



**CROMERCHURCH**  
transforming lives with Jesus Christ

## **Prayer Diary - June 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 services will be a traditional Holy Communion service at 8.45am and an informal service at 10.30 am** (with Communion on the first Sunday of each month), **both in the Parish Church. Both services will be streamed on the Cromer Church YouTube channel, accessed in the normal way.** (Go to YouTube and search for 'Cromer Church'.)

### **PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE**

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

*This month's mission focus is the London City Mission.*

*See below for all mission partner requests.*

- Tue 1**      *The Covid pandemic in this country and abroad*
- Wed 2**      *Mission Partner: Andrew and Maria Leake*
- Thu 3**      *The world's environment*
- Fri 4**      *The persecuted church (see below)*

- Sat 5** 10am World Environment Day prayer in the churchyard  
*Tomorrow's worship and teaching (Theme: 2 Chronicles 36 - An end and an exile. Preacher: Will Warren); London City Mission*
- Sun 6** Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 and on YouTube)  
*Our church leaders; our small group leaders*
- Mon 7** *Children and teachers returning to school*
- Tue 8** *Mission Partner: Bible Society*
- Wed 9** Standing and Finance Committee, and the Mission Leadership Team (MLT), meet today  
*All planning for outreach events for this summer. (See MLT below)*
- Thu 10** *Mission Partner: CPAS*
- Fri 11** Family Fun Day planning meeting  
*Those who are looking for work or for a change of employment*
- Sat 12** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching (Theme: Ezra 1 and 2 - The return. Preacher: Paul Rosier); London City Mission*
- Sun 13** Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 and on YouTube)  
*Our church leaders; our national church leaders*
- Mon 14** *Mission Partner: Canaan*
- Tue 15** *Our prime minister and the government*
- Wed 16** *Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor*
- Thu 17** *The armed forces*
- Fri 18** Ben and Kate move in  
*Residents and staff of care homes*
- Sat 19** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching (Theme: Ezra 3 - Discouragement comes. Preacher: Will Warren); London City Mission*
- Sun 20** Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 and on YouTube)  
*Our church leaders; our Bishops and Archdeacons*
- Mon 21** *World peace*
- Tue 22** *Mission Partner: Prison Fellowship*
- Wed 23** *The P.C.C. and the decisions it has to make*
- Thu 24** *Mission Partner: Scripture Union*

- Fri 25**      *Ben Rogers preparing for his ordination on Sunday*
- Sat 26**      *Tomorrow's worship and teaching (Theme: Acts 12v1-11 - The great escape. Preacher: Paul Neale); London City Mission*
- Sun 27**      *Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 and on YouTube, Ben's ordination 11.30 in Norwich cathedral, also streamed.)  
Our church leaders; other local church leaders*
- Mon 28**      *Mission Partner: Tearfund*
- Tue 29**      *Local businesses*
- Wed 30**      *A closer walk with God*

**Mission Leadership Team** (Contact: Jill Boyle)

Please pray for our Wednesday morning family events this summer on 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August and 1st September. They take place on the beach, at North Lodge Park and in the Parish Church grounds. Pray that families will bring a picnic for after the event and that fellowship and the gospel can be shared. Pray for helpers to come forward for the events and for people at home to be praying.

**The persecuted church - Scotland** (Contact: Ken Nash)

In March, the Scottish Parliament passed into law the Hate Crime and Public Order Bill making it a crime to intentionally stir up hatred of certain categories of people. Many Scottish Christians expressed great concern that the Bill threatened free speech (e.g. the freedom to disagree with those who disagree with the Bible) and evangelism (e.g. calling to repentance). However, there were last-minute amendments to protect religious debate and to proclaim Christ as the only Way to salvation. A section that could have criminalised the Bible as "inflammatory material" has been removed. Nevertheless, private conversations in the home could still be counted as criminal.

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**MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

Bishop David writes:

- Please pray for Andrew Leake. Up until he now has been very committed to the whole question of Indian land rights and the care of creation. He has now accepted the challenge of an invitation from COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL to head up a new challenge which is to outline and

implement a project to care for children and how they will be affected by climate change.

- Much prayer is still needed about the continual spread of Covid-19 in Brazil and that the virus may be prevented from spreading into Argentina. Also, that South American countries may speed up their vaccination roll-out.
- Pray for the family: that Tomas may get stable work with servicing planes (work has been curtailed because planes have been grounded during the pandemic); for Cecilia now undertaking a post graduate course in Spain; that Carolina may be able to conclude her practical work and exams in her veterinary studies.
- Please pray for Bishop Nick Drayson and Catherine who, after one year's forced (Covid) stay in the UK, return to Argentina for a short period when they will be further training and guiding the two assistant Indian Bishops Mateo and Crisanto. When Bishop Nick retires, they will be fully responsible.

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

Please pray for the work of Bible Society. Get 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 David Orsborne or from [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action).

This month:

- Please join the Bible Society in Israel, the Palestinian Bible Society and the Arab Israeli Bible Society in praying for an end to the violence in the region. In issuing a call to prayer, the leaders of the three Bible Societies in the Holy Land have invited Christians everywhere to join them in 'crying out to God for mercy'.  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/bible-society-leaders-in-holy-land-call-for-prayer-as-violence-escalates](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/bible-society-leaders-in-holy-land-call-for-prayer-as-violence-escalates))
- Thank God for our Open the Book teams and pray that they will continue to find effective ways to carry on their important work of telling Bible stories in schools as lockdown restrictions ease.  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book))
- Please pray for the success of Bible Trek, a series of short films in which viewers visit Jerusalem, Galilee, Ephesus and other locations to discover the sites where famous Bible events took place. Pray particularly that the films, historical notes and reflections will help many people to

experience Bible stories in a new way and see why they matter today.  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-trek](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-trek))

- Pray that God will show us all how we can support Bible Society in their mission to “bring the Bible to life in today’s world.” Bible Society is passionate about making the Bible available to men, women and children in more than 200 countries, and there are lots of ways to get involved.  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved))

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

This month:

- Praise for volunteers! Pray on for more!
- We are hoping to have a lunch at Canaan on 24th June, it will take a lot of organising re distancing etc., but many are longing for this to happen. Pray for June and the other cooks and helpers. Pray for volunteers to get the Wolery ready and the folk who will attend.
- On Saturday 12 June we hope to have Saturday Kids Club. Pray for all the team and the organisation: it will mean in transporting a limited number of children and organising events inside and out.
- Praise we got the roof fixed and guttering all cleaned by a volunteer. Redecorating of that bedroom is next on the agenda!
- Thursday mornings finds a team of six in the garden doing a tremendous job of work, weeding, planting, etc. We have an electric sander which means preparing the play equipment and benches will be easier and painting can begin.
- Saturday 2nd July is the Canaan annual gift day which will end with a BBQ from 6-8 pm in the garden. The theme of the day will be Psalm 23.

### **CPAS**

John Dunnett, General Director of CPAS, wrote:

- “Humanity is in need of external and eternal rescue, yet it is becoming ever more difficult to speak of our sinful nature and the lostness that is so key to the biblical narrative. Please join me in praying that, through CPAS’ work, leaders might know the Lord’s help in articulating Christian truth in our post-truth world.”
- “Pray that Christians will be courageous witnesses for the gospel, and that the Holy Spirit will show men, women and children of their need for God’s amazing forgiveness and gracious atonement.”

- Please also pray this month for these aspects of CPAS's mission: to enable local churches to give every child the chance to explore Jesus; to enable church leaders to be catalysts for evangelism; to train leaders through free webinars; and to train members of PCCs.

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

This month the focus at LCM is on the witness to Muslims in London where, in some areas, the Muslim population is as high as 50%. LCM is putting on a Churches' training day conference on Saturday June 26th on Christian Witness to Muslims. There are specific problems regarding this kind of outreach:

- 1) Many people these days are afraid of offending people of other faiths, because of current legislation. This can prevent effective Christian witness. But Jesus claimed to be the only way to the Father, as the Way the Truth and the Life. Christians need to speak the truth, in love.
- 2) Misconceptions about Jesus held by most Muslims. We need to present the Jesus of the Bible as the divine Son of God, not a mere prophet.
- 3) Many Muslims have misconceptions about what Christians believe and stand for. Many equate Christians with the worst aspects of Westerners, such as getting drunk or being immoral.

- Please pray for the conference on 26th and for the main speaker, Andy Bannister, an expert in Christian apologetics. Pray that the day will envision and empower the Church to preach the Gospel to Muslims and people of other faiths, boldly, Biblically and lovingly.
- Pray too for all missionaries working among Muslims, for wisdom, love and protection.
- Pray for the numbers of Muslims seeking Christ who fear the anger of their families.

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

This month Michelle writes:

- Give thanks that the numbers of COVID cases continue to decrease and pray that the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave which is hitting South Africa will not happen here.
- Give thanks that the COVID vaccine is now being given in Zambia and that I have had my first dose.
- Pray for local people as they harvest their crops, that they would have enough to meet their needs. Pray also that the hospital would be able to

buy enough maize, soya and beans to feed the patients for the coming year.

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

This month:

- June 12th is the Queen's official birthday. Pray for those grieving, for prisoners who have lost loved ones over the last year and have not been able to see them before they died or go to the funeral to bring closure to the loss.
- June 20th is Fathers' Day. Give thanks for "Storybook Dads". Prisoners read and record a story for their child, with help if they are poor readers. This recording is sent to HMP Dartmoor where it is put onto a CD and sound effects added. The CD and accompanying book are then sent to the child so that he/she can listen to Dad read to them whenever they want, especially at bedtime. This has been proved to be a comfort to the child, and helps the prisoner keep connected to the family.
- A high percentage of prisoners have not had a father figure in their life, or not had a good relationship with him. May they come to know God as their loving heavenly father who loves them unconditionally no matter what their past.
- Pray for Dads serving a prison sentence. Some may have been estranged from their children and wish the situation was different. Others may feel guilty or frustrated that they are absent from their children, while some may not care about their families and some may have given up hope of seeing their children again. Pray that those allowed contact with their children may want to create a strong bond and grow as supportive and wise fathers and on release become positive role models for their children.

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

**Connecting You** is SU's supporter magazine. Get a copy from David Orsborne or visit [content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer).

This month:

- SU recently launched *Back of the Net*, a two-hour event that can be held in a local park with plenty of activity, fun and football as well as space to see how faith and football come together. Please pray for the success of Back of the Net, particularly that it will help churches like ours re-connect with active, sports-mad children and young people.

([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/what-we-do/mission-through-sport](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/what-we-do/mission-through-sport) and [content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/back-net](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/resource/back-net))

- SU's Revealing Jesus mission framework helps churches support the 95% of under-18s who are not yet involved with church to find faith in Jesus. Please pray that it will help many churches - including ours - to connect with the 95 and walk alongside them as they find and grow in faith. ([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesus](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesus))
- SU's Mental Health and Wellbeing resources help churches engage children and young people in supportive and encouraging conversations about the mental health challenges they are facing. Please pray that the materials will be widely taken up and well used. ([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/mentalhealth](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/mentalhealth))
- Please give thanks that Scripture Union has been helping children, young people and adults to meet Jesus for more than 150 years. 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.

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

This month:

- Please pray for the preparations and invitations that are going out in readiness for the "Prayer in the Park" initiative on June 5th. Pray that folk from other churches will feel that they can join us and pray with unity ahead of the G7 summit, and may we have the faith to believe that God will hear our prayers and change politician's hearts.
- Pray for those in India who are suffering from the latest outbreak of Covid 19. Pray for those who are sick, grieving and those working under awful conditions and pressure in their health service. Tearfund have partnered with People's Vaccine Alliance to campaign for everyone in EVERY country to have fair and free access to a tested COVID vaccine. Pray for the distribution of vaccines in India.
- Please continue to pray for the desperate needs of those in troubled areas in the world, especially in the Middle East, where conflict has flared up.

<p>Please send prayer requests for July to Tim Britton by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June.</p>
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