

Prayer Diary – August 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 AUGUST

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

Fri 1	The people of Gaza
Sat 2	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Luke 12v13-21 – Real treasure). Speakers: Jon Mardlin (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
Sun 3	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
Mon 4	Our Mission Partner: Bible Society
Tue 5	Areas of the world affected by climate catastrophes
Wed 6	Our Mission Partner: Christians Against Poverty
Thu 7	Soldiers missing in action and their families
Fri 8	People suffering from stress in the workplace
Sat 9	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Luke 19v1-10 – Close encounters: Zaccheus). Speakers: All-In team (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
Sun 10	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
Mon 11	Our Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
Tue 12	People suffering domestic abuse
Wed 13	Our Mission Partner: Hope into Action
Thu 14	The persecuted church
Fri 15	Residents of Care Homes and their staff
Sat 16	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Luke 5v11-11 – Close encounters: Peter). Speakers: All-In team (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
Sun 17	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
Mon 18	Our Mission Partner: Tearfund
Tue 19	Visitors to Cromer
Wed 20	Cromer Carnival and Cromer Church float
Thu 21	Our Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone

Fri 22	Travellers, especially over the August Bank Holiday
Sat 23	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: John 3v1-21 – Close encounters - Nicodemus). Speakers: All-In team (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
Sun 24	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
Mon 25	Our Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Centre
Tue 26	Our natural environment and those who work to protect it
Wed 27	Our Mission Partner: London City Mission
Thu 28	Our schools as they prepare for a new academic year
Fri 29	Our Mission Partner: CPAS
Sat 30	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: John 4v1-26 – Close encounters: a Samaritan woman). Speakers: All-In team (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's – Café Church) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
Sun 31	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our bishops and archdeacons

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

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 good Home Assignment so far. Pray for the last month to go well.
- Continue to pray for the team at Mukinge that a new hospital chaplain could be found

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

Work in North Norfolk

In the tenth anniversary of "Thy Kingdom Come" ten displays were placed in the church as a help and encouragement to pray. On the last stall GNFE placed 20 Bibles and a variety of New Testaments for people who wished to read God's word, but did not have any copy of their own. Praise God several New Testaments and 19 Bibles were taken. We pray that these Bibles will be read and that the reader will come to faith in Christ.

Praise God all the Hotels in Cromer, Sheringham, Holt, Weybourne, Wells-next-the-Sea, have been visited and given a hotel pack, containing a Bible and Hope magazine. Please pray that the Hotel managers will request more for their guests.

We hope to give many Explore Magazines and New Testaments to visitors during the Carnival. Please pray for more volunteers to help us and that the visitors will be interested in the gospel so that many fruitful conversations will take place. *International Outreach – Hope in the Trenches: Shining the Light of God's Word into the Darkness of War*

"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

Thanks to the generosity of members, Friends, churches, and other supporters, and by God's grace, GOOD NEWS for Everyone! working in partnership with Mission Eurasia, has been able to provide £50,000 towards the provision of Mark's Gospel to members of Ukraine's armed forces. These Gospels will be presented to three specific groups (1) **New Recruits** who are idealistic, patriotic, but also full of fear and uncertainty about their future and the outcome of the war. (2) **Female soldiers** who are fighting with the same determination as their male counterparts, but often with greater challenges. (3) **Officers** who carry the heavy responsibility for the welfare of their troops and the success of the mission. Each Gospel of Mark will include specific

prayers tailored to the needs of each of these groups and are approved by all denominations and supported by the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence.

CAP – Christians Against Poverty (Contact: Claire Harber)

Although the controversial reforms in relation to disability benefits that you may have heard about on the news have been scrapped, disabled people remain at a higher risk of poverty.

A third of CAP's clients receive some form of financial support from the government for a disability. As well as often being unable to work, disabled people can face additional expenses for specialist equipment, assistance, travel and insurance premiums, adding to their financial burden.

- Please pray that the government can recognise the true cost of disability and help channel funds to those most in need. Please pray that communities pull together to help, not just financially, but with practical and prayerful help too.
- Please pray for all those who work for CAP supporting those in poverty. Pray that the assistance they give radiates the love of God. Pray that God keeps them safe and supports them in their work. Please pray that the decisions that CAP make are made after consultation with God and that they hear and listen to His guidance

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

- Please pray for God's Blessing, Favour and Protection over the leaders, the Churches and communities within the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese.
- Please continue to pray for the Leaders and young people enjoying their Venture and Falcon Holidays, may each young person be strengthened and blessed by their experience.
- Applications for the next cohort of the Arrow Leadership Programme are open, please pray that God will speak and prompt clergy between 25 and 40 years old to apply.

Tearfund (Contact: Lynda Brown and Judith Anderson)

How to pray for Gaza and Israel

It is difficult to know how to pray for such awful situations that are affecting so many people. Here are some helpful pointers. Pray for:

- PEACE: For lasting peace, safe return of hostages, world leaders, God's peace.

- SAFETY: for civilians, humanitarian workers, the homeless, distribution of food.
- STRENGTH: for Church leaders, faith leaders and communities, for Tearfund partners in Gaza.
- HOPE: for those terrified, that people across the Middle East would not lose hope. For families of hostages.
- HEALING: for the traumatised and injured, for physical and emotional wounds, for hospital staff.

A Prayer: Dear God, we cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and the Middle East, and now with Iran. Our hearts are breaking, and we know yours is too. We ask that you stretch out your mighty hand to bring lasting peace. We cry out for people who have been injured or traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their safe refuge. May your peace reign, Saviour and the hope of the world. Amen

Hope into Action (Contact: Katharine Checketts)

In the Summer edition of Good News for Norwich & Norfolk, the headline story was Susie's story, who was saved from a life of homelessness and addiction through the love and support of Hope into Action.

The Charity currently has 13 houses across Norfolk, providing accommodation for 39 people.

Thank God for all the amazing work achieved by staff and volunteers, especially in our area.

Several tenants across the country have been prison leavers. As we hear about the dire conditions in our prisons today, *pray* that through the love of God, prison leavers can be supported into a new life, free from crime and with Hope for the future.

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

- Pray for the local families who have no Kids club in August. Pray they will all go to Beachfest and take friends. Pray for families coming on holiday to Canaan that they may experience joy and peace while on holiday.
- Pray for more volunteer help as August is full and there are only a few hours between those going home and another family arriving.
- Pray for safety and fun for everyone.
- Pray for our volunteers and thank God for them.

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

- Ask God to continue his amazing revival in Ukraine. Since the start of the war people from all kinds of backgrounds have sought the Bible and turned to Jesus. Pray that they remain faithful and inspire others.
- Thank you, Lord God, that you are listening to our prayers for revival. We so desire to see more people's faces shine as they experience the hope and joy of a relationship with Jesus.
- Please God, inspire the preachers throughout our lands, to preach the gospel, so that the Holy Spirit may lead people to encounter Jesus and have their sins forgiven.
- Pray for Dai Woolridge and other Christian poets as they appear on the Spoken Word stage at Big Church Festival 22-24 August. Pray that spiritually open people attending this festival will come to faith.
- Pray for Bible Society as it partners with churches. Pray that through these partnerships more and more people will be led to open the Bible and attend church through community outreach. And then open the people's eyes so they encounter Jesus through the Scriptures.

Please send prayer requests for August to Katharine
Checketts by **Monday 25th August**