



# **CROMER**CHURCH

transforming lives with Jesus Christ

## **Prayer Diary - September 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 between services.

**10.30 am** Informal service at the Parish Church, with CCKids.

**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 SEPTEMBER**

*Please check weekly publicity for details and updates. 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 Andrew Leake.*

**Wed 1** 1 pm BeachFest with tide fight on Cromer East Beach  
*School staff and children preparing for next term*

**Thu 2** *Mission Partner: Bible Society*

**Fri 3** *Pray for CCKids, our new look Sunday Club, beginning on Sunday*

- Sat 4** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Ezra 7:1-10 - Enter Ezra. Preachers: William Warren at the Parish Church, Tim Britton at St Martin's.) This month's Mission Partner: Andrew Leake*
- Sun 5** *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 6** *Mission Partner: Canaan*
- Tue 7** *The persecuted church (see below)*
- Wed 8** *Mission Partner: CPAS*
- Thu 9** *Pray for those preparing for the COP 26 summit in November*
- Fri 10** *Pray for the world's trouble spots*
- Sat 11** *9am-5pm Norfolk Churches Trust sponsored Bike, Walk, Drive. Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Ezra 7:11-28 - You've got mail. Preachers: William Warren at the Parish Church, Ben Rogers at St Martin's.) This month's Mission Partner: Andrew Leake*
- Sun 12** *Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 in the Parish Church and on YouTube; 10.30 at St Martin's)  
Our church leaders; our national church leaders*
- Mon 13** *Pray for our new associate minister*
- Tue 14** *Mission Partner: London City Mission*
- Wed 15** *Our government*
- Thu 16** *Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor*
- Fri 17** *The United Nations*
- Sat 18** *8am Blokes Brekkie with General Lord Richard Dannatt  
Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Ezra 8:1-36 - A fast and a festival. Preachers: Roger Billings at the Parish Church, David Masters at St Martin's.) This month's Mission Partner: Andrew Leake*
- Sun 19** *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 20** *Mission Partner: Prison Fellowship*
- Tue 21** *Those involved in the fight against COVID-19*

<b>Wed 22</b>	<i>Mission Partner: Scripture Union</i>
<b>Thu 23</b>	7.30pm PCC Meeting <i>Refugees and migrants</i>
<b>Fri 24</b>	<i>Our hospitals and GP surgeries</i>
<b>Sat 25</b>	<i>Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Ezra 9:1-15 - The prayer of a priest. Preachers: Ben Rogers at the Parish Church, Paul Neale at St Martin's.) This month's Mission Partner: Andrew Leake</i>
<b>Sun 26</b>	Sunday services (8.45 and 10.30 in the Parish Church and on YouTube; 10.30 at St Martin's) <i>Our church leaders; other local church leaders</i>
<b>Mon 27</b>	<i>For a renewed vision for our church</i>
<b>Tue 28</b>	<i>Mission Partner: Tearfund</i>
<b>Wed 29</b>	<i>All using and working in our public transport systems</i>
<b>Thu 30</b>	<i>People struggling with drought or famine</i>

## **PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS**

### **The persecuted church** (Contact: Ken Nash)

There are many forms of persecution against Christians in today's world. They overlap and interact to intensify the hardship faced by our brothers and sisters.

1. Government Policy. Sometimes this is a result of explicit legislation, but it can also be due to 'unofficial' actions of lower levels of administration.
2. Community Pressure. In many countries Christians are in a minority and persecution is close at hand from the majority communities around them.
3. Terrorist Violence. There has been a rising tide of murderous attacks, kidnappings and brutality by extremist Islamist terror groups in many regions around the world.
4. Natural disasters. Many Christians are already at the margins of society and are most acutely affected by disasters, and are often discriminated against when government aid is distributed.

Sanctions against 'rogue' states; social exclusion; displacement; war and conflict; all these also play their part.

(Barnabas Aid)

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

For more information, please read Andrew's latest prayer letter in the prayer resources on the Cromer Church website.

(<https://www.cromer-church.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?id=292269>).

This month:

- Pray for Andrew and Maria as they review and refine their creation care ministry in NW Argentina through Land for Life. Pray that they effectively empower local people in taking pertinent actions to challenge and stop ongoing deforestation.
- Pray for Cristina Perez as she takes on the challenging role of leading over 50 indigenous communities in their ongoing negotiations with the government over their land rights. Also, for the ASOCIANA team which provides vital technical support in this process. (Asociana is a social support group in the Chaco region of Argentina.)
- Give thanks for Andrew's recovery from spinal surgery and for the good health of the family. Give thanks that all our family has been able to receive an initial COVID vaccine. Pray that we may all be able to get our second doses in a timely fashion, especially as the main vaccine provider, Russia, has at the time of writing not been able to fully deliver on its second jab.
- Pray for Andrew's transition into the new full-time role with Compassion International, helping to lead Compassion in addressing the increasingly complex effects of climate children on children in poverty across the world.

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

Find resources at [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us) and [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action) or speak to David Orsborne.

This month, please pray:

- that *Open the Book* teams - especially those working with our local schools - will find safe ways to continue their important work of sharing Bible stories with children ([www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book));
- that *Bible Trek*, a series of short films that visit the sites where famous Bible events took place, will help many 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));

- 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  
([www.biblesociety.org.uk/what-we-do/england-and-wales/navigating-trauma](http://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 this month will be a place of contemplation and spiritual renewal for those who visit, and be a source of inspiration and calm purpose for the future ([www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/psalm-23)).

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

This month:

- Please pray as we restart our activities on Sat 11th and 25<sup>th</sup> September, with the Incredible Kids club and the teens club. We are preparing a Hub in our garage with table tennis and other games for the teenagers we have contact with. We all start together with breakfast, and after worship we split into groups; teens will use the prayer lodge in the garden too. Pray for Margaret Smith, Keith and Dick as they lead this group that has not met for two years! Pray all the members will come!
- Pray for Evelyn, June, Chloe, Gemma, Adela, and Simon Clipsom as they lead kids group and the 11+ kids who will become junior leaders. Pray for two new families who hope to join.
- The monthly lunch group restarts on Thursday 23rd September. Pray that many will come and be blessed.
- Praise for all families who used Canaan for their holidays and were tremendously blessed and have booked again. Praise for volunteers who got Canaan ready each week, and praise for the monthly provision of food bags.

### **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.

- Planning and running 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. Pray for good and lasting results from this year's activities.
- 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 London City Mission's work among children needs our prayers! Many schools welcome the presence of LCM, to take assemblies, classes and Bible clubs. So please pray:

- for wisdom for the missionaries to introduce children to Jesus through Bible stories in an engaging way, without offending those of other religions, or falling foul of 'political correctness';
- for churches to work alongside LCM in building relationships with schools;
- that schools will continue to be open for freely sharing the good news of Jesus;
- for the success of 'Operation Forgiveness' to break the cycle of knife crime, so prevalent in London schools;
- for teenagers who easily get involved with gangs and are written off by society and for missionaries to form friendships with them and show them that they matter to God;
- for Marlene to be able to keep contact with the many who attended summer clubs and camps in Tower Hamlets;
- for many kids who had traumatic experiences at home during lockdown of violence, bereavement and educational deprivation;
- for more and more children to discover Jesus as their friend!

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

This month:

- Give thanks that the numbers of COVID cases are dropping, for the

availability of vaccines and that I have remained COVID free.

- Give thanks that I am able to go on holiday in early September and pray that it will be a time of rest and refreshment
- Praise God that the Zambian presidential election and the voting in of a new president happened peacefully. Pray for the new president as he starts his term in office.
- Pray for Surgical and Anaesthetic help for our busy operating theatre.

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

This month:

- At the start of the school year we pray for children returning to school, going to new classes and/ or schools, especially those with a parent in prison as they can feel angry, different, embarrassed and very often bullied all of which can affect their performance in school.
- We pray for parents who will miss their child's first day at school, or will not be there to see their child move to secondary education and the start of the difficult teenage years. We pray that parents will find ways to stay connected, especially when visiting is restricted, and find ways to encourage and support them from a distance.
- We pray for parents who have lost contact with their children because they are in prison, and children who may not know their parent or have a relationship with him/her because of the parent's absence.
- We pray for the approximately 13,500 young adults ( aged 18-24) who are in prison. We pray for meaningful and ongoing support to turn their lives around, to have hope again, and have a new vision for their future.
- We thank God for those who are working with young people in prison. Give them the ability to see the good on these people and give them energy, patience, and compassion they need each day to show your love and grace to each one.

### **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](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer).

This month:

- give thanks for SUMmer, and the many opportunities to introduce children, young people and their families to Jesus, and pray for the

continuing impact of these events  
([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/holidays-events](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/holidays-events));

- SU's *Revealing Jesus* framework helps churches support the 95% of under-18s who are not yet involved with church to Connect, Explore, Respond and Grow as they engage with Christianity and come to faith in Jesus. Please pray that many churches will use it to engage with 'the 95' and walk with them on their Christian journey  
([content.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesus](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/revealingjesus));
- give thanks for this year's BeachFest, which was funded from a Scripture Union grant, passed to us when Cromer's SU Beach Mission ended. Give thanks for the generosity of donors over the years that has enabled summer missions to take place in Cromer; and pray for the impact on those who have been involved in BeachFest this summer.

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

This month:

- Please pray for the dire situation in Afghanistan. We have seen the chaos and horror caused by the take over of power by the Taliban. Having run for their lives with little more than the clothes on their backs, thousands are in urgent need of support. Tearfund's local partners are providing life-saving relief packages and trauma support to people who have witnessed the horrific violence. They're also offering trauma support to people who have witnessed the horrific violence. The need is vast. Afghanistan is also experiencing its worst drought in decades, and the coronavirus pandemic means that hospitals are already overstretched. PRAY!
- Please pray for the situation in Haiti. On Saturday 14 August, a deadly earthquake struck Haiti. At the time of writing, more than a thousand people have died, and vital infrastructure has been severely damaged. The situation is desperate. Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers, and pray that Tearfund and our partners will be able to reach those in need. Thank you.
- Please pray for the upcoming COP 26 in November.

Please send prayer requests for October to Tim Britton  
by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.