



30 MAY – 24 JULY 2021

## PRAYER AND NEWS UPDATE



LET  
US THEN  
APPROACH GOD'S  
THRONE OF GRACE  
WITH CONFIDENCE.

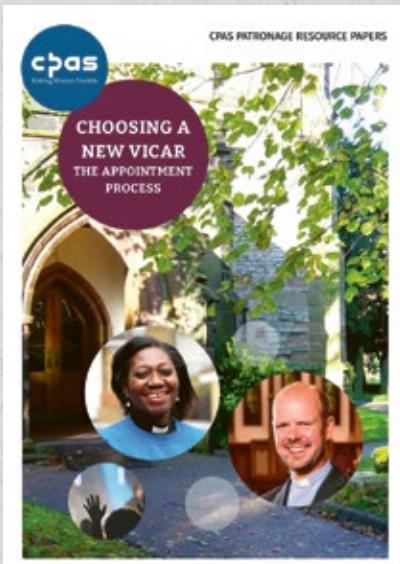
HEBREWS 4:16

Tonbridge Parish Church, featured inside

LATEST UPDATE:  
SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS

# RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES IN VACANCY

As the UK's largest evangelical patron, CPAS appoints mission-minded clergy to around 100 vacant posts each year, and supports churches through the appointment process.



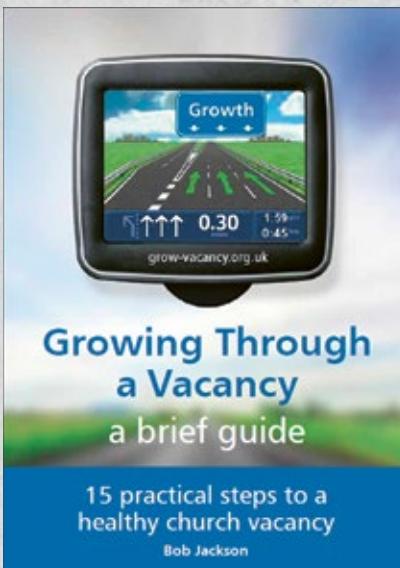
## CHOOSING A NEW VICAR

We are offering a free downloadable guide to help churches in vacancy find their next vicar.

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## GROWING THROUGH A VACANCY

Handbook and brief guide to take you through 15 practical steps to a healthy church vacancy.

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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**



## PRAYING IN FAITH

Bartimaeus was a man who, perhaps without realising it, prayed in faith (Mark 10:46-52). When Jesus asked him 'what do you want', he must have already known what the answer would be.

Bartimaeus wanted to see. But perhaps his initial call 'have mercy on me' had not been specific enough. Jesus invited Bartimaeus to be definite: 'Rabbi, I want to see'.

Some years ago, a Christian writer suggested that a river that is left to flow without boundaries spreads out and creates only a marsh. But when it is channelled and constrained within banks, it can power a mill. In the same way, prayer that is specific and definite enables the power of heaven to be apprehended.

The prayer of faith is also 'daring'. Bartimaeus may not have been present when Jesus said 'with God all things are possible' (Matthew 19:26), but his petition was an audacious acknowledgement of this – and it was clearly a prayer of which God approved.

As you use this diary to pray for the work of CPAS, can I ask you to be both definite and daring. Definite in asking for specifics. Daring in the exercise of faith.

**John Dunnett**, General Director

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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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All Bible quotations taken from the New International Version.

**30 MAY – 5 JUNE**

## THE BUZZ VENTURES

**A**t time of writing, The Buzz Ventures are planning to run a series of COVID-secure day events for the 8-11s, some of which will take place at local church hubs. Overall leader Anna asks: ‘Pray that this would all work together for God’s glory in bringing people to know Jesus better.’



AND  
I PRAY THAT  
YOU.... MAY HAVE  
POWER... TO GRASP  
HOW WIDE AND LONG  
AND HIGH AND DEEP IS  
THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

**EPHESIANS**  
**3:17-18**

### Prayer points:

- Ask that the combination of centrally streamed meetings, and local in-person Bible studies and activities would run smoothly.
- Pray for strengthened connections between local churches, families and The Buzz. Ask that this new format would reach children who wouldn’t ordinarily have come on a residential.
- Pray for clarity in communicating incredible gospel truths, and for children and leaders alike to be moved by the depth of what Jesus offers us.

**6-12 JUNE**

## GLOUCESTER DIOCESE CURATES

**O**n Friday and Saturday, CPAS Leadership Specialist Charles Burgess and Ministry Partner Emma Sykes are leading training on the shape of Christian leadership. This is part of a leadership development weekend for curates in Gloucester Diocese.

### Prayer points:

- Pray for the curates as they explore the shape of Christian leadership and its role in empowering and releasing others in their own gifts.
- Charles asks: ‘Pray that we will see the curates excited about their roles as Christian leaders, and that they would come away with a richer understanding of core leadership skills.’
- Ask God’s blessing on CPAS’ other work with Gloucester Diocese through the Flourish leadership programme and the upcoming Thrive multi-parish benefice learning community.

IF ANYONE  
SERVES, THEY  
SHOULD DO SO WITH  
THE STRENGTH GOD  
PROVIDES, SO THAT IN  
ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE  
PRAISED THROUGH  
JESUS CHRIST.  
**1 PETER 4:11**

**13-19 JUNE**

## APPOINTING NEW LEADERS

This week, two churches are hoping to appoint their next incumbent. On Wednesday, Patronage Secretary Mike Duff is chairing interviews at Trinity Lewes (Chichester Diocese) and on Thursday, General Director John Dunnett is chairing interviews at Tonbridge Parish Church (Rochester Diocese).

FOR WE ARE  
GOD'S HANDIWORK,  
CREATED IN CHRIST  
JESUS TO DO GOOD  
WORKS, WHICH GOD  
PREPARED IN ADVANCE  
FOR US TO DO.  
**EPHESIANS 2:10**



### Prayer points:

- Tonbridge Parish Church is seeking a leader who will encourage evangelism and wide community involvement. Ask that the right person might be found.
- For Trinity Lewes, pray for a leader who has a heart for bringing the kingdom to a broken people and will help shape a vision for Lewes and beyond.
- Also this week, pray for James Lawrence as he leads the latest free webinar for church leaders. This will be the twelfth webinar topic since the pandemic began.

**20-26 JUNE**

## SHAPING A MISSIONAL CULTURE

Next week, CPAS is launching a new online training event titled Shaping a Missional Culture. This will explore the way Christian leadership can shape a missional culture and will include some ideas on how we can build on possible culture shifts arising from the pandemic.'

**Charles Burgess**, Leadership Specialist

THEREFORE  
GO AND MAKE  
DISCIPLES OF ALL  
NATIONS, BAPTISING THEM  
IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER  
AND OF THE SON AND OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**MATTHEW 28:19**

### Prayer points:

- As churches think ahead to new ways of doing things beyond the pandemic, pray that the Great Commission to 'go and make disciples' would shape their plans, hopes and prayers.
- Pray for Charles Burgess, CPAS Leadership Specialist, as he prepares to lead this event for the first time.
- Pray for the 24 church leaders attending the Shaping a Missional Culture training online next week. Ask that they will come away full of practical ideas.



**27 JUNE – 3 JULY**

## SCHOOL VENTURES

This Thursday, head teachers, clergy and lay leaders from Hereford Diocese will gather for a conference facilitated by Anna Shaw from the School Ventures team. The goal is to help Church of England primary schools and their supporting churches to work together more fruitfully as they help children explore and develop faith in Jesus.



**4-10 JULY**

## LEAD ON

The latest Lead On email will go out on Wednesday, providing 6,000+ Christian leaders with much-needed encouragement, ideas, reviews and inspiration. We praise God that so many leaders are engaging with this, and pray it helps them in the work God has called them to.

LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

**GALATIANS 6:9**



**LEAD  
ON**

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.  
**ROMANS 15:13**

### Prayer points:

- Pray for Anna Shaw, School Ventures Development Officer, as she develops materials, meets with dioceses and seeks to build new partnerships.
- Ask that God would use School Ventures to help dioceses link the three facets of church, school and home to support the faith development of children.
- As plans for the 2021-2022 academic year develop, pray there would be confidence among schools and families to re-engage so that many more School Ventures can take place.

### Prayer points:

- Praise God that Lead On is reaching so many Christian leaders in the UK and Republic of Ireland and beyond.
- Ask that the in-depth articles, reviews, links and ideas will impact the mission of churches so that many more people in their local communities can come to know Christ.
- Pray for God's guidance for CPAS staff and partners as they discern what will most help leaders on the front line in future editions.

**11-17 JULY**

## HOLY TRINITY LENTON

**L**enton is at the heart of the student community, though COVID has meant that many students haven't yet connected with local church in Nottingham. Vicar Megan Smith asks: 'Please pray we can welcome students across the academic years, as well as rebuild connections with the longer-term community.'



The Rev  
Megan Smith

WHATEVER YOU ASK IN PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT, AND IT WILL BE YOURS.

MARK 11:24

### Prayer points:

- Pray the church is able to rebuild community connections that have dwindled during COVID due to the impact of restrictions on schools work, Messy Church and holiday clubs.
- Praise God for the young and vibrant church community, many of whom are stepping forward to develop their gifts and take on leadership roles on the PCC and elsewhere.
- Ask that the church can build connections with students at all stages of university. Pray also for confidence for church members in sharing their story of the hope and purpose found in Jesus.

**18-24 JULY**

## VENTURE AND FALCON LEADERS

**N**ext week sees the start of the Ventures and Falcons season. The volunteer leaders are busy getting ready to give thousands of 8-18s the chance to know Jesus better through events full of fun, friendship and blessing.



HOW GREAT YOU ARE, SOVEREIGN LORD! THERE IS NO ONE LIKE YOU, AND THERE IS NO GOD BUT YOU, AS WE HAVE HEARD WITH OUR OWN EARS.

2 SAMUEL 7:22

### Prayer points:

- Ask God to strengthen and encourage all leaders as they run Venture and Falcon events, having faced the challenge of a second year of disrupted and uncertain plans.
- Praise God for the overall leaders of Ventures and Falcons. Ask God to guide them as they oversee and lead their teams in this vital ministry.
- Pray for fresh ideas, bucketloads of enthusiasm, spiritual insights and creative communication as the volunteers get ready to lead 70+ Venture and Falcon events.

Ventures & Falcons

# EVANGELISM DURING COVID

As a mission agency working with leaders and churches across the nation, we became aware that evangelism during COVID was something many churches were struggling with.

In response to this, we launched a new online event specifically to resource leaders as they think through how to respond to the challenges and opportunities in a sensitive way. The aim was to help their churches become better equipped to show and share Christ's redeeming love in this season.

Around 200 church leaders have now taken part in these events. Here's what they said:

**“**  
**‘Thank you for reigniting the passion for evangelism with good resources and input.’**

**‘Thank you for resourcing us and sharing ideas so generously.’**

**‘Great support during COVID. CPAS, you are amazing and appreciated.’**

All of this simply wouldn't be possible without your prayerful support. Thank you so much.

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