

Prayer Diary – June 2025

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

Please check the Weekly Update for up-to-date news.

USUAL WEEKLY SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sundays

- 8.45 am Traditional Holy Communion at the Parish Church.
- 10.30 am Informal service at the Parish Church, with CCKids
Refreshments after both services.

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

- 10.30 am Service at St Martin's with refreshments.
- 6.30 pm The Gathering at the Parish Church

Mondays

- 2.00-5.00pm Free Mustard Seed meals at St Martin's

Tuesdays Small groups meet in the afternoon and evening.

- 9.30 am CC Toddlers in the Parish Hall (term time)
- 10am-4pm Cornerstone Café
- 7.15 pm CC Community Choir rehearsal in St Martin's

Wednesdays Small groups meet morning, afternoon and evening

- 10.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.am-4pm Cornerstone Café
- 2.45 pm Open the Book at the Junior School (term time)

Thursdays Small groups meet afternoon and evening

- 9.00 am Mustard Seed at St Martin's
- 10am-4pm Cornerstone Café
- 2.30 pm Meeting Point in the Parish Hall (term time)
- 2.45 pm Open the Book at the Infant School (fortnightly in term time).

Fridays

- 6.45 pm Choir Practice in the Parish Church
- 2.00 pm Table tennis group at St Martin's

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

- Sun 1** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
- Mon 2** Let us pray for Will as he begins his leave of absence
- Tue 3** Our Government
- Wed 4** Crafts2Share
- Thu 5** Our Mission Partner: CPAS
- Fri 6** Refuse collectors in Birmingham and residents affected
- Sat 7** Tomorrow's worship and teaching.
Pray for this month's mission partner: Tearfund
- Sun 8** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
- Mon 9** United Nations Ocean Conference (begins today)
- Tue 10** The new season of Organ Concerts
- Wed 11** Our Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
- Thu 12** Open the Book
- Fri 13** Our Mission Partner: Christians Against Poverty
- Sat 14** Tomorrow's worship and teaching.
Pray for this month's mission partner: Tearfund
- Sun 15** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
- Mon 16** Mustard Seed
- Tue 17** Our Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
- Wed 18** All those who are no longer able to attend Church in person
- Thu 19** Our Mission Partner: Hope into Action
- Fri 20** Our King
- Sat 21** Tomorrow's worship and teaching.
Pray for this month's mission partner: Tearfund
- Sun 22** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
- Mon 23** Our Mission Partner: Bible Society
- Tue 24** Countries at war
- Wed 25** Our Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust

- Thu 26** Cromer Town Council
- Fri 27** United States of America
- Sat 28** Tomorrow's worship and teaching.
Pray for this month's mission partner: Tearfund
- Sun 29** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our bishops and archdeacons
- Mon 30** Our Mission Partner: London City Mission

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

The persecuted church: Communist Asia (Contact: Ken Nash)

Land, machinery and equipment owned by a Pastor have been confiscated because of his faith. He also believes that the *Vietnamese* authorities poisoned the shrimp farms that are his business.

Several believers in *Laos* were imprisoned for leading a house church service. Each one is a family breadwinner.

An elderly believer from *North Korea*, who roams the woods in China to help escapees, recently fell ill and doctors gave up on him. But he has recovered enough to resume his ministry.

Church leaders in *China* say that church members are growing increasingly concerned about persecution. "Believers are concerned about participating more, being more visible, or interacting more with others".

The regime in *North Korea* categorises citizens according to their perceived loyalty to the State. All followers of religion are classified as "hostile", and worthy of punishment that includes imprisonment, torture, and death in labour camps.

Open Doors

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

The Corner House - Faith Food and Fresh starts

The Corner House offers 4 men at a time a safe space in which to find their feet after a spell in prison before they re-enter the world outside.

Corner House offers more than bed; it is a small intimate community of men who have fallen on hard times and learn how to live and share together.

They are cared for, served nourishing meals by a team of volunteers who share their table, and they have a mentor, Daniel, to care for their spiritual needs and help them explore their faith at whatever stage they are in their

spiritual journey or none. They share a short morning devotion round the Bible and air their questions.

Like Jim* straight out of prison where he first found Christ. His eagerness to share his faith with others is very infectious and encouraging.

Corner House offers men like him a unique opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a safe and friendly environment and equip them, when they are ready, to live independently and use their skills and talents to make a valuable contribution to society and witness to Christ's transforming power.

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

Michelle writes:

- Give thanks for a holiday with my sister for time to relax.
- Pray for my time of debrief with SIM UK.
- Pray for the management at Mukinge as they interview applicants for 2 new chaplains.
- Pray for remaining 2 chaplains as they carry the extra work load.

Good News for Everyone (Contact: Jenny Jacquier and Jenny Syder)

Thanks to the generosity of members, Friends, churches, and other supporters, and by God's grace, GNfE has been able to place Bibles internationally.

Pakistan

There are several countries where in spite of persecution increasing, we are being asked to invest in giving Scriptures to local believers so they can withstand the opposition they face daily. In Pakistan, we work through an in-country partner who is becoming more and more effective in distributing Scriptures. The downside to this efficiency is that our partner has run out of Bibles. Our man in Lahore, has reached out and asked if we can help fulfil the urgent need he has to provide 10,000 Christians with God's Word. GNfE has provided £64,000 to cover the cost of these Urdu Bibles.

Far East

Our man is still able to travel throughout the country. During summer he was even able to travel where foreigners are not allowed. He was able to meet secretly with a few believers and was able to get them some Bibles. He has had great success in reaching rural churches. He has built an excellent network with pastors of Registered Churches whom he uses as the conduit to get the Bibles that find their way to out-of-the-way rural villages. The way

the ministry works is that a registered church places an order for Bibles from the government printer. We pay for these Bibles and the Bibles are then shipped to the Registered Church. Our man then goes to that church, runs training programmes and is given some of the Bibles which are then distributed to the unregistered churches. This is the only way for the unregistered church to get government-printed Bibles. The government-printed Bibles all contain a stamp confirming their source. If anyone is found with a Bible with no stamp, they are arrested, fined or imprisoned. This is why ministries that smuggle Bibles into the country or don't use the approved system put Christians in danger. ShareWord Global work within the guidelines and has given 12,500 Bibles costing £19,000.

CAP – Christians Against Poverty (Contact: Claire Harber)

CAP has recently become the Christian radio station Premier Praise's charity of the year. Please pray that CAP finds the opportunity through this partnership to connect with new supporters and inspire people to take action against UK poverty.

In May, CAP signed an open letter to the Prime Minister calling for a cross-departmental mental health strategy. The letter expresses concern over the current mental health crisis in the UK. Poor mental health impacts families, society and the economy in a substantial way, contributing to financial hardship when people are unable to work due to the poor mental health of themselves or their loved ones. The letter urges the government to address the causes rather than symptoms of the issue by implementing, 'a cross-departmental mental health strategy, aimed at identifying and addressing the cause of the growing mental health crisis'. This is not solely an action for the health service - solutions need to collaborate with education providers, online safety teams, and welfare departments.

Please pray that the Government take heed of this plea and formulate a plan to tackle the crisis. This might start with prioritising waiting lists for mental health treatment by rolling out neighbourhood mental health centres while research is undertaken to get to the heart of the problem. Pray that the church family recognise the mental health needs of their brothers and sisters, and for the Lord's guidance to help in the right way.

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

- Pray for the Evangelical Patrons gathering at All Soul's Langham Place this month which CPAS are organizing.
- Pray for those on the Leadership courses, that Jesus equips and encourages them in their Ministries.
- Pray for the right person to join CPAS as a Leadership Team Events Coordinator and Administrator.
- Pray for the CPAS Patronage Team as they work alongside PCCs to appoint mission-focused clergy to their patronage churches.
- Pray for the children and young people booked to attend the Venture and Falcon Residential Holidays this summer that they will get to know Jesus better, in a deep and fruitful way which goes far beyond the holiday.

Tearfund (Contact: Lynda Brown and Judith Anderson)

Democratic Republic of Congo

This country is facing a horrific humanitarian crisis due to the ongoing conflict affecting the eastern areas.

Please pray:

- For an end to this conflict, and that the displaced people might be able to return home in safety.
- For the safety and well-being of vulnerable women and children who are particularly at risk.
- For the restoration of essential services such as healthcare, education, banks, and markets.
- For Tearfund workers on the frontline, their safety and good health.

Ukraine

Tearfund is supporting a seminary in Ukraine that is equipping pastors on the frontline to help their communities in this conflict.

Please pray:

- For a just peace to come to Ukraine.
- For comfort for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods.
- For financial resources to enable this seminary to continue its vital work in the community.

Transforming communities in Asia.

Recently Tearfund held a conference for church leaders representing 50,000 churches from 14 Asian countries.

We are asked to pray for guidance and discernment as to the way forward for the church in Asia.

Hope into Action (Contact: Katharine Checketts)

Two new franchises have been inducted into the Hope into Action network: Croydon and Staffordshire. This is great news, which shows that dioceses and churches recognise the important and necessary work of not only housing the homeless but giving them Christian support and friendship at the same time. The diocese of Norwich has also operated several houses for many years.

Debs and Rach from the Norwich office are celebrating 100 years – 50 years old each! Have a look at their Facebook page, Hope into Action Norwich. Rach is an Empowerment Worker. Everyone is very proud of one of her tenants, Susie, who is featured on the national website.

Please pray and give thanks for ongoing work and especially for the Norwich office.

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

Evelyn writes:

- Two families with 3 children are urgently looking for accommodation. Please pray, as this is a very unsettling time for them all.
- Another prayer request has come from Kornel in Hungary who needs English folk for their summer camps. It is a wonderful opportunity and challenge to visit Hungary and to join his team as they seek to introduce children to Jesus. Contact Evelyn or Jackie for more information

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

It's a criminal offence in Iran to convert from Islam to Christianity. The intended effect is to confine Christianity to the traditional churches of Iran's ethnic minorities, like the Armenians and Assyrians. It isn't working. The country's rapidly growing evangelical churches, illegally holding services in Farsi, are packed, says Nahid.

- Pray for the underground churches in Iran, that the eyes of the authorities will not see them, and that they will continue to flourish.

- Ask God to encourage Nahid and her team through the ups and the downs as they strive to get a million Bibles into Iran in the coming years.
- Pray for Iranians who have fled Iran. As refugees they're extremely vulnerable and could be returned to Iran at any time. Pray that exile is an opportunity for them, both to build a new life and to find God.

Please send prayer requests for July to Katharine Checketts
by **Monday 23rd June**