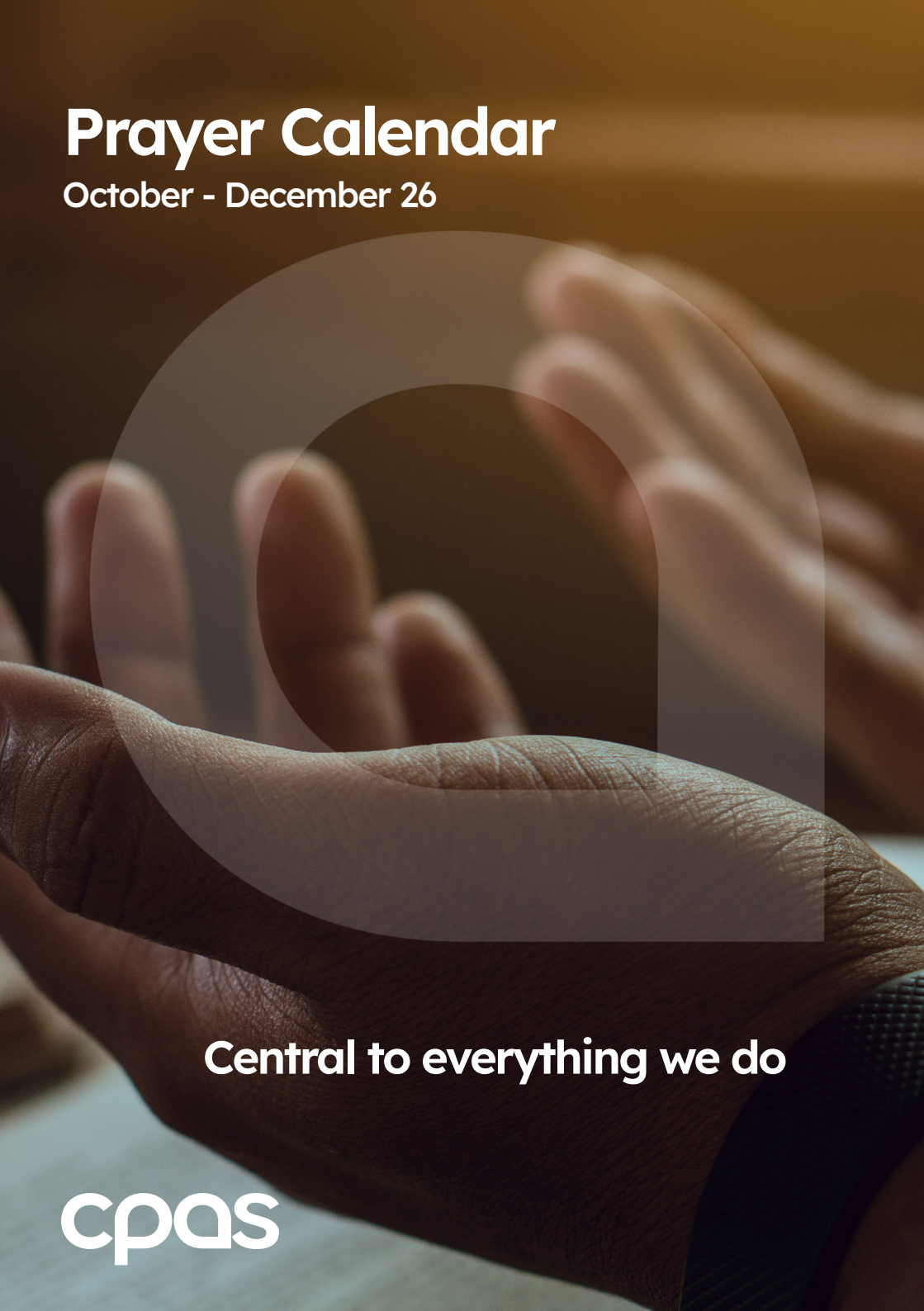
Prayer Calendar

October - December 26



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‘Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you wll receive it, and it will be yours.’

Mark 11:24

Prayer is central to everything we do at CPAS.

In this edition of the Prayer Calendar, you will find:

- A person or event to pray for each day. This might be a CPAS Patronage clergy or parish, an upcoming Venture or Falcon holiday, a Leadership training event or a fundraising challenge.

- A theme for the week with specific prayer requests for that topic from our ministry teams, beneficiaries and wider staff.

Thank you so much for joining with us in prayer. Please know we give thanks regularly for you.

If you have any prayer requests, please get in touch with us at info@cpas.org.uk or call 0300 123 0780

5 - 11 October

19th Arrow Cohort

CPAS Patronage Parishes
Lichfield and Lincoln Dioceses

Give thanks for the new cohort (ALP19) of the Arrow Leadership Development Programme. Please pray for the young leaders, between 25-40 years-old, as they learn to be led more by Jesus, lead more like Jesus, and lead more to Jesus.

Please pray for Jo, Matt and the wider team of Arrow leaders as they lead their residential from 4-9 October. Pray for the speakers, the fellowship between participants and that all would be equipped and empowered for their ministry.

5. **Arrow Residential** (4-9 October).

6. **Matt Hird**, Wolverhampton St Matthew.

7. **Karen Gooding**, Fotherby North Thoresby and Grainsby with Waithe.

8. Vacant, Legbourne & Wold Marsh.

9. Vacant, Saltfleetby (plurality with Theddlethorpe).

10. **Samuel Durant**, Skellingthorpe with Doddington.

11. New Leadership courses beginning this week: **Leading Well** and **Pathways Course**.

12 - 18 October

Church Leaders Under 40

CPAS Patronage Parishes in
Lincoln and Liverpool Dioceses

Pray for young and emerging leaders throughout the Church as they receive training, mentorship and faithfully step into their calling.

Pray for our Leaders Retreat (15-16 October) designed for leaders under 40, that they would be equipped, encouraged and empowered to return to their varied ministries after the retreat.

Pray for Jackie Mann, the newly appointed CPAS Leadership Enabler with a focus on Young Adult development as she starts this new season of ministry with CPAS this month.

12. **Mark Holden**, Wragby Group.

13. **David Eames**, Broughton Scawby Redbourne and Hibaldstow.

14. **Claire Burnett**, Linwood w Market Rasen & Legsby & Lissington.

15. **CPAS Leaders Retreat for Under 40s** (15-16 October).

16. **Jackie Mann**, newly appointed CPAS Leadership Enabler.

17. **Mark Briscoe**, Trentcliffe Group.

18. **Poppy Thorpe**, All Saints with St Frideswyde Thornton and Crosby.

19 - 25 October

Patronage Licensing Services

CPAS Patronage Parishes in **Liverpool Diocese**

Pray for all the licensing services taking place in CPAS patronage parishes over the autumn. Give thanks for God's faithfulness, where a church that has been in vacancy – some for months or even years – enters a new and exciting season.

Pray for the new incumbents and their families, along with the church leadership teams and congregations, that they would be blessed and encouraged in this transitional time. Pray that each church would be passionate and bold in serving its community and telling others about Jesus.

19. Andrew Scott, Litherland St Philip.

20. Ben Dyer, Southport Christ Church.

21. Andrew Liggins, Southport St Simon & St Jude.

22. Mikey Ferguson, Everton St Peter with St John Chrysostom.

23. Andy Brown, Fazakerley Emmanuel.

24. CPAS Trustees and the valued work they do 'behind the scenes'.

25. Sarah Packwood, newly appointed Business Manager for the CPAS Leadership Development Team.

26 October – 1 November

Autumn CPAS Holidays

CPAS Patronage Parishes in **Liverpool Diocese**

Please pray for the team leading Dovedale Falcon (27-29 October), a new holiday being set up as part of the Falcons review and run by a team from an estate church in Stoke for their community.

Please pray for the children from local schools who are going, that they would encounter God's transforming love through the activities, teaching and time invested by the leaders.

Also, pray for the team leading Danehill Autumn Venture (27-30 October). Pray for the attendees aged 10-13, that they would have a fantastic few days of fun, friendship and exploring life with Jesus. Also pray for the young leaders stepping into leadership positions for the first time.

26. Vacant, Kirkdale St Lawrence with St Paul.

27. Dovedale Falcon (27-29 October).

28. Danehill Autumn Venture (27-30 October).

29. Helen Purcell, Liverpool All Saints.

30. **David Haliwell**, Liverpool St Luke in the City Team.

31. Michael Allen, Toxteth St Philemon.

1. Peter Dawkin, East Widnes Team.

2 – 8 November

Schools and Churches

CPAS Patronage Parishes in
Liverpool and London Dioceses

As schools return after the October half-term, pray for churches who are seeking to grow their relationship with local primary schools. Give thanks for the openness many children have towards the gospel and the exciting opportunity churches have in partnering with schools.

Pray for Anna Shaw, School Ministry Development Officer, as she runs training for church leaders and headteachers to help develop flourishing partnerships.

Pray that the CPAS school ministry grant and residential resources would be received well and that many churches would be equipped by the new Pathways course which began in October.

2. Vacant, Eccleston Team.

3. Dan Leathers, Haydock St Mark.

4. Vacant, Parr [St Peter].

5. Onsite **PCC Training Day** in Chesham, led by CPAS Leadership team.

6. Vacant, St Helens Town Centre Team.

7. Jamie Mulvaney, Chester Square St Michael with St Philip.

8. Hannah Leaf, newly appointed CPAS Communications and Fundraising Administrator.

9 – 15 November

Supporters Considering Making a Gift to CPAS in Their Will

This Remembrance week, we give thanks for the incredibly generous supporters who have remembered CPAS in their Will. We know that over the last five years, this generosity has impacted thousands of lives through CPAS' ministry.

Please pray for all those who are currently thinking about, or have decided, to mention CPAS in their Will. We ask that God continues to provide generously for them and care for them, protecting their health and families, nurturing their faith, and making it possible for them to fulfil their intentions.

So much of our work only happens because supporters make generous gifts. We pray that everyone within CPAS may be good stewards of any gifts made, ensuring they are used wisely.

On each day this week, we pray we pray for continued generosity to enable the planned work in 2027 that will be funded by Wills:

9. **Falcon holidays:** that we can offer 100 subsidised places for children from disadvantaged backgrounds to attend a Falcon.
10. **Venture holidays:** that we can offer 49 fully funded Venture bursary places.
11. **Venture holidays:** that we can subsidise a further 165 places this year.
12. **Patronage appointments:** that we support the appointment of around 10 evangelical clergy to Church of England parishes.
13. **Training events and resources:** that we equip over 2,000 church leaders as they are increasingly challenged to work across multi-parish benefices.
14. **Schools ministry:** that we reach around 72 pupils with the good news of Jesus this year.
15. Pray for all those God is calling to consider this kind of giving.

16 – 22 November

CPAS Patronage Parishes in **London Diocese**

CPAS Overall Leaders

Pray for all of our dedicated volunteer Overall Leaders and the considerable work behind the scenes they do to enable holidays to take place. Pray for peace and provision as they prepare for next year's holiday season.

Particularly pray for the CPAS Overall Leaders Conference (20-21 November), that this would be a time of refreshment, encouragement and shared training as holiday leadership teams gather to pray, worship and plan for 2027.

Pray for the CPAS Holidays team and co-ordinators, as they do critical work behind the scenes to prepare for bookings opening in the new year.

16. **Natasha Woodward**, Paddington (St Mary Magdalene) (St Peter).

17. **Alastair Thom**, West Kilburn St Luke and Emmanuel Harrow Road.

18. **Caroline Titley**, Barnsbury St Andrew with Church on the Corner.

19. Vacant, Bethnal Green St James the Less.

20. **CPAS Overall Leaders Conference** (20-21 November).

21. **Katie Brown**, newly appointed CPAS Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

22. **Peter Hughes**, Caledonian Road [All Saints]

23 – 29 November

CPAS Patronage Parishes in **London Diocese**

CPAS Patronage Churches in Vacancy

There are approximately 60 CPAS parishes in vacancy at this time. These vacancies can last months or years depending on the situation.

Pray for wisdom, provision and encouragement for the leadership teams of these parishes. Pray for strength in what can be a testing time and for them to see growth in their ministry.

Also pray for the appointment processes taking place in this time. Ask for the Holy Spirit to guide the right clergy to the right parish, and that CPAS would support all those involved.

23. **Josh Zvimba**, Dalston St Mark with St Bartholemew.

24. **CPAS Leadership training for Area Deans**.

25. **Liz Clutterbuck**, Emmanuel Hornsey Road.

26. **Matthew Seymour**, Hanley Road St Saviour.

27. **Andy Chrich**, Highbury Christ Church w St John & St Saviour.

28. **Gabriel Anstis**, Highbury New Park St Augustine.

29. **CPAS Patronage parishes** at the start of Advent.

30 November – 6 December

CPAS Patronage Parishes
London Diocese

The Big Give Christmas Challenge

From 1-8 December (starting at 12 noon), CPAS takes part in the national Big Give Christmas Challenge. Every donation made online through Big Give is doubled, making this our biggest fundraising campaign of the year.

Please give thanks for the incredible generosity of our supporters who give through their time, skills and finances to support CPAS. As we seek to raise £190,000 (our largest ever Big Give target!), please pray for God's provision, for the Fundraising and Communications team as they seek to spread the word, and that many would sow into this ministry.

30. Tamsin Merchant, Hornsey Rise St Mary.

1. CPAS Big Give Christmas Challenge opens, our largest CPAS fundraising event of the year (1-8 December).

2. James Hughesdon, Islington St Mary.

3. James Hill, Mildmay Grove St Jude and St Paul.

4. Darius Weithers, Old Ford St Paul and St Mark.

5. Darren Wolf, Spitalfields Christ Church w All Saints.

6. CPAS Digital Team as they prepare to launch new systems in 2027.

7– 13 December

CPAS Patronage Parishes in
London Diocese

Council of Reference and Trustees

Please join us in giving thanks for our Board of Trustees and Council of Reference. Their skills are such a blessing to our work. Would you bless, encourage and equip them in their work supporting CPAS with critical decisions.

Particularly pray for Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham, our Chair of Trustees and The Rt Rev Dr Matthew Porter, Chair of the Council of Reference. Would you give them and the bodies they lead wisdom, discernment and grace for the new academic year.

7. Mark Jackson, St James Clerkenwell.

8. CPAS Big Give Christmas Campaign closes.

9. Selwyn Cush Etter, Tollington Park St Mark.

10. Alexandra Lilley, Tufnell Park St George and All Saints.

11. Matthew Tinsley, Upper Holloway St John the Evangelist.

12. Paul Adlington, West Holloway St Luke.

13. CPAS Finance team, as they prepare for a busy start to 2027.

December

14 – 20 December

Online Leadership Training

CPAS Patronage Parishes in **London Diocese**

Pray for the variety of online CPAS training events that will take place in the new year, including free Lead On Live webinars, training for Area Deans, School Ministry sessions and many more.

Pray particularly for the Leading Well course beginning in January, that it would equip and encourage the ordained and lay ministers who take part in it.

Pray that these easily accessible events would be shared widely and that leaders would be blessed in their ministry.

14. **Andy Rimmer**, Barnet Christ Church South Mimms).

15. **Mark Jones** Parry, Chitts Hill St Cuthbert.

16. **CPAS Holidays Team** as they prepare for holiday bookings to open in the new year.

17. **Thomas Watts**, Downshire Hill St John.

18. **Francis Adu-Boachie**, Edgware Team.

19. **Jade Stanley**, Finchley St Paul and St Luke.

20. **CPAS Patronage Team** as they support appointments across the country.

21 – 27 December

New Arrow Cohort

CPAS Patronage Parishes in **London Diocese**

Join us in praying the Church of England Collect for Christmas Day:

Lord Jesus Christ,

your birth at Bethlehem

draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:

accept our heartfelt praise

as we worship you,

our Saviour and our eternal God.

Know that we are praying for you and your loved ones to have a peaceful Christmas in the light of Christ's birth.

21. **Andrew Keighley**, Hampstead Holy Trinity.

22. **Robert Thompson**, Kilburn St Mary with All Souls and Hampstead St James.

23. **Chris Green**, Muswell Hill St James & St Matthew.

24. **David Walker**, North Finchley Christ Church.

25. **For churches and Christians celebrating Christ's birth**.

26. **Catriona Laing**, West Hampstead St Cuthbert.

27. **CPAS Leadership team** as they prepare for a new term of teaching and delivery across the country.

28 December – 3 January

New Year Preparation

CPAS Patronage Parishes
London Diocese

Even though the summer holidays may feel a long time ago, crucial work is being done now by the CPAS Holidays team and Overall Leaders as they review plans, finalise admin and build their team for holidays in 2027.

Pray for the launch of our new holiday booking system, that the technological logistics would go smoothly and many more families would hear about CPAS holidays.

Also pray for Danehill New Year Venture which is taking place over the New Year (28 December – 1 January). Pray that the team leading and the young people attending would have a fantastic few days of fun, friendship and exploring life with Jesus.

28. **Danehill New Year Venture**.

29. **Alistair Tresidder**, West Hampstead St Luke.

30. **Andy Sachs**, Woodside Park St Barnabas (Finchley).

1. **Jon Tuckwell**, Enfield, Christ Church, Trent Park [Cockfosters].

2. **Archie Coates**, Brompton Holy Trinity with Onslow Square St Paul.

3. **Paul Dawson**, Chelsea St John w St Andrew.

4. For **schools, students and teachers** as many return for the Spring Term following the Christmas holidays.

‘This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.’

1 John 5:14–15

‘Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.’

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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