



CROMERCHURCH

transforming lives with Jesus Christ

Prayer Diary - August 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

- 8.45 am** Traditional Holy Communion at the Parish Church.
Refreshments outside the Parish Church between services.
- 10.30 am** All-age service at the Parish Church.
- 10.30 am** Service at St Martin's with refreshments.

Both Parish Church services will be streamed on the Cromer Church YouTube channel. (Go to YouTube and search for 'Cromer Church'.)

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST

Please check weekly publicity for details and updates, especially if restrictions change. All events need prayer support. Other prayer suggestions are in italic print. See below for details of prayer requests from mission partners and others. This month's mission focus is our holiday ministry.

- Sun 1** Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 in the Parish Church and on YouTube; 10.30 at St Martin's)
Our church leaders; other local church leaders
- Mon 2** *Pray that the pandemic may be brought under control*

- Tue 3** 3 pm Pray for Beachfest wherever you are or at 17 Macdonald Rd
Pray for the ministry of Cornerstone Cafe and the Welcome team
- Wed 4** 10-12 BeachFest with sandcastle competition at East Beach
Pray for visitors to this area
- Thu 5** *Start praying now for the outreach concert by Bean Baker and his band in the parish church in three weeks' time*
Mission Partner: Andrew and Maria Leake
- Fri 6** *The persecuted church (see below)*
- Sat 7** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Mark4v1-20 - The soils. Preachers: Tim Britton at the Parish Church, tba at St Martin's.) Our holiday ministry*
- Sun 8** Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 in the Parish Church and on YouTube; 10.30 at St Martin's)
Our church leaders; our small group leaders
- Mon 9** *Mission Partner: Bible Society*
- Tue 10** 3 pm Pray for Beachfest wherever you are or at 17 Macdonald Rd
Pray for safety on beaches and in the water
- Wed 11** 10-12 BeachFest fun and games in North Lodge Park.
Mission Partner: Canaan
- Thu 12** *Pray that many non-church people will come to the Bean Baker concert in two weeks' time.*
- Fri 13** *Pray for refugees and for people in areas of conflict or famine*
- Sat 14** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Mark 4:21-25 - The lamp. Preachers: Will Warren at the Parish Church, Sue Wells at St Martin's.) Our holiday ministry.*
- Sun 15** Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 in the Parish Church and on YouTube; 10.30 at St Martin's)
3-5pm Open afternoon for the church family and friends at Cromer Tennis Club
Our church leaders; our national church leaders
- Mon 16** *Pray for effective measures to combat climate change*
- Tue 17** 3 pm Pray for Beachfest wherever you are or at 17 Macdonald Rd
Mission Partner: CPAS
- Wed 18** 10-12 BeachFest pop-up event in Cromer Churchyard
Our local government and local MP, Duncan Baker

- Thu 19** *Continue praying for next week's Bean Baker outreach concert.
Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor*
- Fri 20** *For local businesses, farmers and fisherfolk*
- Sat 21** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Mark 4:26-29 - The
growing seed. Preachers: Ben Rogers at the Parish Church, Will
Warren at St Martin's.) Our holiday ministry*
- Sun 22** *Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 in the Parish Church and on
YouTube; 10.30 at St Martin's)
Our church leaders; our bishops and archdeacons*
- Mon 23** *Mission Partner: London City Mission*
- Tue 24** *3 pm Pray for Beachfest wherever you are or at 17 Macdonald Rd
Pray for preparations for services and events in the autumn*
- Wed 25** *10-12 BeachFest family event in Cromer Churchyard
Mission Partner: Prison Fellowship*
- Thu 26** *7pm The Bean Baker Band in concert at the Parish Church
Pray that many people will respond to what they hear in the Bean
Baker concert.*
- Fri 27** *Pray for our new associate minister*
- Sat 28** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Mark 4:30-34 - The
mustard seed. Preachers: Will Warren at the Parish Church, Ben
Rogers at St Martin's.) Our holiday ministry*
- Sun 29** *Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 in the Parish Church and on
YouTube; 10.30 at St Martin's)
Our church leaders; our Queen*
- Mon 30** *Pray for good harvests across the globe*
- Tue 31** *3 pm Pray for Beachfest wherever you are or at 17 Macdonald Rd
Mission Partner: Tearfund*
- Wed 1** *1 pm BeachFest with tide fight on Cromer East Beach
School staff and children preparing for next term*

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

Mission Leadership Team (Contact: Jill Boyle)

Please continue to 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 people at home to be praying.

The persecuted church - India (Contact: Ken Nash)

“India in crisis” was the headline in the latest news from Open Doors. Hindu extremists have stated that their aim is to eradicate Christianity from India. Over the next few months, the survival of the Indian church is at stake. Even without the horror of the pandemic, the ‘normal’ that Indian Christians face is filled with persecution, fuelled by false anti-Christian propaganda.

The world remains largely ignorant of the severity of the violence and discrimination facing Christians in India. (Open Doors has approached the UK government asking that it use its influence with the Indian government.) This is a spiritual battle - we must implore the Lord to intervene powerfully. Meanwhile Open Doors responds to calls for help for Bibles, training and counselling, business loans, and much more.

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

This month:

- Please continue to pray for Andrew as he begins work with COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL, heading up the new challenge to outline and implement a project to care for children and how they will be affected by climate change.
- Pray for complete healing for Andrew after an operation on his back.
- Pray for the family: that Tomas may have 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.

Bible Society (Contact: David Osborne)

Find resources at www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us and www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action or speak to David Osborne.

This month, please pray:

- for the success of *Bible Trek*, a series of short films that visit Jerusalem, Galilee, Ephesus and other locations where famous Bible events took place. Pray 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)

- that many churches will adopt and use *Navigating Trauma*, a Bible-based initiative that supports individuals and communities through the impact of trauma towards a place of peace. Many have experienced trauma - whether through violence, abuse, substance misuse or loss - and we're all vulnerable, regardless of gender, age, class or race. But God is close to the broken-hearted and is with everyone who suffers. (www.biblesociety.org.uk/what-we-do/england-and-wales/navigating-trauma)
- that Bible Society's *Psalm 23 Garden* at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show in September will bring Psalm 23 to life for all those who visit it. Sarah Eberle's design, 'aims to engage our emotions, to be a place of contemplation and spiritual renewal, portraying an ultimate destination that makes the trouble of life's journey worthwhile. The garden has a feeling of calm, a place where you can be embraced by your surroundings. This is the sense that I took from the psalm. I hope the garden will enable people to reflect on their own lives.' (www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23)

Canaan Christian Centre (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

This month:

- Please continue to pray that those who come on holiday to Canaan may not only realise it's a special place where the presence of the Lord is felt but also that they may come closer to him, using the prayer lodge in the garden, and sitting in the peace garden. Pray for the Lord's overwhelming peace and love to cover them. Some come from very traumatic backgrounds, some are in full-time ministry with all that involves. Many have been before but had to postpone so they are really looking forward to their holiday in Norfolk. Pray for safety for all. Pray for us all as we encounter them on our visits to Canaan.
- Pray for Saturday Kids Club, as we encourage the families to come to Beachfest. Pray they will find it enjoyable and uplifting.
- Pray for the team as they too will be having holiday breaks.
- Pray for volunteers who come and clean in between guests. Changeover day is Fridays.
- Praise for our volunteers, kids team supporters and prayer partners who are such a wonderful asset to our ministry.

CPAS

Please pray for the ongoing work of CPAS:

- Equipping leaders, through training events and resources to help leaders and churches grapple with everything from leading in evangelism to PCCs to growing leaders.
- Venture and Falcon Holidays for 8-18s, each (normal) year giving around 4,500 young people the chance to explore who Jesus is, have fun and make long-lasting, life-enhancing friendships. Falcons are specifically designed for young people facing disadvantage and School Ventures are for pupils at Church of England schools.
- Evangelical Appointments. CPAS is the UK's largest evangelical patron, with nearly 700 parishes (including ours) covering every English diocese. Each year CPAS appoints mission-minded clergy to around 100 vacant posts.

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

This month we pray for LCM missionary Nick Mott who spoke in Cromer two years ago. He worked in Turkey for fourteen years and speaks fluent Turkish. Now he works in Enfield, North London.

- Nick meets with many of the thousands of Turkish speakers in Enfield, many of whom speak no English at all. He equips Turkish speakers in the churches to reach their compatriots with the Gospel. English language lessons are offered which help to build friendships and provide opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Nick is seeking to help ten local churches to reach out with the Gospel, to receive LCM's training and to pray for Enfield's large Muslim community. Pray for the Turkish Christian fellowships across Enfield to reach people of all backgrounds with the love of Jesus as Saviour.
- Pray for Nick and his team to reconnect with those they have lost contact with during lockdown.
- Many church leaders are exhausted from the impact of Covid. Pray for perseverance!

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

This month:

- Give thanks that I was able to receive the second COVID vaccine and had no side effects. Also, that I have remained COVID free.

- Pray for extra energy and quiet on-calls as I will be doing more anaesthesia in August while my colleague is away.
- Pray that the numbers of COVID cases would decrease and for protection for our staff working in the hospital.
- Pray for Zambia, for peaceful campaigning and free and fair presidential elections on 12th August.

Prison Fellowship (Contact: Janet Rosier)

This month:

- It is estimated 312,000 children in England and Wales have a parent in prison. This is especially hard during school holidays and puts pressure on the remaining parent who, for whatever reason, may not be able to have a holiday and break from the usual routine. Pray for good health, support and patience for these families.
- Pray for prisoners who don't get a "holiday" from prison life, and still have to deal with the day-to-day routine and the impact of their sentence.
- Pray for all Prison staff that they will have a time of refreshment and recharging.
- We celebrate one year of Prayer Line and thank God that hundreds of prisoners and staff have found the courage to use it. Thank God for the volunteers who pray on the day of the call and for a month afterwards. We may not know how God has answered the prayers, but we do know he hears, and each person is precious to Him.
(Prayer Line allows anyone in prison to call a free number and leave a confidential message with a personal request which is prayed for by volunteers.)

Scripture Union (SU) (Contact: David Osborne)

Connecting You is SU's supporter magazine. Get a copy from David Osborne or visit content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer.

This month, please pray:

- SU will not be running their full programme of residential holidays in 2021, but there is still a lot going on, including family holidays at Great Wood, non-residential day camps and online events. Please give thanks for all these opportunities to introduce children, young people and their families to Jesus; and pray for the success of all these events and the many missions and holiday clubs that will be running as normal in a Covid-secure way. (content.scriptureunion.org.uk/holidays-events).

- SU's *Revealing Jesus* framework helps churches support the 95% of under-18s who are not yet connected with church to journey through the four stages that many people follow as they engage with Christianity and come to faith in Jesus: Connecting, Exploring, Responding and Growing. Please pray that many churches - including ours - will use it to connect with 'the 95' and walk alongside them as they find and grow in faith. (content.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesus)
- This year's BeachFest is being funded from a Scripture Union grant, passed to Cromer Church when Cromer's SU Beach Mission ended. Please give thanks for the generosity of donors over the years that has enabled summer missions to take place in Cromer; for Scripture Union's willingness to support BeachFest in this way; and for all those who will lead or be involved in BeachFest activities this summer.

Tearfund (Contacts: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

This month:

- A spokesman from Tearfund says, "Thank you for praying with us for those vital talks at the G7 summit. We saw some positive steps, but overall, the talks were disappointing and did not deliver the scale of action needed to meet the crisis we face." Please continue to pray.
- 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 worldwide.
- The Democratic Republic of Congo is in crisis, and people urgently need our help and prayers. Decades of conflict has intensified and there are cholera, coronavirus and natural disasters, including a recent volcanic eruption in the east which has created a wave of devastation. Please pray, especially for funds to enable Tearfund to work in these troubled areas.

<p>Please send prayer requests for September to Tim Britton by Monday 23rd August.</p>
