

Prayer Diary – November 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)
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-12 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
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 NOVEMBER

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

- Sat 1** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Isaiah 51v17-52v12 – A tale of two cities). Speakers: David Masters (Parish Church), Tim Britton (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Hope into Action
- Sun 2** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
- Mon 3** Our Mission Partner: Bible Society
- Tue 4** CCToddlers
- Wed 5** Our Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
- Thu 6** Mustard Seed
- Fri 7** Christians in politics: MPs, councillors and officials
- Sat 8** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Isaiah 52v13-53v12 – A man of sorrows). Speakers: Will Warren (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Hope into Action
- Sun 9** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
- Mon 10** COP30
- Tue 11** Remembrance Day
- Wed 12** Our Mission Partner: Tearfund
- Thu 13** World Kindness Day
- Fri 14** people who we may find "difficult"
- Sat 15** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Isaiah 54 – Enlarge your tent!). Speakers: David Masters (Parish Church), Tim Britton (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Hope into Action
- Sun 16** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
- Mon 17** Our Mission Partner: Christians Against Poverty
- Tue 18** Christian sportspeople and the difficulties they may face
- Wed 19** Our Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
- Thu 20** Universal Children's Day
- Fri 21** Our Mission Partner: London City Mission

- Sat 22** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Isaiah 55 – God's great invitation). Speakers: David Loades (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Hope into Action
- Sun 23** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
- Mon 24** African countries
- Tue 25** Our Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
- Wed 26** The plans for Cromer Church
- Thu 27** Meeting Point
- Fri 28** Our Mission Partner: CPAS
- Sat 29** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Isaiah 7v14; 9v1-7 – The King foretold). Speakers: Paul Neale (Parish Church), Café Church team (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Hope into Action
- Sun 30** Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; bishops and archdeacons in our diocese

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

Living bread for the hungry

One way the church is able to do this is through the regular food bank and food donations. "We take food parcels to people who need them, and as we do so we make friendships. For many that day might be the only conversation they have," says Pastor Geraldine.

Revival House hosts a food bank every Tuesday and Friday. They were trained by LCM missionaries to share the love of Jesus in action and in truth with the local community.

The church opens its doors at 11am but people start queuing from 10am. For some this will be the only food they'll eat this week.

60-80 people walk through the doors of Revival House for the food bank twice a week. Many just collect their food and go. But sometimes a few stick around and ask why they do what they do, providing church members and LCM missionaries with opportunities to share the good news of Jesus and offer prayer where it is appropriate

God is blessing this venture and many people are coming to church and some have even given their lives to Christ" says Geraldine.

Praise God for this life saving ministry!

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

Michelle writes:

- Give thanks for the past 30 years in Zambia and that I can look back and see God with me every step of the way.
- Give thanks for time at Mukinge to pack and say goodbyes.
- Pray for me as I move back to England and start a new role with SIM in the UK office.

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

Local News

The money from the church, as mission partners, has meant that we have been able to purchase 700 Youth Testaments to distribute to the local secondary schools. As mentioned in the October Diary, we have delivered some to local schools already. North Walsham has unfortunately declined the offer of Youth Testaments as some past students tore the Testaments up in the local park and staff felt it showed a lack of respect. Students in that school will not receive the gift of God's word. Please pray for a change of mind.

Please continue to pray for us as we contact schools locally in North Norfolk and offer Youth Testaments to year 7 pupils. There are only three volunteers to do this wonderful work and we would love more to join us. Please pray that more might feel able to be involved in the work.

Ten years ago, members of GNfE attended a school assembly in Northumberland to distribute New Testaments as usual to the Year 7 pupils there. Since then, one of the members recently received some very encouraging news. "One of those pupils, now a young lady, who accepted a Testament that day has, as a result of reading it, accepted Jesus as her Saviour and Lord. There was even more good news when I discovered that as a result of sharing her new found faith, she has led her parents and grandparents to trust in the Lord Jesus too. They were there when she was baptised. Praise the Lord!"

International News

India

National Office has received an urgent request from our Facilitator in India telling us about the incredible results of the work he is doing in the north of the country. The demand for Bibles is not just massive but some of the requests he is receiving are desperate. Some of the churches and pastors we have worked with have had their church buildings burned down and the congregants beaten up. All this is done under the guise of the Freedom of

Religion Act 1967, which is basically used to justify anti-conversion activities. GNfE has been asked for 100,000 Bibles. If we are able to give him these, we will break the 1million barrier through this project. We believe that support for this project is critical to fight the persecution and oppression. Thanks to the generosity of members, Friends, churches and other supporters, Good News for Everyone has been able to contribute just over £80,000 to this project. Please remember our Brothers and Sisters in India in your prayers.

Peru

The Peru trip was successful as the team and the local believers were able to distribute many scriptures. Personal evangelism took place in market places, classroom presentations were undertaken in schools, patients and visitors ministered to throughout a large hospital, and at the request of the Christian Police Commander an early morning presentation of Bibles was made to police officers before they headed out on duty.

CAP – Christians Against Poverty (Contact: Claire Harber)

CAP's 2025 client report summarises that the rising cost of living along with low incomes and poor mental health are contributing to a deepening poverty situation in the UK.

The study found that, of respondents:

- 49% had considered or attempted suicide before seeking help with debts
- 59% had borrowed money for their regular food shop
- 63% struggled to afford a bed or mattress due to debt

Pray that the Lord comforts all those in despair caused by debt and poverty. Pray that they can find the emotional and practical support they need and hope for a brighter future. Pray that CAP can continue reaching out to help more people, allowing them to be released from the bondage of debt and giving them the love and support they need."

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

Patronage: CPAS are patrons to 695 churches in England and Northern Ireland and currently 156 have a vacancy for an incumbent. Please pray for these churches as they work with CPAS to seek new leadership.

With 2,339 young people booked across 46 Venture holidays and 137 booked across 10 Falcon Holidays next year, please pray for everyone

involved in ensuring these holidays happen, praying especially for the safety and fun for all the children and young people attending.

Applications for The Arrow Leadership Programme are now open to 25- to 40-year-olds in leadership positions in their church or organization who want to increase their effectiveness and are willing to be challenged, developed and changed. Please pray for those thinking about applying.

Tearfund (Contact: Lynda Brown and Judith Anderson)

Gaza and Israel

Praise God that we have seen some answers to our prayers:

- All hostages still alive have been released and returned to their families.
- 12 of the 28 bodies of those who were killed on the Oct 7th attack, or have died in captivity, have been returned.
- A ceasefire, although fragile, has been agreed.
- More aid is being brought into Gaza.

Continue to pray:

- that the 16 more bodies will be returned, giving closure for their families.
- that Hamas would agree to the demands and the ceasefire would hold.
- that more aid would reach the needy.
- for those working in Gaza to bring relief and support to those in desperate need. Especially pray for Tearfund partners working in Gaza.

Please pray for COP 30 in Brazil mid November 25

Many of us realise the impact the climate crisis has on poorer nations and so we are asked to pray for the Tearfund activists attending COP 30.

Pray for:

- wealthy nations to step up in delivering the vitally needed climate finance to support communities to adapt to a crisis they didn't cause.
- the people of Belém as they prepare to host COP 30. The scale of the conference is huge and the logistics around this COP have been particularly challenging.

Hope into Action (Contact: Katharine Checketts)

Jon Kuhrt, CEO, writes:

"We are seeing a crisis of homelessness in our communities. Rough sleeping, the tip of the homeless iceberg, rose by more than 20% last year and there are more homeless people in council temporary accommodation

than ever before. The human cost is horrific, and the financial cost is eye-watering. In London alone, paying for this temporary accommodation costs the public over £5m every single day. The cost is driving some local authorities into bankruptcy.”

Hope into Action addresses homelessness by addressing not only poverty of resources but also poverty of relationships and poverty of identity.

Please pray for all the staff who work to overcome these poverties, and that in the coming weeks and months many more homeless people can find a rewarding place in society.

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

Evelyn writes:

- Please pray for the group of teenage Hungarians staying at Canaan, there are 19 of them. Pray for the programme designed to improve their English. Their team of 4 local Christians will be using the Bible with each day. Pray for fun fellowship and knowledge of English and God as they learn together. They will be visiting church for the evening service on Sunday 26 for the Gathering.
- Pray for our three 12-year-old junior leaders who are a great help with Saturday kids club.
- Praise for 31 people including children who did an enormous amount of garden work a few weeks ago. We need more volunteers to help with regular slots as there is still lots to do: Contact Evelyn 01263478373
- Praise for monthly lunch numbers that they will be sustained during these wintry months as many are suffering winter illnesses etc.,
- Pray for monthly prayer breakfast on the first Monday of each month at 9am at Canaan.

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

The Bible Society in the UK is part of United Bible Societies who are now active in around 240 countries and regions. Internationally, they are expanding their work through initiatives like Open the Book and developing a deeper understanding of the context of mission in different parts of the world. Three areas where they have been particularly active in recent years are China, Africa and the Middle East.

Pray for:

- their translation work that makes the Bible available in new spoken and signed languages, as well as their revising of existing Bibles to bring the language up to date.
- Bible Society production facilities that not only print physical copies but also produce visual, audio and digital forms.
- their distribution network that takes the Bible to places it might otherwise be hard to come by and globally helps to improve literacy by empowering people to read, using the Book as a reference.
- the Society as they work to affirm the place of the Bible in the general public, challenging ill-informed thinking and demonstrating that the Bible can be a force for positive change in today's world.

Please send prayer requests for December to
Katharine Checketts by **Monday 24th November**