

PRAYER DIARY

LET THE
HEAVENS REJOICE,
LET THE EARTH BE
GLAD; LET THEM SAY
AMONG THE NATIONS,
'THE LORD REIGNS!'

1 CHRONICLES 16:31

SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF CPAS
THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER.

MY MESSAGE
AND MY PREACHING
WERE NOT WITH
WISE AND PERSUASIVE
WORDS, BUT WITH A
DEMONSTRATION OF
THE SPIRIT'S POWER.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4

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IN GOD'S POWER



Thank you for your faithful prayers for the ministry of CPAS. Over the last few months, we have seen the hand of God at work, and we look forward to all he is going to do in the months to come.

I have been particularly encouraged lately by hearing young people on Ventures talk about their growing faith in Jesus, as well as by the appointment of Mike Duff as our new Patronage Secretary. It's also been fantastic to see God at work as we develop our partnerships with dioceses in order to help clergy mobilise their congregations in mission.

We are a very active organisation, and in this diary you will read about all manner of people, places, programmes and initiatives. But good people doing worthy things can never be our primary aspiration. What we really long to see is God at work, doing the things that can never be achieved through human endeavour: restoring broken lives, transforming hopeless situations, renewing purpose, filling with power and reconciling to God through the cross. These are things we cannot do in our own strength, and neither can we take the glory when we see them happen.

For this reason, every weekday we gather in the office at CPAS, pick up the Prayer Diary and, like you, offer prayers of thanks and prayers of longing. Prayer turns the best efforts of human beings into channels of grace and glory. When Paul writes to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 2, he says that

he didn't come with 'eloquence or human wisdom' (v1), but 'in weakness, with great fear and trembling' (v3). The aim of his visit was that their faith 'might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power' (v5). Our prayers release the power of God.

Looking through this Prayer Diary, you will read about young people who have met with Christ at Ventures and Falcons, men and women who have sensed a call to new responsibilities, and churches and leaders being equipped to more effectively reach their communities with the gospel.

Where you can see the glory and grace of God at work, join us in thanksgiving and adoration. Where you can see challenges being faced, join us in prayer and supplication. Where you can see new things being tried, pray for wisdom and insight. Where you see men and women, boys and girls discovering the love and power of Jesus, join with us in declaring the praise of God from the rooftops!

Thank you for praying with us – to God be the glory.

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VENTURES AND FALCONS

Autumn Holidays



Although the majority of Venture and Falcon holidays took place over the summer (78 in fact!), four half-term holidays are about to take place. Autumn Falcon and Haslemere@Danehill start this Monday (21 October), followed by Haslemere@Danehill 2 and Bridgwater 1 next week.

Autumn Falcon will offer 11-18 year olds a week of woodland adventures in Kent and Bridgwater 1 takes place in Somerset for 8-13 year olds.

We're thrilled that Haslemere@Danehill 2 is new for this year, enabling more 10-13 year olds to take part. As well as introducing these children to the Haslemere Ventures with three days of high energy, fun-filled, Jesus-centred activity, both the Haslemere@Danehill holidays have a specific focus on developing young leaders. Older teenagers and young adults will have the opportunity to learn what it means to serve, be an inspiration to the children and grow in their own faith as a result.

FOR
WE KNOW,
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS LOVED BY
GOD, THAT HE HAS
CHOSEN YOU, BECAUSE OUR
GOSPEL CAME TO YOU NOT
SIMPLY WITH WORDS BUT
ALSO WITH POWER.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:4-5

For your prayers:

Sun 20: Ventures and Falcons: The Chester School Venture comes to an end today. Pray that children and teachers will make meaningful connections with their local church's children's programme.

Mon 21: Autumn Falcon: As the holiday begins and the 11-18 year olds arrive, pray for positive relationships across different friendship groups and age groups.

Tue 22: Ventures and Falcons: For young leaders on all our holidays. Pray that they will be encouraged to continue growing and developing their leadership skills in their church contexts.

Wed 23: Haslemere@Danehill: Give thanks for the cooks at both Haslemere@Danehill holidays as they work hard behind the scenes to ensure everyone is well fed.

Thu 24: Patronage: Graham Archer (Director of Ministry) is chairing the interview panel for the incumbent's role at Redland (Bristol) today.

Fri 25: Ventures and Falcons: For all the autumn holidays to be great fun, and give children and teenagers lots of opportunities to encounter God in new and exciting ways.

Sat 26: Ventures and Falcons: Around 4,000 young people attend the holidays each year. Praise God for the opportunities we have to share the gospel message with all these young people!



HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A VENTURE OR FALCON?

*'I had such an amazing time - my dorm leaders
were so supportive and helpful.'* ROSIE, 17



There is still time to get involved and be part of the Ventures and Falcons family. No matter what your age or physical ability, your gifts, talents and time are invaluable to us!

Every year CPAS runs almost 100 residential holidays for thousands of young people, giving them a chance to enjoy a fun-packed holiday, make great friendships, and explore life with Jesus.

We need servant-hearted people like you, who want to see 8-18 year olds learn, grow and develop in themselves and their faith.



Whether you'd like to lead games, songs, sessions and activities from the front, get alongside the children and young people or muck in behind the scenes, we'd love to hear from you.

Ventures & Falcons

**COULD YOU HELP LEAD ON A VENTURE OR FALCON HOLIDAY THIS YEAR?
CALL 0300 123 0780 OR EMAIL VENTURES@CPAS.ORG.UK**

Please note, the leader application process includes a new DBS check, in line with our safer recruitment process.

LEADERSHIP

The Buck Stops Here

The Buck Stops Here conference (29-31 October) is designed for clergy moving into first posts of overall responsibility (either from curacies to incumbencies, or from sector ministries to parochial posts).

Led by Graham Archer (Director of Ministry) and Sam Hustwayte (Vicar of Calverton in Nottingham), this conference will explore topics including understanding the context and culture of your church, leadership style, discerning direction and vision statements, along with leading the change journey.

Held at Elim Conference Centre in Malvern, these 48 hours will give participants space to explore the responsibilities God has called them to, discuss key issues and share their experiences with one another.

Participants at the June 2019 The Buck Stops Here answering the question 'What are the three things you would love to see improve at your church?' as part of a session called Leading the Change Journey.



HIS MASTER
REPLIED, 'WELL DONE,
GOOD AND FAITHFUL
SERVANT! YOU HAVE BEEN
FAITHFUL WITH A FEW
THINGS; I WILL PUT YOU
IN CHARGE OF MANY
THINGS'.

MATTHEW 25:23

For your prayers:

Sun 27: Scotland: The new Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, who is likely to be elected by the College of Bishops around this time.

Mon 28: Ireland: The 16-25 year olds taking part in the Church of Ireland's School of Worship. They are currently taking part in a worship leaders' training programme.

Tue 29: The Buck Stops Here: Graham and Sam as they lead this conference. May they work well as a team and may God speak through them to build up all clergy taking part.

Wed 30: Leadership: Today, John Dunnett is leading Nurturing – Biblical Style, a training day for church leaders which is part of the Scripture on Leadership series at St Mary's Sale.

Thu 31: The Buck Stops Here: For the incumbents to be able to take what they have learnt and apply it to their specific contexts.

Fri 1: The Buck Stops Here: During this time of transition, pray for the incumbents' churches. Ask that there will be unity around each church's vision and a sense of excitement about this next chapter.

Sat 2: CPAS staff: New Ministry Assistants Alex Allen and Jeremy Wardle. Alex is working with the Communications team, and Jeremy is working with John Dunnett (General Director) and Graham Archer (Director of Ministry).

CPAS STAFF

Ian Parkinson

3-9 NOVEMBER



GUARD THE
GOOD DEPOSIT
THAT WAS ENTRUSTED
TO YOU – GUARD IT
WITH THE HELP OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT WHO
LIVES IN US.

2 TIMOTHY 1:14

The autumn term is well underway in theological education institutions. Leadership Specialist Ian Parkinson's work in this area continues to grow, giving ordinands, ordained clergy and other students a solid and inspiring grounding in the theory and practice of missional Christian leadership.

This Monday, Ian is teaching in Liverpool as part of the St Mellitus North West MA programme in Contemporary Christian Leadership. On Tuesday, he'll be 170 miles away in Oxford teaching Wycliffe Hall ordinands the first session in a new module on leadership and mission.

Ian will then be travelling north again to teach curates and ordinands on the distinctiveness of Christian leadership for St Hild College in Yorkshire. He is also delivering training in a further six colleges over the autumn term.

He asks: 'Please pray that the students get a real, full understanding of the nature of missional Christian leadership. Please also pray for new opportunities to build partnerships with colleges and courses.'

For your prayers:

Sun 3: Supporter churches: Today, Charles Burgess will visit the Canford Magna Team Ministry in Dorset. Praise God for this church and the hundreds of others that generously support CPAS.

Mon 4: Ian Parkinson: Ian is at St Mellitus North West today teaching current and future church leaders on leadership and organisations as part of the MA in Contemporary Christian Leadership.

Tue 5: Ian Parkinson: Ordinands at Wycliffe Hall doing a session on why leadership matters. Ian is speaking on developing ministry and mission in context.

Wed 6: Leadership: CPAS General Director John Dunnett is in Newbury today leading a training day entitled Shaping Local Church Culture.

Thu 7: Patronage: The patronage trustees are gathering in London today to shortlist for vacant roles including Emmanuel Croydon, a large evangelical church in the Diocese of Southwark.

Fri 8: Wales: Praise God for those newly ordained in the Province, and pray for further callings to ordained ministry in all six Welsh dioceses.

Sat 9: Ian Parkinson: Today and Monday, Ian will be teaching two different cohorts of curates and ordinands at St Hild College in Mirfield and Sheffield respectively on the distinctiveness of Christian leadership.

10-16 NOVEMBER

LEADERSHIP

Arrow Participants Moving On

This Saturday, the 24 Arrow Leadership Programme participants will gather for the final time to celebrate all that God has done over the last 18 months and look ahead to the future. Please join us in praying for each by name as they continue to serve God in their leadership roles.

Sunday



Rob Baker
Vicar, Norwich



Jema Ball
Associate Vicar, Oundle



Mark Bradford
Vicar, Fulwood



Kieran Bush
Vicar, Walthamstow

Monday



Mark Close
Vicar, Gloucester



Sarah Covington
Children's Minister, Knowle



Tom Devas
Associate Rector, Leicester



James Gandon
Vicar, Stoke-on-Trent

Tuesday



Tim Goodall
Pastor, Chelmsford



Nate Kurz
Associate Vicar, East Molesey



Sylvester Liyanage
Team Vicar, Chesham



Jo McKee
Vicar, Radcliffe

'I believe that the way Jesus has used and will continue to use Arrow makes it the most important journey that I have been on.'

Tim Goodall

Applications are now open for the next Arrow Leadership Programme, which will begin in early 2020. Visit www.cpas.org.uk/arrow.



Wednesday



Rachel Newell
Team Vicar, Dudley



Adam Pawley Team Vicar,
Borderlands Mission Area



Tim Proudlove
Baptist Minister, Orkney

Thursday



Graham Shaw
Vicar, Chester



Katy Shubotham
Salvation Army Officer, Welling



Jo Smith
Assistant Curate, Horwich

Friday



Gill Taylor
Worship/Prayer Leader, Marlow



Andy Tufnell
Vicar, Chilwell



Will Warren
Acting Vicar, Cromer

Saturday



Becca Willett Youth/
Community Worker, Fulham



Alex Williams
Vicar, Banstead



Dave Young
Team Vicar, Leeds

LEADERSHIP

Flourish Programme

WHOEVER
SERVES ME
MUST FOLLOW ME;
AND WHERE I AM,
MY SERVANT ALSO
WILL BE.
JOHN 12:26

This Wednesday and Thursday sees the first residential of Flourish, a new two-year-long programme from CPAS and LICC to be run initially in the Diocese of Gloucester and later, it is hoped, in other dioceses. Flourish is a change programme which aims to develop the courage, confidence and competence of the gathered church in mission and sharing faith, enabling Christians to flourish in their scattered 'Monday to Saturday' lives as followers of Christ.

This will be achieved through working with core teams from participating churches comprising ordained and lay leaders.

The hope is that Flourish will impact the whole church. Pray for leaders to become more confident in their leadership skills, enabling people to gain a richer missional imagination as followers of Jesus in everyday life. Pray also for church members to grow in their ability to live courageously as disciples in every part of their lives.

For your prayers:

Sun 17: Ireland: Connor diocese's Big Weekend at St Patrick's Ballymena. A practical training session for youth and children's leaders is taking place today as part of this.

Mon 18: Flourish: For ordained leaders to become more confident in their leadership skills and more aware of how their ministry can enable people to grow in faith.

Tue 19: Flourish: For churches to know how to grow in their ability to equip and support disciples of Jesus who are living out their faith in the whole of life.

Wed 20: Flourish: The first residential for clergy begins today. The key theme is grasping the biblical big vision for churches to be missionally fruitful both when gathered and scattered.

Thu 21: Flourish: Day two of the residential. Pray for the clergy as they think through the realities of change within a church and how best to engage other key influencers.

Fri 22: Flourish: For the Dioceses of Gloucester's wider vision, LIFE (Leadership, Imagination, Faith and Engagement) to be fulfilled and bring about growth.

Sat 23: Ventures: The Ventures conference takes place today in Leamington Spa for overall leaders who are putting volunteer teams together for 2020 holidays.

PATRONAGE

Patronage Church Leaders

24-30 NOVEMBER



THE LORD IS
MY STRENGTH
AND MY DEFENCE; HE
HAS BECOME MY
SALVATION. HE IS MY GOD,
AND I WILL PRAISE HIM.

EXODUS 15:2

There are currently 684 patronage churches covering every diocese in the Church of England, plus one in the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. Around 75 are in vacancy, which leaves over 600 patronage incumbents in post on the frontline of local church mission.

Each incumbent is invited to attend a free leadership training day each year called Looking Up, Looking Forward. This Wednesday, around 40 patronage incumbents will gather in Reading for the latest Looking Up, Looking Forward event. CPAS Leadership Principal James Lawrence will be speaking on resilience in leadership.

New Patronage Secretary Mike Duff also hopes to attend the day and get to know some of the CPAS patronage family. Mike joined CPAS in September having previously served in parish ministry and with CMS in Indonesia.

For your prayers:

Sun 24: Patronage: The 600+ incumbents currently in post. Pray God will equip them to lead healthy, growing churches where the good news of Jesus is shared and lived out.

Mon 25: Patronage: The churches currently in vacancy. Pray for encouragement and enthusiasm for churchwardens and others exercising leadership in this time of transition.

Tue 26: Leadership: Charles Burgess (Leadership Specialist) who is in Exeter today delivering a training day on leading a PCC and handling workflow for clergy in the diocese.

Wed 27: Patronage: The 40 leaders at Looking Up, Looking Forward in Reading today. Pray for a strong sense of community and purpose in service of God among the CPAS patronage family.

Thu 28: Patronage: New Patronage Secretary Mike Duff as he sees churches through the vacancy process and helps evangelical leaders find the role God is calling them to.

Fri 29: Multi-parish benefices: The Wiltshire Thrive multi-parish benefice learning community (Salisbury diocese) as they meet today and tomorrow.

Sat 30: Leadership: The fourth Leading Well event is taking place in Bracknell this morning, for Christian leaders in all walks of life. Pray everyone leaves feeling excited about how God might use them.

FUNDRAISING

The Big Give Christmas Challenge

This week sees the launch of the Big Give Christmas Challenge 2019, an annual match-funding initiative which raises millions of pounds for hundreds of charities across the UK.

Last year our generous supporters helped raise just under £42,000 (including Gift Aid) and we're hoping to top that this year to help develop our residential holidays ministry serving 4,000 young people each year. All funds raised in our 2019 Big Give campaign will help grow the work of Ventures and Falcons, including the increasing impact of our expanding School Ventures.

Please praise God for the generosity of those who have agreed to match fund donations, and pray for a great response to this week's appeal. If you would like to give, please visit www.cpas.org.uk/biggive between 3 and 10 December, where you can also find full details of the campaign.



For your prayers:

Sun 1: School Ventures: Our latest School Venture takes place this weekend for primary school children from Lichfield diocese. Pray that they'll leave understanding more about the good news of Jesus.

Mon 2: Patronage churches: Churches in vacancy. Pray particularly for those which are struggling to find their next incumbent, and have been vacant for an extended period of time.

Tue 3: The Big Give: This year's Christmas Challenge launches at midday today. Pray that many people will contribute to Ventures and Falcons through this year's appeal.

Wed 4: The Big Give: Ask God to use the funds raised through the Big Give to impact more young lives through the ministry of Ventures and Falcons.

Thu 5: CPAS staff: The team leaders as they meet today. Ask God to equip them for their various responsibilities across all aspects of CPAS.

Fri 6: The Big Give: Join us in praising God for all the generous people who made pledges earlier this year, allowing Big Give donations to be match-funded and make twice the difference.

Sat 7: CPAS: We're so thankful for all our wonderful supporters – and if you're reading this that includes YOU for all your faithful prayers.

THIS SERVICE THAT YOU PERFORM IS NOT ONLY SUPPLYING THE NEEDS OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE BUT IS ALSO OVERFLOWING IN MANY EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS TO GOD.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:12

PATRONAGE CHURCHES

8-14 DECEMBER

Ravensbourne Team Ministry (Southwark)



MY COMMAND
IS THIS: LOVE EACH
OTHER AS I HAVE
LOVED YOU.

JOHN 15:12

Situated in the London Borough of Lewisham, three churches make up the Ravensbourne Team: St John's (where CPAS General Director is preaching this Sunday), Holy Trinity and The Church of the Ascension.

St John's vision is all about being together in Christ, where 'every member is a worshipper, every member is a minister and every member is a missionary'. The diverse congregation is united in prayer, Bible teaching and mission.

Holy Trinity is located in a predominantly social housing area of the borough. The congregation meets each Sunday morning over breakfast and has plans to better equip the building for worship and ministry in the community.

The Church of the Ascension is located on the edge of Blackheath. This is a congregation whose faith leads them to be involved in the local community and issues in the wider world, seeking to live out the simple aim of 'to love God and love our neighbour'.

For your prayers:

Sun 8: Ravensbourne: CPAS General Director, John Dunnett, is preaching at St John's today. Pray his words would inspire this congregation in the work they are doing.

Mon 9: Scotland: Powerpoint, which gathers youth from across Scotland to experience the truth of the gospel in a fresh and relevant way. Pray for them as they prepare for upcoming events in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.

Tue 10: Ravensbourne: The youth work at St John's, which is being led by a volunteer from Time for God, and also the Wash House community youth club run by the Ascension.

Wed 11: Ravensbourne: The ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes which take place at Holy Trinity. Praise God for the opportunity this brings to build relationships with local parents.

Thu 12: Ravensbourne: Holy Trinity as they seek to redevelop the church building and community centre so that the church can become a bigger blessing to the community.

Fri 13: Wales: For good use and development of the Church in Wales Evangelism Fund, and for clergy and lay people alike to get inspired by the vision for evangelism, mission and outreach.

Sat 14: Ravensbourne: The reordering project which is taking place at The Church of the Ascension. Pray that God's will is at the centre of any decisions made.

LEADERSHIP

New Programmes

The early months of 2020 will herald some exciting initiatives for our Leadership team, who will be on a retreat this week to seek God's will and blessing for their future work.

A new cohort of women and men aged 25-40 will start the Arrow Leadership Programme in March. This will be the first programme delivered by our new Leadership Specialist with specific responsibility for developing Arrow for the next generation of emerging leaders (the role is vacant at time of writing). Following 20 years of leading more than 350 participants through Arrow, James Lawrence is stepping down from his role as Arrow team leader, but will continue in his wider role as CPAS Leadership Principal.

Please also join us in praying for Flourish (see page 10 for more details), a new leadership development programme running in Gloucester diocese in partnership with LICC.

CPAS Leadership team (left-to-right): Pam Macnaughton, Charles Burgess (back), James Lawrence (front), Emma Sykes and Ian Parkinson



THAT
PERSON
IS LIKE A TREE
PLANTED BY STREAMS
OF WATER, WHICH
YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN
SEASON.

PSALM 1:3

For your prayers:

Sun 15: Arrow: All involved in reviewing the applications for the next programme ahead of the discernment day in mid-January, when decisions will be made about who to invite to participate.

Mon 16: Leadership: As the team's retreat begins today, pray for this to be a rich time of hearing from God and stepping into his plans for the future.

Tue 17: Leadership: May the team retreat also be a significant time of personal renewal and refreshment in each individual's walk with Christ.

Wed 18: Leadership: As the team retreat ends today, pray that the Holy Spirit will equip and inspire each member of the team as they return to work.

Thu 19: Arrow: James Lawrence as he hands Arrow over to the new Leadership Specialist after 20 years of leading the delivery of 15 Arrow programmes.

Fri 20: Flourish: Charles Burgess as he leads the early stages of this new initiative, and for strong partnerships with LICC and Gloucester diocese.

Sat 21: Leadership: Praise God for the thousands of leaders who are equipped each year by CPAS leadership resources, events and programmes, and pray for a far-reaching impact.

A CHRIST-CENTRED CHRISTMAS

22-28 DECEMBER

Sun 22:

Father God, we pray for worship and witness at the thousands of Christmas services taking place this week, and for those who aren't Christians to meet with God at the events they attend.

Wed 25:

Lord God, we praise you this Christmas day for the wonderful gift of salvation through your Son Jesus Christ. 'God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.'
1 John 5:11.

Mon 23:

We lift up churches where the leaders are feeling overwhelmed by all they have to do over the Christmas period. We pray for rest, perspective and others to step up and help carry the load.

Thu 26:

We pray for the many local church ministries across the UK and Republic of Ireland which reach out to those on the edges of society. We ask that these will be places where those in need experience God's great love.

Tue 24:

We pray for those pre-occupied with the practicalities of the Christmas season. We ask that your Spirit would prompt them to reflect on the wonder of God on Earth amidst the preparations.

Fri 27:

Jesus, please bless all the children and teenagers involved in Venture and Falcon holidays. We think particularly of any young people struggling with difficult family situations at Christmas.

Sat 28:

Almighty God, we thank you for all you have done through the ministry of CPAS in 2019 and ask you to use our work in 2020 to help many more local churches reach their communities with the gospel.



VENTURES AND FALCONS

New Year



IN EVERY
SITUATION, BY
PRAYER AND PETITION,
WITH THANKSGIVING,
PRESENT YOUR
REQUESTS TO GOD.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

As we move towards a new year of Ventures and Falcons, we are grateful for all the holidays that have taken place in 2019. We have seen around 4,000 children and young people, led by over 2,800 volunteers at 102 holidays. Please join us in thanking God for this, as well as lifting up the programme of holidays for 2020.

Haslemere New Year is taking place from 28 December to 1 January and sees young people from the last three years of Haslemere Ventures coming together to enjoy inspiring teaching, uplifting worship, fun activities, amazing food and enriching friendships.

As families make holiday plans for the year over the Christmas break, a steady stream of online bookings is expected. Some holidays sell out within hours of being open for booking!

For your prayers:

Sun 29: Ventures and Falcons: Haslemere New Year, which started yesterday. Pray the young people grow closer to God and feel excited about all he has in store for them this year.

Mon 30: Ventures and Falcons: Youth workers who are organising group bookings. Pray particularly for those working with young people facing acute challenges in life.

Tue 31: CPAS: At the start of this new year, please join us in committing CPAS' work to God across our three key ministry areas: patronage, leadership and Ventures and Falcons.

Wed 1: Ventures and Falcons: For many families to book places for their children on Ventures and Falcons during the Christmas break.

Thu 2: Ventures and Falcons: The office team as they prepare for the Falcons conference, review policies and put together budget reports.

Fri 3: Ventures and Falcons: Our holidays present the opportunity for the gospel to be made known to thousands of young people. Pray for God's protection against any spiritual attack.

Sat 4: Wales: The new Bishop of Monmouth, who was elected in September. Pray for this new chapter in the life of the diocese to bring great blessing and growth.

PATRONAGE CHURCHES

5-11 JANUARY

Fulwood and Oughtibridge (Sheffield)

This year, a group of around 20-30 members of Christ Church Fulwood in Sheffield are excited to be embarking on a new adventure living and serving at Oughtibridge, a village on the northern outskirts of the city. Chris Tufnell (Planting Curate at Christ Church) will lead the group, and will become the incumbent at Oughtibridge (which is currently in vacancy) in September.

Chris said: 'Church planting has been an important part of the vision at Christ Church Fulwood for over a decade. We want to see the gospel prosper not just in our parish but across the whole diocese.'

'Our hope and prayer is that bringing more people and more resources to join the congregation at Oughtibridge will strengthen our ability to be an effective witness for Christ. Oughtibridge Parish Church is adjacent to a primary school, and with a further two schools in the surrounding villages, there are lots of opportunities to build links and reach out to young families living in the area.'

I PLANTED
THE SEED, APOLLOS
WATERED IT, BUT GOD HAS
BEEN MAKING IT GROW. SO
NEITHER THE ONE WHO PLANTS
NOR THE ONE WHO WATERS IS
ANYTHING, BUT ONLY GOD,
WHO MAKES THINGS GROW.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6-7

Chris Tufnell,
Planting Curate



For your prayers:

Sun 5: Fulwood and Oughtibridge: Thank God for the congregation already at Oughtibridge and for their faithful gospel witness over many years.

Mon 6: Fulwood and Oughtibridge: Praise God for those at Fulwood who have committed to joining Oughtibridge and pray for Chris as he leads them. Pray also for wisdom for those who are undecided.

Tue 7: Fulwood and Oughtibridge: For the new church family to be united in the gospel, outward focused and missionally minded so it can be a growing and faithful witness.

Wed 8: Fulwood and Oughtibridge: For good, warm relationships with neighbours, colleagues and people at the school gate as people from Fulwood gradually move to Oughtibridge.

Thu 9: Fulwood and Oughtibridge: Both the Fulwood group and the existing congregation at Oughtibridge as they grapple with big changes in the coming months.

Fri 10: Fulwood and Oughtibridge: Many new disciples to be made among young families and in the wider community through the work and witness of Oughtibridge Parish Church.

Sat 11: Fulwood and Oughtibridge: The wider church-planting vision of Fulwood. Pray particularly for new leaders to be raised up, and for God to be stirring hearts in the congregation to join future church plants.

LEADERSHIP

PCCs

FOR FROM
HIM AND THROUGH
HIM AND FOR HIM ARE
ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE
THE GLORY FOR EVER!
AMEN.

ROMANS 11:36



Since its launch in 2015, over 1,600 PCC Tonight packs have been sold and 34 training events have taken place, bringing together nearly 3,000 PCC members.

CPAS has also been pleased to work with a number of dioceses to help them equip their PCCs through training events for clergy leading PCCs, which form part of their ministerial development programmes.

This week, CPAS Leadership Principal James Lawrence is delivering training on leading PCCs to clergy in Peterborough. He is also preparing to run a day for clergy in Bath and Wells diocese in two weeks' time, with other similar events in the pipeline.



For your prayers:

Sun 12: PCCs: PCC members across England and Wales (and those serving in equivalent roles in Scotland and Ireland) as they consider all that this year holds for their churches.

Mon 13: Leadership: CPAS Leadership Specialist Ian Parkinson who is teaching MA students at St Hild in Sheffield today. Pray that his teaching will help shape the students' leadership.

Tue 14: Arrow Leadership Programme: The leaders of Arrow as they meet today to pray together and discuss which applicants to offer places to for the next programme.

Wed 15: PCCs: Those attending the training day in Peterborough. Pray they will take what they learn back to their church contexts to help their PCCs become more effective.

Thu 16: PCCs: For clergy serving in multi-parish benefices who are responsible for leading several PCCs. Pray God would give them all they need to do this well.

Fri 17: PCCs: James Lawrence and the Leadership team as they consider when and where to hold future PCC Tonight training events and develop more partnerships with dioceses.

Sat 18: Scotland: The Doctrine Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church as it seeks to respond to doctrinal matters, reflect upon doctrine and encourage others to do so.

GIVING TO CPAS



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