

PRAYER AND NEWS UPDATE

I PRAY
THAT THE EYES OF
YOUR HEART MAY BE
ENLIGHTENED IN ORDER
THAT YOU MAY KNOW
THE HOPE TO WHICH HE
HAS CALLED YOU.

EPHESIANS 1:18

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.

PATHWAYS TO FAITH

The Church of England at national level is talking about vision and growth. I personally find this focus very encouraging, particularly in the midst of the challenges facing us. This resonates with our prayer at CPAS for churches to be 'pathways to faith' for the men, women and children in their communities.

As we aspire to support churches in this, it is important to remind ourselves of the essentially spiritual nature of kingdom advance – and how this depends upon prayer. In the New Testament, we read of the faithful and frequent prayers of the early Church which preceded kingdom growth (Acts 2:42, 4:24, 12:5, 13:3, 16:16, 20:36).

Students of evangelical history have also noted the correlation between prayer and church growth. Whether we are talking about the 18th century Moravian revival, the 1859 Ulster 'year of grace', the 1904 Welsh revival, the Hebridean revivals of 1949-52 or the more recent church growth in China and South Korea – they were all precipitated by prayer.

What is clear from these examples is that, in order for churches to become 'pathways to faith' for those who don't yet know Christ, God's people first need to pray.

Thank you for your prayers for the leaders and churches in this update – it is wonderful to think of where they might lead.

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

John Dunnett
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All Bible quotations taken from
the New International Version.

17-23 JANUARY

ARROW PARTICIPANTS

This Thursday, the 24 Arrow Leadership Programme participants are gathering online to look at discerning personal vision. This is followed by an Arrow day for past participants next Tuesday, offering a chance to reconnect and be encouraged and equipped.



Arrow participant
Eve Ridgeway, Associate
Rector at St George's Leeds

HE CALLS
HIS OWN SHEEP
BY NAME... HE GOES
ON AHEAD OF THEM,
AND HIS SHEEP FOLLOW
HIM BECAUSE THEY
KNOW HIS VOICE.

JOHN 10:3-4

Prayer points:

- Pray for the Arrow participants (all Christian leaders aged 25-40) as they seek to grow in the areas they identified for development in their last online gathering.
- Pray God's blessing on Tim Chilvers, who is speaking next week at the Arrow day on the topic of 'Leadership and the Unwanted Friend of Weakness'.
- Ask God to help everyone attending both gatherings to reconnect with one another quickly and well. Pray that they enjoy being together online.

24-30 JANUARY

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

On Tuesday, Graham Archer (Director of Ministry) is leading the fourth of seven sessions of a module entitled Critical Examination of Leadership for ordinands and clergy studying at Wycliffe Hall. Graham will also be leading a session for Durham diocese on Saturday for potential ordinands.



YOU DID
NOT CHOOSE ME,
BUT I CHOSE YOU AND
APPOINTED YOU SO THAT
YOU MIGHT GO AND BEAR
FRUIT – FRUIT THAT WILL
LAST.

JOHN 15:16

Prayer points:

- Pray that each student at Wycliffe is able to develop their ministry and mission for God's glory as a result of this training.
- Pray for ordinands and other ministers in training across the UK and Republic of Ireland as many begin church placements with COVID-19 restrictions in place.
- Thank God for Ian Parkinson's contribution to this key area of CPAS' work over the last five years. Pray that God will continue to use Ian to equip churches for mission in his new role as Associate Archdeacon in Sheffield diocese.

31 JANUARY - 6 FEBRUARY

FALCONS

The overall leaders of CPAS Falcon holidays will gather online this Saturday to share ideas, build connections and receive helpful input to equip them to serve the 8-18s, many of whom face difficulties in their daily lives.



DEAR FRIENDS, SINCE GOD SO LOVED US, WE ALSO OUGHT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

1 JOHN 4:11



Prayer points:

- Pray for the hundreds of children and teenagers who are involved in Falcons. As leaders shape their plans for the year amid continuing uncertainty, pray for God's guidance and wisdom.
- Pray for the wider families and communities of young people in the Falcons family, many of whom face significant physical, financial, social or educational challenges in their daily lives.
- Praise God for the many faithful churches, individuals and trusts who support the ministry of Falcons financially, and our fantastic volunteer leaders who sacrificially give their skills and time to serve these youngsters.

7-13 FEBRUARY

PETERBOROUGH LEADERSHIP COURSE

The second session of the year-long Peterborough Leadership Course takes place on Thursday. The 16 clergy taking part will be focusing on how to lead well with others, with James Lawrence leading.

FOR WE ARE FELLOW WORKERS IN GOD'S SERVICE; YOU ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

Prayer points:

- Ask that this session would help these 16 clergy find fruitful ways to share their leadership with others so that the churches they lead may be more effective in mission.
- Pray for Chrys Tremththanmor (Continuing Ministerial Development Officer for the Diocese of Peterborough), who is coordinating the course.
- Pray that the monthly teaching sessions, time with mentors and opportunity to try new ideas and tools would impact the long-term mission and evangelism of the churches.

 The Diocese of Peterborough

14-20 FEBRUARY

VENTURES

Please join us in praying for those leading the Ventures, Falcons and School Ventures ministries as they navigate these uncertain times: Tim Friend (Ventures and Falcons Principal), David Crane (Ventures and Falcons Operations Manager) and Anna Shaw (School Ventures Development Officer).



HE
WILL BE THE
SURE FOUNDATION
FOR YOUR TIMES,
A RICH STORE OF
SALVATION AND WISDOM
AND KNOWLEDGE.

ISAIAH 33:6

Ventures & Falcons

Prayer points:

- Ask God to guide Tim Friend and David Crane as they work with overall leaders to put plans in place for the summer, which may involve young people meeting in person, online or both.
- Pray for Anna Shaw as she continues to develop relationships with schools with a view to setting up new School Ventures for primary-aged children when the time is right.
- Pray for the overall leaders of the holidays and their teams. Ask God to strengthen and encourage them with fresh ideas, insights and energy as they engage directly with the children and teenagers.

21-27 FEBRUARY

PATRONAGE INTERVIEWS

This week, Patronage Secretary Mike Duff will be chairing the interview panel for new incumbents at Little Heath Christ Church (St Albans) on Tuesday, Dorking St Paul (Guildford) on Thursday and Spitalfields Christ Church with All Saints (London) on Friday.

I THANK
CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD, WHO HAS
GIVEN ME STRENGTH,
THAT HE CONSIDERED
ME TRUSTWORTHY,
APPOINTING ME TO
HIS SERVICE.

1 TIMOTHY 1:12

Christ Church Spitalfields



Prayer points:

- For Little Heath Christ Church (Tuesday), pray for a leader who will help the church fulfil the vision of glorifying God, building each other up in faith and making Jesus known.
- For Dorking St Paul (Thursday), pray for an inspirational new leader with preaching and teaching skills and a pastoral heart. Pray they may lead the church in an exciting and fruitful new season.
- For Spitalfields Christ Church with All Saints (Friday), pray for a new rector to lead the church as they pursue God's vision to see Jesus loved, churches grown, and society transformed across the city.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, sixty new incumbents have been licensed at CPAS patronage churches.

'We bless the Lord, that, despite all the restrictions and challenges, this has still been possible. Praise God for these faithful, gospel-hearted leaders now ministering and witnessing for Christ in parishes across the country.'

'January and February are often peak times both for new clergy jobs starting and posts being advertised, and 2021 is no exception. In the first few weeks of the year, the CPAS Patronage team and trustees are attending several licensing services, some taking place virtually and some with small numbers in person.'

'Please pray for these new incumbents as they settle in to their parishes, often without being able to meet many people in person. Creating significant relationships from scratch over Zoom is very difficult! Ask that they may bring new ideas, time and energy to respond to the physical and spiritual needs of the communities God has called them to.'

Mike Duff, Patronage Secretary



The Rev Adam Tams, the new incumbent at St Jude's, Southsea

'Praise God for these faithful, gospel-hearted leaders now ministering and witnessing for Christ in parishes across the country.'

Mike Duff



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



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