

PRAYER AND NEWS UPDATE

FOR GOD,
WHO SAID, 'LET
LIGHT SHINE OUT
OF DARKNESS,' MADE
HIS LIGHT SHINE IN
OUR HEARTS.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

LATEST UPDATE:
SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS



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CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

HELP CHURCHES REACH YOUNG AND OLD

WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS



**Double your donation from
30 November - 7 December**

Please support CPAS this Advent season,
so we can equip churches to bring the light
of Christ to more children, teenagers and
adults right here in the UK and Ireland.



'I hope to go
to a church when I
go to university and
also stay in touch with
friends and leaders
from the Venture via
social media.'

Sophia, 18

'The CPAS
training is giving
us tools, inspiration
and confidence for
evangelism.'

Michael, Vicar



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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.



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LIGHT OUT OF DARKNESS

We're delighted to be taking part in the Big Give Christmas Challenge this year (see previous page). Please do consider supporting this campaign to help churches reach young and old with the light of Christ this Christmas.

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (4:1-6) he draws on this theme of God's light to point to two realities that must shape and undergird all mission. Firstly, he indicates that the reason people don't perceive and respond to the good news of the gospel is that they have been 'blinded' by the evil one (the 'god of this age', verse 4). Second, he reminds us that since God created light out of darkness in the beginning, he can do the same in the human heart (verse 6).

These words therefore remind us that the growth of the Church is ultimately a spiritual thing. We are not wrong to devise new strategies, new forms of ministry, plant churches or any other activities we feel will contribute to the gospel being taken to every door. But we must not think that these cause the hearts of men, women and children to hear and receive the saving grace of God. That is wonderfully and solely a work of God alone – who causes his Spirit to enable the human heart to see his glory in the person of Jesus.

So, as you join us in praying for the work of CPAS, let me invite you to pray that God will work through the churches, leaders and initiatives described in this update to shine in the darkness of human hearts so that many will come to know Christ.

John Dunnett, General Director



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All Bible quotations taken from the New International Version.

21-27 NOVEMBER

COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Leadng well with others is such an important part of the leadership matrix for clergy today, so I am delighted to be working with around 20 curates from Derby Diocese this Thursday to explore collaborative leadership.'

James Lawrence, Leadership Principal

GLORIFY
THE LORD
WITH ME: LET US
EXALT HIS NAME
TOGETHER.
PSALM 34:3



Prayer points:

- Ask God to equip the curates from Derby Diocese as they explore collaborative leadership. Pray that this enables them to set good, fruitful patterns for ministry.
- Pray for Leadership Enabler Charles Burgess as he leads training on line management for clergy in Exeter Diocese this Wednesday. Ask that this would help leaders work together well.
- Pray for the leaders' working relationships in your own church – clergy, lay leaders, staff, PCC members, churchwardens and leaders of small groups and activities.

28 NOVEMBER-4 DECEMBER

TRUSTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

This week, please join us in praising God for all those who generously volunteer their time and skills to further CPAS' work enabling local churches to reach people of all ages with the good news of Jesus.



Leading worship
on a Venture

EACH OF
YOU SHOULD USE
WHATEVER GIFT YOU
HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE
OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL
STEWARDS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS
FORMS.
1 PETER 4:10

Prayer points:

- Praise God for our wonderful trustees. Pray a special blessing on David Banting, John Coles, Patrick Whitworth and Paul Oakley who are stepping down as patronage trustees this week after long service.
- We are so thankful for the 1,554 volunteers who led Ventures and Falcons this summer! Ask that they will be richly blessed for all their efforts reaching 8-18s with God's love.
- Thank God for all those who help spread the word about CPAS' ministries in churches, youth clubs, schools and communities. Pray God will use them to make kingdom connections.

5-11 DECEMBER

VENTURES AND FALCONS

In a year when everything began in uncertainty, we want to praise God for what turned out to be a fantastic summer and autumn season, with 54 events impacting over 1,800 young people. To quote 14-year-old Harry*, 'It was my best holiday ever!'

YOU
MAKE KNOWN
TO ME THE PATH OF
LIFE; YOU WILL FILL
ME WITH JOY IN YOUR
PRESENCE.
PSALM 16:11

*Name changed to
protect child's identity



Prayer points:

- Praise God that Covid did not stop these children and teenagers engaging with Ventures and Falcons and hearing about Jesus' love for them.
- When asked if they would consider inviting a friend who wasn't a Christian, over 90% of those who went on a Venture said yes or maybe. Pray many new youngsters would get involved in 2022.
- Pray for the staff team: Marjolein Barrett, David Crane, Tim Friend, Kate Mathe, Tanya Pengelly, Michelle Robinson and Anna Shaw.

12-18 DECEMBER

LEADERSHIP COURSES

CPAS has now facilitated sixteen 12-month in-depth leadership courses in partnership with five different dioceses. Courses are currently running in Hereford and Peterborough, with plans in the pipeline for an online version which will be open to clergy across the nation.

BE SHEPHERDS
OF GOD'S FLOCK
THAT IS UNDER YOUR
CARE, WATCHING OVER
THEM – NOT BECAUSE YOU
MUST, BUT BECAUSE YOU
ARE WILLING, AS GOD
WANTS YOU TO BE.

1 PETER 5:2



Prayer points:

- The Hereford clergy recently explored developing resilience and the Peterborough group looked at equipping others to share faith. Pray this has a long-term impact.
- Pray for the development of the new online version of the course. Ask that this will be a blessing to clergy across the UK and Ireland.
- This week, staff on the Leadership team are gathering for three days to prepare new material for 2022. Pray that this time together would be creative, fun and inspiring.

19-25 DECEMBER

ST MARY'S EASTROP

This Christmas week, we are praying for St Mary's Eastrop, a CPAS patronage church in the centre of Basingstoke. Rob Phillips was appointed as Rector of this lively evangelical church earlier this year.



A SAVIOUR
HAS BEEN BORN
TO YOU; HE IS THE
MESSIAH, THE
LORD.
LUKE 2:11

Prayer points:

- Pray every member of the church would be confident in living and sharing the gospel in all areas of their lives, especially with the opportunities that come over Christmas.
- Rob asks, 'Pray that we, as a church, would humbly discern how to put our gifts and resources to the service of the gospel in Basingstoke and beyond for the next few years'.
- Ask God to provide all the church family needs in terms of staff and opportunities, so they might faithfully make Jesus known in and around the town.



Rob Phillips, Rector

26 DECEMBER-1 JANUARY

HASLEMERE HOLIDAYS

From 29 December to 2 January, around 20 teenagers from the Haslemere Ventures will meet together and explore Christian discipleship in a more focused way, delving deeper into a book of the Bible.

OPEN MY
EYES THAT I MAY
SEE WONDERFUL
THINGS IN
YOUR LAW.
PSALM 119:18



Prayer points:

- Pray for overall leaders Alec Gill and Paul Peterson as they lead Haslemere New Year. Pray also for Oli Porter, Carol Aitman and the wider Haslemere team.
- Pray God would use Haslemere New Year to build his kingdom. Alec asks, 'Practically, please pray that we don't get snow on the very steep mile-long road to the venue – it has been cut off before!'
- Ask that hundreds of young people would sign up for Haslemere Ventures taking place in 2022, and for lots of leaders to sign up too.

2-8 JANUARY

2022

As a new year begins, we are embarking on a number of new endeavours, including:

- A leadership programme specifically for new patronage incumbents and their teams.
- Expansion of School Ventures to give hundreds more school children the chance to explore Christianity.
- The launch of a new resource offering churches 77 creative ideas for nurturing an evangelistic culture.

IN ALL
YOUR WAYS
SUBMIT TO HIM, AND
HE WILL MAKE YOUR
PATHS STRAIGHT.

PROVERBS 3:6



Prayer points:

- CPAS plans to give away thousands of copies of this new resource to leaders of Anglican churches. Pray that every leader would find it helps their church to share the gospel.
- Pray for Anna Shaw (School Ventures Development Officer) and Tim Friend (Ventures Principal) as they lead the expansion of School Ventures.
- Ask God's blessing on Mat Ineson, Leadership Enabler, as he develops the new leadership programme for patronage incumbents. Pray that the right leaders are prompted to participate.

9-15 JANUARY

LEADING EVANGELISM LEARNING HUBS

We're delighted that, due to popular demand, we'll be starting a second online Leading Evangelism Learning Hub this month, following the online pilot which began in September, and an onsite version in Coventry diocese.



WE ARE
THEREFORE CHRIST'S
AMBASSADORS...
WE IMPORE YOU ON
CHRIST'S BEHALF: BE
RECONCILED TO GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

Prayer points:

- Pray for the new online hub, for a great group dynamic, and for everyone to be encouraged and blessed by the teaching and fellowship.
- Pray for the Coventry hub participants, who are meeting this Saturday to explore how best to model sharing faith in order to reach people for Christ and inspire others in evangelism.
- Praise God that this training is reaching churches across our nations, from St Stephen's Launceston in Cornwall to Liberty Church in Fife, and from Richhill and Tandragee in Armagh to Christ Church Moreton Hall in Suffolk.

Summer

2021

16
day events



1,855
young people



77,500
meals cooked



5
online events



33 residential
holidays



1,554
volunteer leaders



Ventures & Falcons

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YOU FOR
PRAYING!

SUPPORTING CPAS

Thank you for your prayerful support. If you'd like to give a financial gift, we'd love to invite you to have your donation doubled through The Big Give Christmas Challenge which runs from midday 30 November-7 December.

If you'd like to give after the Christmas Challenge week has ended, or wish to set up or increase a standing order, please visit www.cpas.org.uk/give. You can also send a cheque payable to CPAS. Thank you!



**MIDDAY 30 NOVEMBER
- 7 DECEMBER**

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