

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 [NIV]

International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services

Thursday 24 June 2021



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Across the world on 24th June, first responders and supporters came together in a day of prayer for the Emergency Services, coordinated by the Christian Police Association.

The **Wave of Prayer** commenced at 0001 hours (UK time) with CPA members and as the day moved on, we continued to pray across the UK and across the world. Our partners in the International Christian Police Fellowship (ICPF) www.internationalcpf.org were instrumental in supporting this event.

Neil Collin, was our key link with the ICPF and we thank him for all his hard work in support of this day. Neil was able to link in with his ICPF colleagues across the world who sent in video messages of support for the event.

Please do watch these in the Playlist on our YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/c/ChristianPoliceAssociationUK

We were also blessed to be joined by the Christian Ambulance Association and Firefighters for Christ. We were so grateful for the support of Police Chaplains who also took part. International online events took place on the day at 12 midday (UK time) and at 7pm (UK time). This ensured both events were well attended from across the world. It really was a **Wave of Prayer** for all our amazing first responders across the world. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

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On & Off Duty

Update on Marion McCallum – as she retires from Police Scotland.

“I joined Strathclyde Police in 1988 as a 19 year old. Now 33 years later the time has come to retire from Police Scotland. It has been an absolute joy the majority of the time and I have loved providing this invaluable service to the communities in which I have worked. I will continue as a Special Constable to help ease the separation anxiety!

Having come to know the Lord later in life (in my 30's) I can't say it's always been easy and I fail constantly as a Christian. When I do get opportunities to talk to people about my faith I often say 'If God has the grace to save me, he can save anyone'. I see other Christians and wish I could be more like them but have come to realise we all have our individual gifts.

I joined the CPA when I was saved and the love and support of my fellow members has been invaluable.

I am full of admiration for all the people that do God's work so willingly and pray that this will continue through the trials, tribulations and wonderful moments of life. I have been involved in many events over the years and have met some very special people in the process.

As I step down as Treasurer for CPA Scotland I would like to thank everyone for all you do and will continue to do in the years to come. Over and out."



All the team at CPA UK and at CPA Scotland pass on our sincere thanks for all the support that Marion has given over so many years.



It is with great pleasure that CPA is able to add our congratulations to Thames Valley CPA Leader – Steve Hinds – for the Chief Constable's commendation that he recently received. It was presented by his local Commander, Michael Loebenberg (seen to the left of Steve in this image).

The Commendation reflects all the hard work that Steve has carried out in setting up the partnership between Thames Valley Police and Christians Against Poverty (CAP) as well as his support in helping other Police Force areas to set up a CAP programme. According to CAP, they have had expressions of interest from 19 Police Force areas thus far.

Well done, Steve, CAP is such a great charity to be involved with.

CPA member Shane Hughes

– a new path

Shane Hughes is a valued member of the CPA. He was a serving officer and was part of the CPA Leadership team in his local branch. Then Our LORD made a very different call on his life. Here is his story – in his own words:

“I remember briefly going to church and a bit later in my youth I found myself with a group of Christian friends in a very active and loving church. After a lot of soul searching, I professed to having a faith and got baptised. At 18 I joined the military. As I began life in the military, I realised that I had no foundation for my faith. This inevitably meant that during my 12 years, I was not ‘walking’ in the faith I had once declared and as the years went by, life was becoming more and more hectic in how I was living. My tour in Afghanistan where I was working was nearly up and I needed a change. I could not see a balance to life, I simply had no joy, no vision, no drive, no journey that I wanted to be on. After having a close call on my life, I realised I had to get back to God. I left the military, found an amazing church and began to question what God was planning for in my life.

After a very short time of serving in various ways in the church my minister asked me to start being involved in ‘up front’ preaching and leading worship. Faith was now real in my life. I joined Suffolk Constabulary just a few years later, as I thought what else does an ex-military man do but become a Police Officer.

The Police was a completely new experience for me. Over 10 years’ service I have worked in Response, Safer Neighbourhood teams, Drugs teams, the MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub), investigations and also in a Town centre team.

Since then, God has had a direct hand in directing me. My wife and I were concerned about moving away from family and friends and our kids’ school and their friends. The process of becoming a minister has two options: college based or church based. Two weeks before a deadline decision for choosing, we became aware of a small church less than two miles from where we lived, who did not have a minister. I knew some of them and they were lovely people. We met, discussed things, prayed about things and a short time later I was voted in to be their sole minister.

I now balance my life with three days training in college, three days working in the church and one day for family. I have found that my experience in both the military and the police have been put to good use, as I lead the church where God is calling us. Although there are many things I miss about the police, knowing I am where God is calling me, has been a tremendous relief. It has not been, nor is likely to be easy, but then God never said it would be. So each day, I choose whom I will serve, and I live as faithfully as I can, serving God where he calls me.



And finally - from the Director

During June we prayed for the G7 Summit which was held in Cornwall from 11th to 13th June 2021 www.g7uk.org

This was a huge Mutual Aid commitment and I know that many CPA members were involved from across our branches. We prayed that everyone remained safe. We prayed for the delegates and for all those who worked so hard on this event. Our prayers were especially with our Devon and Cornwall CPA Team, and our CPA Vice Chair of CPA Council who is Devon and Cornwall Police Officer.

It was great to meet with a CPA member at the G7 when they joined us "live" from their deployment for an online CPA branch meeting. It was a privilege to pray for them and for everyone at the G7. A number of CPA members from across the UK were able to meet up with our local Devon and Cornwall CPA team whilst on deployment at the G7.

Lee Russell MA – Executive Director



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- 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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