

Prayer Diary – February 2026

*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 FEBRUARY

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

Sun 1 Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders

Mon 2 Mission Partner: London City Mission

Tue 3 CCToddlers

Wed 4 Crafts2Share

Thu 5 Mission Partner: Bible Society

Fri 6 People who suffer from depression

Sat 7 Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Matthew 15v21-39 – The King who shows mercy). Speakers: David Loades (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders

Sun 8 Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders

Mon 9 Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone

Tue 10 Children in care

Wed 11 Mission Partner: Tearfund

Thu 12 People in conflict zones and refugee camps – too numerous to mention

Fri 13 Headlight Youth Nights

Sat 14 Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Matthew 16v1-12 – The King we must discern). Speakers: David Masters (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders

Sun 15 Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders

Mon 16 Children who feel bullied at school

Tue 17 Mission Partner: Teso Development Trust

Wed 18 Children who are struggling academically

Thu 19 Mission Partner: CPAS

Fri 20 Special Needs children

Sat 21 Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Matthew 16v13-28 – The King confessed). Speakers: Paul Neale (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's)
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders

Sun 22	Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
Mon 23	Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
Tue 24	Judges and Magistrates
Wed 25	Prisoners and prison leavers
Thu 26	Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Fri 27	Young offenders
Sat 28	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

The Persecuted Church (Contact: Ken Nash)

Michael Hewat, Chairman of Barnabas Aid International, writes:

“The scale of persecution around the world remains staggering. More and more of our brothers and sisters in Iran are being arrested for nothing more than meeting for worship in their own language of Farsi (Persian). Hundreds – maybe thousands – are in prisons and labour camps in Eritrea and North Korea. Worship is restricted or even forbidden under many authoritarian governments, from Algeria to Uzbekistan, from Nicaragua to Yemen.

More than 550 Christians have been killed in targeted attacks by Islamic State in north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo since Christmas 2024. Armed groups affiliated to Islamic State and Al Qaeda, along with other Islamist terrorists, threaten believers across sub-Saharan Africa. As an example of the scale of the violence, at least 200 were killed in just one day in Benue State, Nigeria, in June 2025.”

Barnabas Aid

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

Michelle writes:

- Pray that I would use this time of sabbatical well to prepare me for my new role. Give thanks that I am able to do a member care course during this time.
- Give thanks that I will get to meet the team I will be working with at the end of January. Pray that I would build good relationships within the team.

The following is an excerpt from a letter from SIM UK to their supporters:

‘Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warm greetings from Serving In Mission UK. It's with much gratitude that I write on behalf of the SIM UK team to express our sincere thanks for your faithful support, through prayer and giving, for Michelle as she has served in Zambia for 30 years. What a beautiful expression of the body of Christ participating together in God's global mission.

'As you'll know, Michelle has concluded this chapter of her service and is now back in the UK, and during her Home Assignment we have been exploring together how God is leading next. A significant part of Michelle's role in Mukinge has been to provide member care to colleagues, she's gifted in this, and deeply passionate about supporting others and helping them navigate the realities of cross-cultural mission service. Her long service and personal experience give Michelle much wisdom to share.

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'SIM UK has been working on a team restructure that will enable us to increase and strengthen our member care provision, including scoping out new roles that we have been praying for the people and means to fill.

'(When) we knew Michelle would be leaving Zambia, we could immediately see what a brilliant fit she would be in our team.

'Having approached Michelle with the idea, ... we are excited to share that there has been a clear sense of the Lord leading us together. Michelle has expressed that she would like to take on a new assignment as a People Care Coordinator in the SIM UK Mission Personnel & People Care Team.'

Let's pray for Michelle in her new role and wish her all the best for the future.

Teso Development Fund (Contact: Frances Britton)

Teso Development Trust (TDT) provides some financial support to St Philip's College in Soroti, Eastern Uganda. This Diocesan College trains men and women, who will become village pastors on completion of two years of training. Students raise their own fees, sometimes needing to return home during their courses to get supplementary funds, which disrupts their training.

- Pray for those who graduated last year who are starting their ministries and for the new in-take of students commencing their training around now.
- Pray too for Rev Boniface Omaso, principal, and other members of staff.

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

Please pray for Edinburgh City Mission.

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

Local news

During the Christmas Services in the Church 136 Hope magazines were taken. Please pray that these Scriptures will be read and that many will come to saving Faith in the Saviour.

£1460 was raised and donated to us so that we could supply all the cast at the Thursford Christmas show with New Testaments with a specially designed Thursford crest on the cover. We are thankful for the Thursford management for encouraging this opportunity. Unfortunately, the ordered Testaments did not arrive in time, so the Scriptures will be offered to the cast next year. We pray that all the performers will accept the offer of these scriptures and read them.

International news

Last year GNfE had a Mission Trip to Peru. Following that trip, the work in Peru has continued to grow, with around 100 new churches requesting to be involved in evangelism outreach to their local communities, the result being an ever-increasing demand for God's Word. Thanks to the generosity of members, Friends, churches and other supporters, GOOD NEWS for Everyone! has been able to provide £109,000 for the purchase of Scriptures in Peru to support the work of these churches, many of which are based in very poor areas of the country.

Please continue to remember the work in Peru in your prayers.

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

CPAS work with Leaders, local churches and dioceses in a number of different ways to support mission and evangelism.

- Please pray for God's guidance and blessing in all that they do, from events and meetings to patronage churches and Venture and Falcons holidays.
- Praying especially for the young people contemplating attending a holiday this year.

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

Continue to pray for Ukraine.

Anatoliy and his team have been sharing God's word right in the face of battle in Eastern Ukraine, and they've sent a message of thanks to Bible Society supporters.

'Beloved friends – greetings from Ukraine. Right now, we are in the east of the country, in Donetsk region. Together with our chaplains, volunteers and

Bible Society staff, we're serving our brothers and sisters in the military who meet a very strong enemy who comes here to kill, steal and destroy.

'This night has been very difficult for us. Once again, a heavy attack came – one of the heaviest attacks on our country. Many civilians were killed while sleeping peacefully in apartment buildings. In my own neighbourhood, a mother and her small child were killed recently. Rescue workers are still searching under ruins for people who are alive because there are still many missing.'

'At these times especially, I want to express our gratitude for your outstanding love. You are so far away from us but we have your support and care. You've provided Bibles that are very much needed and will keep both our outreach and trauma healing programmes going so more people can experience hope.'

'Here in the east of the country we've met many people, especially children, who appreciate the Bible so much. They say the Bible brings them hope. And we are so surprised and thankful that in a difficult situation people are very open to the gospel, to listen to somebody telling them about hope. You are with us and we need you, friends.'

'Your support provides the Bibles we share, and it keeps us strong. God bless you all and thank you that you are together with us through this war.'

Tearfund (Contact: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

Unsafe water takes children's lives. We have read recently about areas in the south of England experiencing difficulty in getting water into people's homes. Inconvenient, but they are getting free bottled water, and it will eventually be flowing again. However:-

- 2 billion people worldwide do not have access to safe drinking water,
- 3.5 billion people do not have access to safe sanitation, causing diarrhoea,
- 1000+ children under 5 die daily through poor sanitation-related diseases.

Please pray:-

- for mothers like Rose in the Democratic Republic of Congo, who have already been through the unimaginable, shielding their children from the violence of war, but whose children are still at risk from unsafe drinking water. 3 times more lives are being lost through unsafe water than through the conflicts.
- for workers from Tearfund who are providing clean water and safe sanitation to families like Rose's. Pray for the funding for this.

Mission Without Borders (MWB) (Contact: Anne Attfield)

- Staff in all six countries where MWB work are thankful for the success of the 'Operation Christmas Love' campaign and ask for prayer that the families who received support and supplies will know how much God loves them.
- For Ukraine we are asked to pray for MWB's 'Winter Rescue' projects and for the volunteers providing fuel for families struggling to heat their homes.
- For Albania we are asked to thank God for those who have started coming to church and have committed their lives to Jesus. Also for the 'Senior Care' project created in 2020 in response to the severe neglect elderly people in Albania often face. The project provides food supplies, home visits and emotional and spiritual care through local churches to reduce loneliness and improve lives.
- Please pray for David Chavannes from the UK team who is hoping to come and share news of the mission's work with our Church family on 8th February.

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

Concentrate our prayers on Hungary, where Kornel, who we support, is getting ready to sort out his teams for English teaching camps in the summer in Hungary. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit Hungary and engage in some evangelism in the children's camps.

Contact Evelyn for more details and pray that enough volunteers for the camps are available.

Please send prayer requests for March to Katharine Checketts by
Monday 16th February