

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18 [NIV]

## International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services Thursday 25th June 2020

Each year the Christian Police Association coordinates a National Day of Prayer for the Police. It has been very much on our heart at the CPA to extend this National Day of Prayer to an **International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services on 25th June this year.**

Our partners in the Christian Ambulance Association, Firefighters for Christ and also the International Christian Police Fellowship will be joining with us on this day.

This day is about praying for all our emergency services, in whatever way that you pray. It is about praying for all our colleagues of all faiths and none. We will have a range of activities that day across our Christian Police Association network, and it would be great if you wanted to join with us in prayer.

If you would like to support this day, and would like to set up complementary activity within your own church, organisation or fellowship please do contact us here at the CPA. We can then share what you are doing too. You can email us at [info@cpauk.net](mailto:info@cpauk.net).

Also please look at our website ([www.cpauk.net/events](http://www.cpauk.net/events)) and on social media for further information which will be posted on the run up to, and during, this day.



**International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services**

**Thursday 25 June 2020**

We are praying for all first responders across the UK and across the world.

Please join us in prayer, at anytime, wherever you are!!!



## Noah, the Ark and the Rainbow

from Mike Quinnell – CPA Regional Coordinator



*"This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Genesis" 6 v 9*

While visiting Ipswich I took the opportunity to see the half scale version of Noah's Ark in the town's docks. Although still holding to its biblical proportions, albeit at 50%, the immense size and sheer magnitude of this structure was still quite staggering. Indeed the magnificence and significance of what Noah achieved not only physically but also spiritually can never be

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underestimated, considering as we do, how God had found favour in him during a time of great trouble on the Earth.

Noah was not only a man of strong faith but also of complete obedience to HIS word. The task God had instructed Noah to undertake would have been extremely daunting for anyone. Yet Noah never questioned or complained in what God had set before him – he simply obeyed. God had given Noah specific instructions on how the Ark was to be built, creating abundant space for the animals that would be directed on board. It is, perhaps, hard for us today to really grasp how Noah, although in a landlocked country, had still placed his total



trust in God and his purposes. And all this set against the ridicule and derision he must have suffered, from those observing what

must have appeared to be the most bizarre of undertakings.

As we continue to face these uncertain times it would be good for us to strengthen ourselves and place our complete trust and obedience in Jesus and, like Noah, do so without questioning and to be encouraging to those around us who may have fear and doubt. Ultimately, God set a new covenant with life on earth and left the enduring symbol of the rainbow to remind us!

## A Prayer

Dear Lord, Please help me, like Noah, to place total trust and confidence in you, in the sure and certain knowledge that you will always walk by my side during difficult times. I know that this may not always be easy through the indifference and challenges I may receive about my faith. However, I trust in you and pray that through your strength and purposes for my life, I can show others the true blessing of security in you and invite them to come before you on bended knee. Amen

Mike Quinnell – Regional Coordinator, North East

## Faith and Police Together

update from Marie Reavey – project lead and Chair of CPA Trustees



I really do believe that as we go forward during this crisis, Faith and Police Together can be a key part of the 'new normal'. Here in Norfolk we now have a dedicated officer tasked with engaging with all faith communities and building good relationships with churches. We can see the amount of great work that the churches are doing, and there is a real desire to ensure that we build on those contacts as we move to the recovery phase of this pandemic.

### We seek your prayers for:

- Those suffering with Mental health challenges, particularly self-harm.
- Please pray for the safety and protection for the vulnerable victims of domestic abuse; that perpetrators to stop their abuse.
- Safety for children at risk of abuse, violence and neglect.

- Pray that criminals wanting to exploit these times would be stopped and their plans thwarted.
- Protection and wisdom for frontline officers and staff supporting our communities. Please protect them from assaults by those using Covid-19 as a weapon against them i.e. spitting and coughing at them.
- For relationships between the Police and churches at this time to strengthen and to move Faith and Police Together forward.

I pray that Faith and Police Together continues to be blessed by God to project His church into building relationships and developing the concept of local churches and Police partnering together to tackle some of the issues facing local communities. Blessings. Marie Reavey

See how churches can work with and support their local police via: [https://youtu.be/0a\\_fjyfppiE](https://youtu.be/0a_fjyfppiE) and also at [www.faithandpolicetogether.org.uk](http://www.faithandpolicetogether.org.uk)

# Crossing the Line

## John Sutherland's new Book

John Sutherland has been a member of the CPA for many years. In recent years he has spoken at CPA Leaders conference. He joined the Metropolitan Police in 1992, serving for more than 25 years until his retirement in 2018. Having won the Baton of Honour as the outstanding recruit in his training school intake, he rose through the ranks to become a highly respected senior officer. During his career, he worked in a variety of roles across the Capital, both in uniform and as a detective. He is an experienced Hostage & Crisis Negotiator and Premier League Football Match Commander. His last operational posting was as the Borough Commander for Southwark.

John is the author of the Sunday Times bestseller, *'Blue: A Memoir'*, which tells the remarkable stories of his policing life and describes his battle with crippling depression. His second book, *'Crossing the Line'* has just been published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson in May 2020.

### A Summary Of Crossing The Line

As a society, we are captivated by policing; we watch police procedurals and fly-on-the-wall documentaries and absorb the headlines on the rolling news. Yet how much do we really know about the world that policing inhabits and reveals?

In his deeply revealing new book, John Sutherland invites us to step behind the cordon tape and bear witness to the things that he has seen in his twenty-five years of service with the Metropolitan Police. Tackling ten of the biggest challenges facing society today – from alcohol abuse, drug addiction and domestic violence to

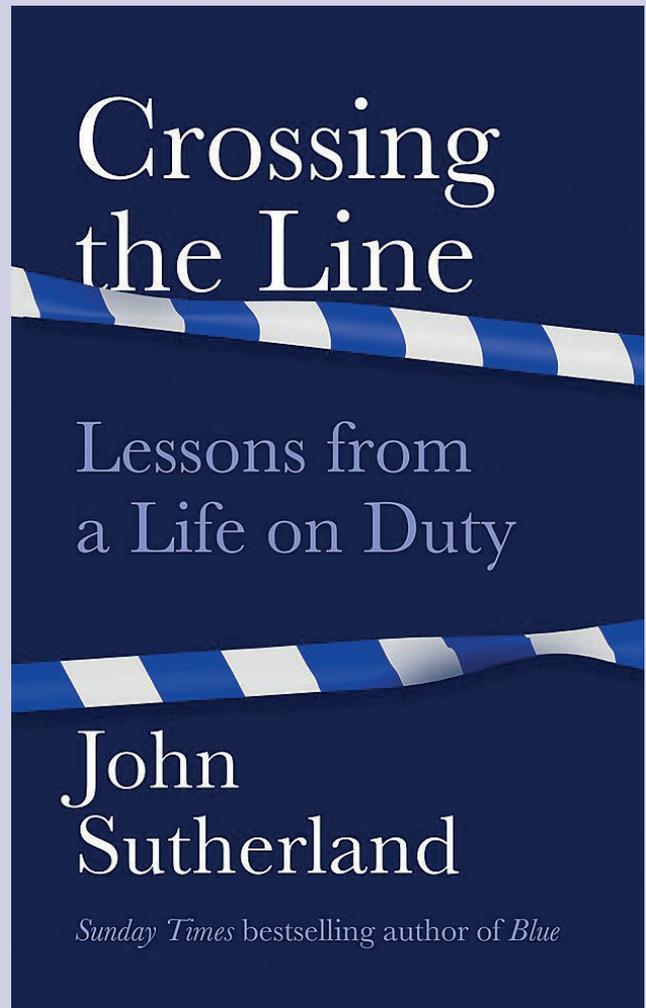


knife crime, terrorism and sexual offences – we are introduced to people who have been pushed to the limits and beyond. In doing so, we gain a clearer sense of what needs to be done to make our neighbourhoods safer and to transform the lives of those we live alongside. Eye-opening, courageous and moving, CROSSING THE LINE is a book that will change the way you see the world around you.

The CPA joined the online book launch on 20th May where John spoke to 100 guests about his experiences. We are very grateful to John for the amazing work he has carried out to encourage and support people and communities in the most difficult of times. We encourage you to read John's new book, and also to read "Blue" if you haven't already.

John is also active via his blog [policecommander.wordpress.com](http://policecommander.wordpress.com) and also on Twitter: [@policecommander](https://twitter.com/policecommander)

Crossing the Line can be purchased via <http://smarturl.it/CTLJohnSutherland>



## ... and finally from the Director

We remain in unprecedented times. As we look towards the International Day of Prayer for the Emergency Services on 25th June (see page 1), please do take time to pray – it is one thing that the coronavirus restrictions cannot prevent us from doing! Prayer is essential to our faith and is good for our spiritual health and well-being.

I have been so encouraged when seeing all the activity that our local CPA Branch Leaders are still carrying out, all of which have been in compliance with the current restrictions. I will bring further updates on this activity to you in the coming months.

Please do continue to pray for your Police. As with all our emergency service colleagues, they are on the frontline, 24/7 protecting our communities.

*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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