



**CROMERCHURCH**  
transforming lives with Jesus Christ

## **Prayer Diary - February 2021**

*Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on Cromer.  
Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on the Church.  
Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on me. Amen.*

**This month's diary reflects the changes caused by the coronavirus pandemic at the time of writing. Please check the Weekly Update for up-to-date news.**

**Sunday worship continues at 10.30am on the Cromer Church YouTube channel, accessed in the normal way.** (Either use this link: [www.youtube.com/channel/UC0ySrZRXcovTLvIL136AHuQ/](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0ySrZRXcovTLvIL136AHuQ/) and click the "Subscribe" button to get to the CromerChurch channel, or go to YouTube and search for 'Cromer Church'.)

**Morning Prayer continues to be streamed on the Cromer Church Facebook page at 9.30am on weekdays.**

### **PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY**

*Please check weekly publicity for details and updates, especially if restrictions change. If events start happening, they will need prayer support.*

*This month's mission focus is Canaan.*

*See below for all mission partner requests.*

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| <b>Mon 1</b> | <i>The persecuted church (see below)</i>   |
| <b>Tue 2</b> | <i>7.45 Christianity Explored (week 3)<br/>Mission Partner: Andrew and Maria Leake</i> |
| <b>Wed 3</b> | <i>Those living in poverty or under oppression or fear of abuse</i>                    |
| <b>Thu 4</b> | <i>Mission Partner: Bible Society</i>  |

- Fri 5**      *The broadcasting media and their influence*
- Sat 6**      *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan*
- Sun 7**      10.30 am Worship (on YouTube)  
Theme: John 6v35-59 - I will raise you up  
Preacher: Tim Britton  
*Our church leaders; other local church leaders*
- Mon 8**      *Mission Partner: CPAS*
- Tue 9**      7.45 Christianity Explored (week 4)  
*Those suffering from or worried about unemployment*
- Wed 10**     *Mission Partner: London City Mission*
- Thu 11**     *Those who have been bereaved*
- Fri 12**     *School staff and pupils - half term is supposed to start today*
- Sat 13**     *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan*
- Sun 14**     10.30 am Worship (on YouTube)  
Theme: John 15v1-17 - I will remain in you  
Preacher: Will Warren  
*Our church leaders; our small group leaders*
- Mon 15**     *The vaccination programme here and abroad*
- Tue 16**     7.45 Christianity Explored (week 5)  
*Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor*
- Wed 17**     Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)  
*Pray for Christian endurance and perseverance, with hope*
- Thu 18**     *Mission Partner: Prison Fellowship*
- Fri 19**     *Environmental concerns*
- Sat 20**     *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan*
- Sun 21**     10.30 am Worship (on YouTube)  
Theme: Luke 18v18-30 - Your money and your life: The rich ruler  
Preacher: Will Warren  
*Our church leaders; our national church leaders*
- Mon 22**     *Mission Partner: Scripture Union*
- Tue 23**     7.45 Christianity Explored (week 6)  
*Our government*

- Wed 24**     *Peace and security in our world*
- Thu 25**     *Mission Partner: Tearfund*
- Fri 26**     *Medical staff and emergency teams*
- Sat 27**     *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan*
- Sun 28**     10.30 am Worship (on YouTube)  
Theme: Luke 19v1-10 - Your money and your life: Zacchaeus  
Preacher: David Masters  
*Our church leaders; our Bishops and Archdeacons*

**The persecuted church: North Korea** (Contact: Ken Nash)

North Korea is the most dangerous country in the world in which to be a Christian. Christians are regarded as enemies of the state. If a believer is discovered, they are arrested, tortured and sent to a labour camp, where most die.

But give thanks that the country's borders are slowly beginning to open up. This means that contacts in China are able to make many deliveries to secret believers. Pray that deliveries will pass safely through checkpoints and reach those in greatest need.

*Open Doors*

## **MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Andrew Leake (CMS/Compassion International)** (Contact: David Leake)

Andrew writes:

- COVID-19 is now spreading among the indigenous communities in the Diocese. Restrictions in some regions have meant poor families have not been receiving government subsidies, leading to protest, followed by violent repression by police. Pray for the affected communities and for justice to prevail.
- Pray for our children as they seek to move forward with their work and studies in the midst of the uncertainties caused by the pandemic. Pray specifically for Cecilia who aims to travel to Madrid in February to undertake a masters in constitutional law and human rights. She is still waiting for her visa!

- The government of Salta is issuing a torrent of permits for farmers to deforest to make way for cattle grazing. Pray for Andrew and his colleagues as they seek to raise awareness and put pressure on the authorities to protect the remaining forest of the Chaco region.

### **Bible Society** (Contact: David Orsborne)

Please give thanks and pray for the work of Bible Society. Contact David Orsborne or discover more at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-Br9p4AovE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-Br9p4AovE), find prayer resources at [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us) or get Word in Action and Prayer in Action from [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action).

This month, please pray:

- for the success of ‘An Invitation to Hope: Mission through Prayer and Lament’, an event taking place online on 9<sup>th</sup> February, and bringing together Christian leaders to pray, reflect and ask, ‘what is God saying to us?’ in our current circumstances.  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/an-invitation-to-hope-mission-through-prayer-and-lament](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/an-invitation-to-hope-mission-through-prayer-and-lament))
- for our local Open the Book teams, that they will find effective ways to continue their important work of telling Bible stories in schools this term. ([www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book))
- for Bible Society’s work across the world, especially in those places where climate change, war, terrorism, disease, poverty, ethnic violence or civil unrest threaten lives and livelihoods and hamper the work of translation, distribution and Bible teaching.  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/what-we-do/around-the-world](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/what-we-do/around-the-world))
- that Andrew Ollerton’s book, *The Bible: A Story That Makes Sense of Life* ([www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9781529327007](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9781529327007)) will be widely read, and help many people understand and respond to the message of the Bible. You can also watch a short promotional video at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhxbsWmRSKY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhxbsWmRSKY).
- that God will show us all how we can support Bible Society, whose website says: “Bringing the Bible to life in today’s world is a big undertaking and we need your help.” Bible Society is passionate about making the Bible available to men, women and children around the world, and there are lots of ways to get involved. Please ask God to show you what that might look like for you.  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved))

## **Canaan Christian Centre** (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

This month:

- we continue to distribute food to our families each month, which they appreciate. This month we are enclosing a book for each child and a snowman craft activity!
- Huge bills are waiting to be covered: Insurance for Canaan, over £2,000 plus; £600 for mini-bus service, MOT, new battery etc. God always supplies but sometimes it's a bit hairy!
- Continue to pray for Hungary friends at the orphanage and Kanaan Haz.
- Pray that we will all be kept safe and well.

## **CPAS** (Contact: Jane Loades)

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you." Ephesians 1:18

- Please pray for the online Leadership Courses that are taking place. Prayer and church growth go hand in hand.
- Pray too that churches will continue to be "pathways of faith" for those who don't know Christ.

## **London City Mission** (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

We all continue to pray for fresh hope from God this year although no one has any idea what it will hold across the world. Let us join LCM in praying that it will be a year when many desperate people in London will find the Lord Jesus as friend and Saviour!

Please keep praying:

- for wisdom for the leadership to place missionaries in the ministries where there is most need;
- for new Christians to be linked up with good churches who will nurture them to Christian maturity;
- for those running food banks to share the love of Jesus with the many needy folk facing extreme poverty;
- for those running Webber Street homeless centre to build fruitful friendships with the guests as they offer practical help despite the

limitations that exist to the way such help can be given at present due to Covid;

- for wisdom to carry on with the ongoing work of evangelism despite the continuing challenges that Covid presents and the constantly changing guidelines from the Government;
- for wisdom to deal with the tension between the plans to recruit more missionaries this year despite the current financial restraints;
- for all the missionaries to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus throughout this year, and to know His peace, protection and perseverance.

‘Cast all your care on Him for He cares for you.’ (1 Peter 5:7).

### **Michelle Proctor (SIM)** (Contact: Tim Britton)

This month Michelle writes:

- Pray that as the number of COVID cases rise in the hospital our staff would be protected and that we would have a plentiful and continuous supply of PPE to keep our staff safe.
- Pray for a number of our students and staff that have COVID that they would recover fully.
- Praise for the arrival of a new doctor and pray for her as she adjusts to life and medicine here.
- Pray for me as my colleague is on leave and I am doing extra anaesthesia duties including more on call. Pray for quiet nights and stamina to do the work.

### **Prison Fellowship** (Contact: Janet Rosier)

This month:

- Give thanks for compilers of the weekly Bible Studies that are distributed in prisons during the lockdown. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire the writers and that through the studies the Bible will come alive and will encourage, challenge and help many prisoners.
- Give thanks that Prayer Line - a ministry of Prison Fellowship, which is easily accessible to prisoners, with their requests then being prayed for by volunteers countrywide - is increasingly being used by prisoners. Give thanks for many answers to prayer.

- February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day. Pray for couples who are separated because one of them is in prison. Pray for healing and reconciliation where there has been hurt, and for hope and the commitment to build a strong and lasting relationship on release.
- It is a month until Mothers' Day. Pray that many young offenders will fill out an Angel Tree application form to send a gift and card to their mothers. Pray too for the Angel Tree co-ordinators as they collect applications in and safely send these cards. Young offenders, especially lads, feel very deeply that they have let their mother down and caused her great unhappiness. May this contact be a means to show their love and often regret for their actions.

### **Scripture Union** (Contact: David Orsborne)

'Connecting You' is Scripture Union's supporter magazine, with news and daily prayer requests to support their exciting and vital work. Contact David Orsborne for a copy or get it, and other prayer resources, at [content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer). This month:

- please thank God for *It's Your Move*, which has been given to more than 1.6 million children since 2001. Pray for churches and other organisations as they make plans to use it in 2021 to reach out and give confidence to Year 6 pupils to make the move to secondary school. ([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/its-your-move](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/its-your-move))
- as writers of Bible Reading Guides work on notes for 2022, please pray that they will know God's inspiration, and pray that those who use the guides (either in print or on Word Live) will draw closer to God and catch His heart for mission. ([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/bible-reading](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/bible-reading))
- following the launch of the Revealing Jesus mission framework, please pray that many churches will be able to recruit passionate, volunteer 'Faith Guides' to walk with children and young people from 'the 95' on their journey of faith and for the development of 'Grow Communities' to provide opportunities for them those they've been journeying with to meet regularly with their peers, to worship and grow together. ([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesus](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesus))
- please give thanks that, for more than 150 years, Scripture Union has been inviting children, young people and adults to explore the difference Jesus can make in the challenges and adventures of life. Please continue to support them, and pray that 2021 will be a year in which their work makes a great impact for God's kingdom. ([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/what-we-do](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/what-we-do))

**Tearfund** (Contacts: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

This month:

- **PLEASE PRAY:** Five years ago, at a climate summit, the Paris agreement came into being. However, despite promises, the world just kept getting warmer. Fires, failed crops, hurricanes and floods have followed. The poorest communities suffer the most.
- **PRAISE GOD,** this year has seen progress with extra World Bank investment, the UK government signing up to net-zero by 2050 and Boris Johnson announcing “a green industrial revolution” as part of the Covid 19 recovery plan.
- **PRAISE GOD:** three hugely polluting countries have committed to becoming net-zero. They include China and Japan, and Joe Biden has recommitted the USA.
- **PLEASE PRAY:** Please pray with urgency for progress to be made at the Climate Summit at the end of 2021. This was postponed due to the Pandemic. The lowering of emissions due to grounded flights and less traffic through lockdown, needs to be sustained for over a decade.

**WE HAVE A GREAT AND POWERFUL GOD.** “The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” Psalm 24 v1

Please send prayer requests for March to Tim Britton  
by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.