

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6 [NIV]



## Light up the world with prayer

Will you join us?

13th – 23rd May 2021  
[thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)

**Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Here at the CPA we have supported TKC since its start in May 2016.**

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will: Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ; Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus and Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit so that we would be effective in our witness.

Christians gather on Ascension Day to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Thy Kingdom Come continues this tradition. Over the years, more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

Friday 14th May was due to be the first day of our 2021 CPA National Conference but this was cancelled due to Covid. We will be holding an online gathering that evening and our event will include reflection on this important period of prayer as part of Thy Kingdom Come.

Thy Kingdom Come says: *"We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable. It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call"*

Archbishop Justin Welby says: *"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."*

For more details of the CPA event on 14th May please contact [www.info@cpauk.net](mailto:www.info@cpauk.net)

Join with thousands of Christians around the globe and let's light up the world in prayer!

## Book Review – "What on Earth is Heaven"

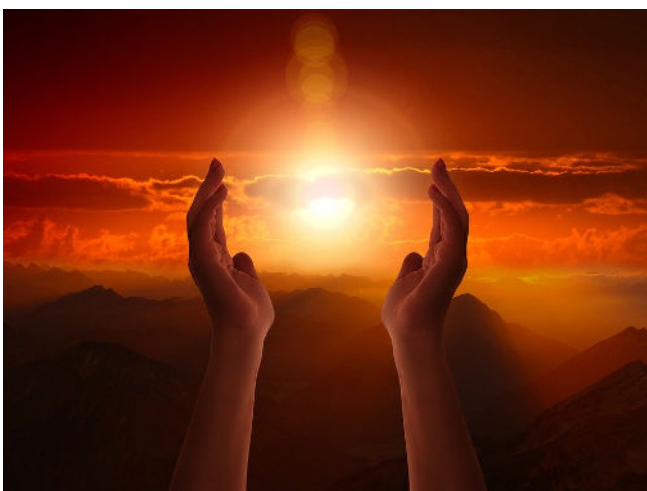
**What happens to us when we die? Will heaven be a place of fluffy clouds, angels and cherubs playing harps? Is the Christian faith just about securing a place in heaven when we die?**

In *What on Earth is Heaven?* James Paul explores the radical truth of what the Bible says about heaven and the afterlife, and its relevance for your life here and now on earth.

Unpacking the biblical story of the separation and reunion of heaven and earth, he shows that heaven isn't a place somewhere 'out there' but a dimension of reality – the dimension where God's will is done. The Good News isn't that we get to escape to heaven, but that God invites us to be a part of his plan to bring the kingdom of heaven to our square inch of the earth.

Insightful and accessible, *What on Earth is Heaven?* is a book for anyone wanting a deeper understanding of the Bible's teaching on heaven, or anyone who has wondered about the true meaning of finding heaven on earth. Life-affirming and uplifting, this book will fire your imagination as to how you can be a part of bringing heaven to the world around you.

CPA President, Deputy Chief Constable Paul Netherton **OBE** says: "*What on Earth is Heaven is a fascinating book on the nature and thinking around Heaven. Taken from a Christian perspective it highlights where some of our thinking, the pink fluffy clouds and cherubs with harps, about heaven comes from and asks how many of us really look forward to spending eternity on a cloud! This book looks at what*



*The Bible actually says and highlights the importance of the "real" heaven and asks the question as to why we would want to go there? The author, James Paul is director of the English branch of the L'Abri Fellowship. Before that he worked as a Palliative Care Consultant so was very used to talking to people about end of life and what comes next."*

Please do consider reading this excellent book. You may well find it challenging your existing perceptions of Heaven. You will, perhaps, see that Heaven is closer than you think!



## Congratulations to Alice Potter – Police Chaplain and valued CPA member

**Alice Potter recently received a letter from Her Majesty The Queen notifying her that she was a Maundy Recipient. The Queen distributes Maundy money to people who have done great work in their local communities.** This tradition goes back to 600 AD. This amazing recognition is for Alice's service as a Christian in the local community, notably with Surrey Police (Voluntary roles with Christian Police Association and The Police Chaplaincy Team) for 26 years and the Welcome Church in Woking (her work has also included Street Angels).

Her Majesty The Queen sent Alice two purses containing the Maundy Money and a personal signed letter. Normally Alice would have visited Westminster Abbey to meet the Queen, in a service that commemorates Jesus washing the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper. This is an incredible award that recognises the ongoing Service by Alice to Surrey Police and the local community.

The red purse contains the traditional sum of £5.50. In the past this was an allowance for clothing and provisions. This year the £5 coin commemorates Her Majesty's 95th Birthday and the 50 pence coin portrays the 50th anniversary of Decimal Day in 1971. The white purse contains



Maundy coins: silver pennies, twopences, threepences and fourpences; totalling 95 pence, corresponding to The Sovereign's age.

Here at CPA we add our sincere congratulations to Alice for this recognition and for all her inspiring support to Police Chaplaincy and to the CPA.

**"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. [Matthew 5 14:16]**

As we start to come out of this pandemic this passage reveals how Jesus wants his people to be the light of the world. There has never been a better chance in this generation to show the love of God. HIS "lamp" provides light and guidance, so that those who do not know Christ and the love of HIS kingdom, will be attracted to it. As Christians, God wants us to shine before others and not to conceal this light.



By displaying and allowing our lamp to shine brighter than ever before, so HIS Kingdom will be Glorified.

People are searching for answers and reassurance as they return to a normal life. We have the opportunity to be that guiding light of reassurance and salvation. Is your lamp full of the Holy Spirit so that you can be the Light to enhance our LORD's Kingdom?

(Mike Quinnell – Regional Coordinator)

## In Memoriam

In recent weeks we have prayed and reflected with the whole country following the passing of His Royal Highness, The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

We pray for Her Majesty the Queen and for the Royal Family. The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh gave a lifetime of service to his family and his country. Here at the CPA we have entered our thoughts in the online Book of Condolence that can be accessed via this link:



[The life of The Duke of Edinburgh | The Royal Family](#)

Lee Russell MA – Executive Director

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### OUR MISSION is to

- Be a National Voice for Christians in Policing.
- Encourage and support Christians in the Police Service.
- Communicate in words and action, the truth, message and hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ to colleagues and the community we serve.
- Build bridges between the Christian community and the Police.

### OUR VISION is to see

- The CPA as a national charity which actively leads on issues relevant to Christians in Policing.
- An active and growing branch of CPA in every Police Service in the UK and every Christian in the Police Service to fulfil their potential in Jesus Christ.
- Colleagues and those we serve to know Jesus Christ personally.
- Police and Churches working together in every community to reduce crime and improve quality of life.

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