine! Everyone is loving being able to worship and we have heard the gospel loud and clear – spoken very powerfully and clearly impacting the youngsters.' **Marian**, Keppleway Venture Leader



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