

**PRAYER  
AND NEWS  
UPDATE**

GIVE THANKS  
TO THE LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD;  
HIS LOVE ENDURES  
FOR EVER.

PSALM 107:1

LATEST UPDATE:  
SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS

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.

# A JESUS-SHAPED CHURCH

I have recently been asking myself the question: 'What does a Jesus-shaped church look like in the ongoing context of the current pandemic?' And whilst I cannot answer the question at a practical level for each and every different local situation, I think there are things we can say that should be true for all. One phrase that has been in my mind is from John 1:14 where we read that Jesus was 'full of grace and truth' – a reality that we can pray is lived out in the witness of each and every local church.

Jesus not only spoke words of grace – he lived, offered and ministered grace in the lives of all he came across. A Samaritan woman, an official's son, a man lame for 38 years – the list goes on.

He spoke words of truth (and even described himself as 'the truth'). These were not just words – his integrity, authority and wisdom revealed a divine origin and cut through lies, charades and deceptions, to bring wholeness, well-being and hope.

As you pray with us for the ministry of CPAS, let's pray for the leaders and churches in this update, that they might be filled with the 'grace and truth' that were seen in Jesus.

Thank you for your support – I believe that your prayers are foundational to the ministry of CPAS.

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

**John Dunnett**  
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the New International Version.

18-24 OCTOBER

## PATRONAGE

**F**or many churches and leaders alike, the appointment process continues to be characterised by complexity and uncertainty. However, processes are still moving forward and many church leaders are being appointed.



St Mary's, Brighstone,  
Isle of Wight

GOD IS FAITHFUL, WHO HAS  
CALLED YOU INTO FELLOWSHIP  
WITH HIS SON, JESUS  
CHRIST OUR LORD.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

### Prayer points:

- Pray for Director of Ministry Graham Archer as he interviews candidates for Team Rector of the West Wight Team on Wednesday and Patronage Secretary Mike Duff chairing the interview panel at St John's Folkestone on Friday.
- Pray for churchwardens at churches in vacancy as they lead their congregations in challenging times and seek God's next leader for their parish. Pray that they may be filled with hope and trust in the Lord in the midst of uncertainty.
- Ask God to guide diocesan staff as they juggle decisions about timescales, finances, care for congregations and health and safety. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity as they navigate these challenges.

25-31 OCTOBER

## LEARNING COMMUNITIES

**R**un in partnership with dioceses, learning communities give leadership teams the opportunity to transform their leadership through a blend of teaching, projects and collaborative learning over two years.



Charles Burgess and Pam Macnaughton

AS IRON  
SHARPENS IRON,  
SO ONE PERSON  
SHARPENS ANOTHER.

PROVERBS 27:17

### Prayer points:

- Thrive multi-parish benefice learning communities have now been taking place for over six years. Pray for the leaders currently taking part in the four Salisbury diocese Thrive learning communities.
- Pray for Charles Burgess and Pam Macnaughton and their work facilitating the Flourish learning community in partnership with LICC. This aims to enable Christians to become confident disciples of Jesus Christ and flourish in both their 'gathered' and 'scattered' lives.
- Praise God for all he is doing through the Worcester diocese Calling Young Disciples learning community programme, which has helped around 50 churches so far to strengthen their engagement with young people.

**1-7 NOVEMBER**

## LEADING IN EVANGELISM

**O**ne of CPAS' key strategic goals over the next five years is to equip 1,000 ministers and focal leaders to lead fresh expressions, congregations and churches to be more effective in evangelism. A key piece of work is now underway in partnership with the Church of England and others to develop an online learning process for clergy and lay leaders to help churches see more people become disciples of Jesus.



MAKE  
KNOWN AMONG  
THE NATIONS WHAT  
HE HAS DONE, AND  
PROCLAIM THAT HIS  
NAME IS EXALTED.

ISAIAH 12:4

### Prayer points:

- Pray for CPAS' work with the Evangelism and Discipleship Team of the Church of England and other partners to develop the material and structure of the online learning process.
- Pray that this initiative will resource thousands of lay and ordained leaders of fresh expressions, congregations and churches to lead well in evangelism.
- Ask that CPAS' growing suite of resources on leading in evangelism will be well used and ultimately help lead many men, women and children to faith in Christ.

**8-14 NOVEMBER**

## LEADING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

**F**ollowing on from our Leadership in Lockdown webinar series this summer, CPAS is delivering a second series of three leadership webinars during the autumn titled Leading in Uncertain Times.

TRULY  
HE IS MY  
ROCK AND MY  
SALVATION; HE IS MY  
FORTRESS, I SHALL  
NEVER BE SHAKEN.

PSALM 62:2



### Prayer points:

- Praise God that these free webinars are reaching so many Christian leaders across the UK and Republic of Ireland and beyond. Ask God to use this input to help churches thrive and grow.
- Pray for the webinars taking place this Wednesday, each accommodating up to 200 leaders. Ask God to help the CPAS team as they finalise the content and structure.
- Most other CPAS training events are also taking place online this autumn. Pray that they may be engaging and interactive, despite participants not being physically present.

15-21 NOVEMBER

## VENTURES AND FALCONS

**T**his Saturday (21 November), the first Ventures Online Conference will take place. We hope we'll be back to running physical residentials shortly but either way, we're keen to make the most of our experiences of running online events, and so the conference will focus on this.'

**Tim Friend**, Ventures and Falcons Principal



AND  
WHATEVER  
YOU DO, WHETHER  
IN WORD OR DEED, DO  
IT ALL IN THE NAME OF  
THE LORD JESUS, GIVING  
THANKS TO GOD THE  
FATHER THROUGH HIM.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

### Prayer points:

- Pray that the unexpected experience of Virtual Ventures this summer can be utilised in future to run great online training events for volunteer teams as well as reunions and taster events for children and young people.
- Ask that everyone would come away from the conference more enthusiastic, confident and competent in delivering online events in a way that enables children and teenagers to hear and discover the good news of Jesus.
- CPAS' recent move to a new database means a change to many administrative processes for Venture and Falcon overall leaders. Pray for smooth processes and praise God for the faithful service of these volunteers.

22-28 NOVEMBER

## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

**W**ith a blend of virtual learning and 'in person' sessions with social distancing, Ian Parkinson is continuing to deliver teaching to ordinands, clergy and MA students on a range of topics designed to help missional leaders thrive and grow.

DO YOUR  
BEST TO PRESENT  
YOURSELF TO GOD AS  
ONE APPROVED, A WORKER  
WHO DOES NOT NEED TO  
BE ASHAMED AND WHO  
CORRECTLY HANDLES THE  
WORD OF TRUTH.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

### Prayer points:

- Ask God's blessing on the ordinands at Wycliffe Hall in Oxford. This Tuesday (24 November), Ian is leading the first session of a module entitled Leadership and Mission, which will run until Easter 2021.
- Pray for Ian as he teaches ordinands and Licensed Lay Ministers from the dioceses of Newcastle and Durham at Lindisfarne College of Theology this Saturday.
- Praise God for these fruitful partnerships between CPAS and theological education institutions. Pray that this continues to resource the Church with strong, Christ-centred leaders for many years to come.





'The Falcon-in-a-box put a massive smile on my child's face (and possibly a few tears from me – I loved seeing the way you are reaching out and loving the young people!). Huge thanks.'

Nicola, Parent



Thank you for your faithful prayers for our work. We'd love to pray for you and your church too! Please email Caroline Davenport (cdavenport@cpas.org.uk) or call the number below to be included in our staff prayers.



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