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One of the biggest gaps in our society right now is trust. We don't know who we can trust. Can you trust the owners of football clubs who secretly plan to start a European Super League or a Prime Minister who struggles to identify where the money came from for his home decoration? Can you trust your ambulance leaders and managers to treat you fairly, consistently and supportively? Will our friends and colleagues support us and look out for us, putting care and professionalism ahead of popularity and acceptance? When we look in the mirror, do we always see someone who can be relied upon to be trustworthy with confidences and support those in need at work, at home and in society? None of us is perfect – we all get it wrong... often! Still, it's important that we keep trying to be the best we can be as we put God and others before ourselves. As Christians, we have an opportunity to lead by setting the tone, not gossiping, not divulging confidences, not treating some people better because they are more popular... and when we stumble we keep going back to Jesus Christ and being ourselves, 'Lord, I messed up again.' Our foundation is unchanging – God never changes. Always trustworthy, always faithful, never rejecting us because we make a mistake or are less popular than before. As the culture in our ambulance services flexes and strains in the face of numerous pressures, on top of the daily expectation to 'rescue' people from their crises, be assured that Jesus Christ has placed you where you are to be the best you can be for those around you and to point them to Him for everything else. Take care.



**Simon King CAA Chair**

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# ESiP 2021



**Ben  
Miller**



## A Blue Light Praise & Worship Night

We're very excited to announce that our very first event as CAA-UK is **CONFIRMED**, and is well underway in its planning stages...

The vision for hosting "*Emergency Services in Praise*" is to gather Christian colleagues from the UK's blue light Emergency Services (Ambulance, Police, Fire etc.) for a night of praising God together. After an incredibly demanding and painful year for so many people, in particular those working on the frontline, we're really praying that ESiP will be a welcomed opportunity to share fellowship after months of social-distancing, bringing refreshment to our Blue Light Family. We're passionate about welcoming God's presence and giving Him all of the glory for meeting us in the highs and lows of all we've faced – acknowledging His love, goodness and grace to us all.

**The date for ESiP 2021 is now confirmed as *TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, between 7.00pm - 9.30pm***, with the plan to coincide this between the two days of the Emergency Services Show, being held at the Birmingham NEC - which many of our Blue Light colleagues will be attending. Our venue for ESiP is currently TBC, but is likely to be in the immediate vicinity around the Birmingham NEC. We're just agreeing the final arrangements this week, so we hope to have more details for you very soon!

We've reached out to our Blue Light partners and several local organisations to invite them to join us in planning this event, but we'd also be immensely grateful for your support too!

ESiP  
2021



Ben  
Miller



## A Blue Light Praise & Worship Night

The first thing we'd ask is that you put this date in your diaries, and do your best to support this event in person if you can! We'd love to see the room packed, and this is a great opportunity to invite friends and colleagues to join us up in Birmingham for a night of praise, worship, testimonies and celebration. This might mean you need to book some annual leave if you're working, or maybe arrange a babysitter, or maybe book yourself a train ticket – we'll leave that bit up to you.

It would be great to see our Blue Light Family coming together in person, and it won't be the same without you!

For all those who recently responded to our request for a "Provisional Commitment" – thank you! It's been really helpful to gauge some initial interest in this event. And thank you for your patience with us whilst we've been collating your responses. **We now need you to keep the date free**, and as soon as the ticket link becomes available in the next week or so, **please do sign up**.

The second thing we'd ask is that you'd **join us in prayer**. We're confident that if God has called us to this ministry, and has provided us with the opportunity to honour Him through ESiP, then we can expect great & wonderful things as we gather together in His presence. We need God's hand and guidance over everything involved with this event, and as a Planning Team, we'd be really grateful for your prayers as we make decisions to bring everything together over the coming months.

# ESiP 2021



## A Blue Light Praise & Worship Night

Thirdly, and finally, in our recent email to members asking for a “Provisional Commitment” to support the event, some of you have kindly pledged yourselves to **financially support** the cost of us hosting this event. Thank you so much again for that! If you’ve pledged some financial support, or would like to financially support this event, then here’s how: *simply click on the CAA-UK’s “GIVE” button (on the left of the page) if you’re viewing this Newsletter electronically, or use our bank details for a BACS transfer as follows:*

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**Please do remember to mark your donations with the reference of “ESiP” if you can!**

Keep your eyes peeled for our ESiP Press Release and on our social media channels over the next few weeks about where you can purchase your *FREE* ticket to this event. We can’t wait to worship God together with you on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021!

For all **ESiP Event Ticket & Information** requests, please contact [info.esip@caauk.org](mailto:info.esip@caauk.org)

To contact the **ESiP Event Planning Team**, or to volunteer to help in any way, email [esip@caauk.org](mailto:esip@caauk.org)

**Every day,  
before I enter my  
ambulance station,  
I wait in the car  
and pray asking  
God to help me  
through  
the day**



**Simon Linton  
Paramedic  
Team Leader**



## **The Paramedic who finds ‘Hope’ in prayer on the Covid-19 frontline**

Simon Linton is a Paramedic Team Leader for South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. Despite having Covid-19 and battling increasing work pressures, Simon’s faith has actually been strengthened.

He said: “Prayer is such an effective and powerful blessing which I am so blessed to have. I find prayer to really focus my mind during such difficult times which gives me hope that my future is safe in God’s hands.

“This has given me such an increased level of peace. I would say that Covid has deepened my faith as it has challenged me to read His Word more and I have had a greater understanding about his promises for me.”

Unwell for three weeks in March-April last year, Simon has seen increasing numbers of patients needing help.

“Since returning to work my workload has significantly increased in terms of the number of patients that I attend, the increased support required for my team members and the increased pressures placed on my workplace,” he said.

“With all these pressures that have increased it has been noted that more people have required additional emotional support.”

Simon is responsible for a team of 20 paramedics, emergency care assistants, as well as students.

A member of a Pentecostal Assembly he previously said as part of the ‘Time To Pray’ and ‘Everyday Faith’ campaign on Twitter: “Every day, before I enter my ambulance station, I wait in the car and pray asking God to help me through the day.”

Luke 3: 10-11

“What shall we do then”

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## A Few Words to Say “Thank You”

‘I can’t thank you enough for your kind gift.

My dad left this world with no money or life’s insurance so I know that the gift I have received from CAA and it’s members, will help towards my lovely dad’s funeral.

I feel so bad accepting. I struggle accepting help from people and I can’t thank you enough.’

*What should we do then?” the crowd asked. John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same”*

Luke 3: 10-11

The response from one of our members, shows just one way in which we can support others. It is through your generosity that we are able to reach out to those who are in need.

You may know someone who themselves are struggling. Do we turn a blind eye or do we reach out and embrace them.?

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**Sheila  
Wilson-Glean**



**Operations  
Administrator**



**A Personal Testimony**

I must admit that I was shocked when CAA asked me to write my testimony for the newsletter.

My name is Sheila Wilson-Glean, born and raised in London, originally from Jamaica. My mother came to England pregnant in the late 50s as many thought the streets of London were paved with gold so to speak, with the intention to return rich, but life was hard leaving my father behind with my two older siblings.

I was brought up in a Christian home, a sheltered life. I asked Jesus into my life at the age of 11 after listening to the morning devotions at a Baptist youth camp of the church I was attending where I learned there was a heaven and hell, the way to avoid hell was to ask Jesus into your heart and live according to his word the Bible. This was the reason I become a Christian, since then, I have grown to know it is a whole lot more as it is about having a relationship with Jesus who enables us to live according to his word by his Holy Spirit.

My dad died when I was eleven, so I was brought up as a single parent child with my mum. When I was five, my older sister came to England, my brother came to the shore but was unable to enter the country due to unknown reasons but although sad it was all part of God's plan as on returning onto the ship to Jamaica, he became suicidal but someone was there to encourage him to give his life to Jesus. Today he is a Pastor and overseer of 12 churches in Jamaica and one in Cayman Island.

I came to live in Peterborough in 1977 with my mother via Peterborough development corporation as we were living in a one room apartment. My sister chose to stay in London because of work and friends, she only gave her life to Jesus ten years ago, when housebound due to arthritis, but all in God's timing as an answer to our late mother's prayer.

After my mother died, I attended another church but being very vulnerable fell into a relationship with an older man whom I later married. We were both asked to leave the church as this was breaking one of the ten commandments. So we attended another church for a few years, were re-baptised, but my late husband missed the way of worship.

**Whatever work**

**I do,  
I do it  
to the glory  
of God**

**Matthew 5: 16**



Over a period of time, we went back to the same church where I have been a Sunday school teacher, and to date, an assistant church Secretary also leader of our intercessory prayer meetings held on Saturday mornings. The Lord's prayer says we should forgive each other, and it should be in the heart of every believer. There is no perfect church or person, but as true Christians we are on a journey to our heavenly home.

As with any club or group or even place of work we must attend regularly to be counted as an effective member, otherwise we lose our membership or job. The Bible says we should not neglect meeting together.

I had a few jobs as a houseparent and as a shop assistant and a catering assistant. My previous job before coming to the Trust in 2003, was working with deaf/blind adults which was becoming quite challenging for me. The government was giving free computer classes which I took not knowing this would be helping me to get the job I have now as admin. After going to the local job center, they gave me a number to call and the first job I saw I applied, got an interview and the job and have been here ever since. I enjoy every single moment and the many changes although some were not so pleasant at the time. It took me a while to get to grips with learning all the names and mastering the scheduling system (GRS) and the many jobs we do. I feel this is where God wants me to be. I have become known as a super user who gets the work done.

**Whatever work I do, I do it to the glory of God (Matt 5:16).**

I am not perfect as I say and do the wrong things because I am human, but our God is a forgiving God, and he has never disappointed me, I know all things work together for good to those who love God. Our faith should be who we are. You cannot separate faith from your way of living. I am not so good at communicating my faith as I should or would like to, although most people are aware. I seek to live in a way that speaks about my faith.

As the saying goes action speaks louder than words. I trust and pray this testimony helps someone to have a relationship with Jesus who loves you.

## Volunteering Opportunities We Need Your Help

...and from our  
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**Andrew  
Buchanan**

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### **We Need Your Help!**

As CAA continues to grow, then so does the workload increase for us to make things happen! Whilst many tasks would mean a commitment of an hour of your time each week, it is those 'smaller' tasks that get pushed aside, as the responsibilities lay with just a few of the members. At the risk of sounding cliché – "many hands make light work".

Currently we need members to join our Central Leadership Team, leading and planning next steps for CAA. If this volunteer role could be for you, please send an expression of interest (no more than 500 words) to [contact@caauk.org](mailto:contact@caauk.org) no later than Sunday 13th June.

We also need help with staffing our stand at the Emergency Services Show and making Emergency Services in Praise (ESiP) happen.

For a conversation about how you could help in CAA, please contact us by emailing [contact@caauk.org](mailto:contact@caauk.org).



### **Thank You!**

Once again, thank you to those who have donated directly to CAA either through the 'CAF' account or via [give.net](http://give.net). It is through your generosity that we are able to proceed on a number of initiatives that will further the development of CAA.

The accounts for 2020/2021 will be available to members prior to the AGM. Going into 2021/2022, major expenditure will be developing our new website, establishing a robust membership database as well as attending the Emergency Services Show (ESS2021) and hosting Emergency Services in Praise (ESiP).

It is through careful administration of that which we have been entrusted, that we will honour and respect that requirement to be good stewards as we use these donations wisely.

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**“This time  
I listened to God  
nudging me  
forward”**



**Adam  
Castelov-Sturges**

**Regional  
Coordinator**

**South East**



## **Regional Update—East**

I’m Adam, a paramedic with SECamb. Over the past year I’ve been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable in regard to Covid, therefore spent large amounts of time re-assigned from home, away from my frontline role.

During this time, I’ve had opportunity to reflect and felt God calling me to serve him more fully in my career (I’d been more work-focused than God-focused).

I’d seen Simon’s email some time ago asking for a regional lead for the South East and thought “what a great opportunity for someone (else) to serve God in SECamb”. A fair amount of time past by and Simon sent an email out again, to say that the South East was the only region still without a coordinator – this time I listened to God nudging me forwards. I gave time and prayer, before taking on the role of South East regional lead.

Since then, I’ve been astounded by the uptake in CAA membership across SECamb. Even without physical fellowship with Christian colleagues, God has encouraged people in the South East to reach out and find the CAA (some through bulletin advertisements, others coming across CAA on social media).

Now returning to my frontline role, I am excited for the growth and opportunities God will provide for CAA in SECamb.

Despite the challenging times, we can find rest in God’s word: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NIV). Take care and God bless.

**[southeast@caauk.org](mailto:southeast@caauk.org)**



*“I will never leave  
you; never will I  
forsake you.”*  
[Hebrews 13:5]



**Regional  
Coordinator**

**London**



## Regional Update—London

A big hello from all of us here in London! A short update for you all... We continue to meet as a group via Zoom once a month for social and devotional times together, but we're also really looking forward to meeting face-to-face again once restrictions lift. Traditionally we've hosted 'picnics in the park' during the summer months in London, and God-willing, we *may* even be able to get back to that again this year! Thanks to all of you who have covered the LAS in prayer over the past year, particularly when we faced some pretty 'busy' moments that really stretched us as a Trust.

COVID-19 Operational pressures have noticeably subsided during recent months, but the LAS continues to see a relatively steady daily call volume - especially since Lockdown restrictions have begun to lift. I'm so aware that the past year has been mentally, physically, emotionally and even spiritually exhausting for us all; it can be difficult to sum up what it's been like for each person working and living through the pandemic – the effects of which may only become apparent over the coming months and years. We've experienced the personal loss of loved ones within our families, within the LAS and within CAA-London. It's at these times we truly appreciate the value of a community like CAA to journey with – sharing the ups and downs of life in the workplace, pointing one another towards the love of Jesus, and feeling supported to 'bring our whole-selves' to work with us. God's promise to each of us, as He works through His people, remains unchanged: *“...I will never leave you; never will I forsake you.”* [Hebrews 13:5]

## Regional Update—London (continued)

**Promoting  
'Equality',  
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One of the biggest updates from CAA-London is that we've recently been able to establish a closer link with the LAS Equality, Diversity and Inclusion team. This has been a real answer to prayer, and a great opportunity for our workplace Christian group to reach more colleagues within the LAS. Aware of the independence that CAA-UK already has, we've been really grateful to receive a warm welcome to partner with this team, whilst also being granted the freedom to operate as we feel led by God. Our primary focus remains to promote the values of CAA-UK within our local region; we're still regularly receiving new membership requests from staff within the Service off the back of this new partnership & we hope to consider partnering with local churches across the City over the coming months.

God's kindness in helping us to remain faithful and uncompromising to His Word - whilst also sharing our platform with other staff support networks - has been a real blessing that we don't want to take for granted! CAA-London has also been invited to participate in a Multi-Faith Network within the LAS. The plans for this still appear to be in their infancy, but joining a MFN with other faith-based groups may become a way in which we show our support for ED&I, whilst also having a platform of our own to provide Christian faith-based support for colleagues. We remain prayerful about this future partnership and look forward to sharing more with you in the near future.

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## **Regional Update—London (continued)**

As part of the LAS Equality, Diversity & Inclusion team, we've now been afforded our own opportunities to share information with our colleagues about how the CAA is there to support them. This has broadened our reach within the Trust, and has in turn, given us "a microphone" to speak up on behalf of Christian colleagues in our profession. In an organisation as diverse as LAS, the importance of promoting 'Equality', respecting 'Diversity' and facilitating 'Inclusion' is a responsibility that everyone shares, and so at the start of April, CAA-London was given a chance to share what Easter means to us as Christian colleagues. This was an unreserved opportunity to share the Gospel message with thousands of staff through an article on our intranet page – as after all, the Easter message is also the backdrop for why we follow Jesus in the first place! We received some positive feedback from this, and look forward to being able to share more with colleagues in the months ahead.

As a Regional team here in London, we're looking forward to how God wants to work in and through us a group over the remainder of 2021, and remain ready to support one another in whichever ways we can.

***Ben Miller CAA-London Regional Coordinator***

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**‘Thanks for standing with our students going through exams in the near future’**



**Dan Beattie  
Student Lead**



## **Student Lead Update**

'Hi All hope everyone is keeping well. Exciting stuff coming up in student-land. We have now got a list of students and buddies across the country who we have paired up. We are now in the process of sending out emails to connect our students to their buddies within the organisation.

If anyone would like to be a buddy or if any students would be interested in having a buddy within the CAA, please get in contact at [students@cauk.org](mailto:students@cauk.org).

I would also be so appreciative of prayers for our students going through exams in the near future. Thanks again for standing with our students in prayer this past season, I'm personally really excited to see what God is doing and going to do through our students.

Kind Regards,  
Dan Beattie (CAA Student Rep)

**Please continue to pray for our students**

**We produce a monthly prayer diary and we would be so happy to include you on our mailing list.**

**[contact@cauk.org](mailto:contact@cauk.org)**

**[students@cauk.org](mailto:students@cauk.org)**

If any Student members would like to help us at the Emergency Services Show or Emergency Services in Praise in September, we would love to see you there. You can find more details on pages 2 and 13.



*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” (Philippians 4 verse 6)*

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Stand V26



# Stand V26

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# Stand V26

This is the second time we're at ESS and we'd love you to join us, either helping out on our stand at V26 or just coming along for the day and saying hello.

**Emergency Services Show**—Can you help? We are looking for members to represent CAA at the event as well as coordinating or at least, taking some of the pressure off those who are actively involved in the logistical aspects of attending the show. Are you able to give a little of your time if so, then please do contact [scotland@caauk.org](mailto:scotland@caauk.org).

Support is also welcome for the **Emergency Services in Praise** event **ESiP** so again, if you are able to help please contact [london@caauk.org](mailto:london@caauk.org).



#### Not a member yet?

It's free to join so if you or a friend wants to join us simply fill in the form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBPM5Xn05Up8dmzlr18-Bw9mkdR8GmRIY8zNV-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBPM5Xn05Up8dmzlr18-Bw9mkdR8GmRIY8zNV-03wMVLOOGA/viewform)

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or email us at [members@caauk.org](mailto:members@caauk.org)

## Getting to Know Your Trustees

**I have had  
enough Lord  
I Kings 19 v4**



**Pete Davison**



### **Getting to know your Trustees Pete Davison**

Hi CAA colleagues, my name is Pete Davison and I work as a Paramedic at Clacton-on-Sea for the East of England Ambulance Service. It was a tremendous encouragement to me, a few years ago when I heard about the idea to set up the CAA and then Simon and Andrew invited me to become a Trustee. For a number of years, I felt a little like Elijah did in I Kings 19 and that I was the only Christian in the Ambulance Service, so it has been a great blessing and encouragement to find out, through the CAA, that there are hundreds more of you out there. (Thank you, Lord, for giving Simon this vision!)

I'm 62 years young and live in Walton-on-the-Naze with my wife Sandra. We have been married for 40 years and have two married daughters and 3 grandchildren. I grew up in Upminster, Greater London in a Christian home with my two sisters and brother. I thank God every day for the grounding my parents gave me in the Christian Faith and when I was 12 years old, I committed my life to Jesus Christ whilst reading a passage from Matthew 4 when Jesus called Andrew and Peter to be his disciples. I felt Jesus was talking directly to me when he said, 'Come, follow me'.

I've been fortunate to work in a variety of jobs over the years including banking, building and maintenance, charity and church work and latterly in the Ambulance Service. I am on the leadership team of Frinton Gospel Chapel, where I also worship and share in the pastoral and teaching activities.

Working with a variety of overseas development charities has taken me to many different countries around the world such as Romania, Malawi, Kenya, Brazil, India and Ecuador. These experiences also led my friend and I to set up a charity called Hand in Hand to provide educational and vocational training for children and young people living in poor communities in countries like Kenya and Brazil.



**Pete Davison**

**Trustee**

**Paramedic  
Clacton-On-Sea**



## Pete Davison (continued)

In 2015, I had the privilege of working with an NHS team during the Ebola epidemic in Africa. The Ambulance Service kindly released me to train, work and quarantine for 3 months in an Ebola treatment center in Sierra Leone. It was a desperately sad but fascinating experience.

I like to try and keep fit and enjoy most sports but particularly cycling. With various friends I have cycled Lands End to John O'Groats seven times. In 2012, we set up the Pedalling Paramedics, embarking on a number of endurance rides around the UK and abroad to raise funds for The Ambulance Charity and various other charities. I also like gardening, reading, travelling, DIY and spending time with my family and friends.

I look forward to connecting and meeting many more of you in the future as we continue to grow as a community of Christians in the ambulance service across the UK. It's an honour to work in the ambulance service and serve you through the CAA. May God bless you in all you do in His name on a daily basis within the sphere of pre-hospital care and beyond.

**Jesus was walking beside the sea of  
Galilee.**

**He saw two brothers. They were casting a  
net into the lake.**

**Jesus said "and I will send you out to fish  
for people"**

**At once they left their nets and followed  
him**





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*In Praise*

**\*\*Proposed date\*\***

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**7.30pm – venue near to Birmingham NEC**

**We need volunteers to help make this event possible.**

**Can we count on your support?**

PSALM  
GIVE thanks  
LORD, for he is good  
and endureth for ever  
redeemed of us