

## Prayer Diary – August 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

### Tuesdays

Small groups meet in the afternoon and evening.

- 9.30 am CC Toddlers in the Parish Hall (term time)
- 10.am-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
- 10.am-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

- 10.am-2pm Cornerstone Café
- 2.00 pm Table tennis group at St Martin's
- 6.45 pm Choir Practice in the Parish Church

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST

*See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others*

- Sat 1** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Matthew 4v18-20 – Peter hears). Speakers: Paul Neale (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's)  
Pray for our own opportunities for mission
- Sun 2** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
- Mon 3** Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
- Tue 4** Give thanks for all those who work for Cromer Church on a voluntary basis
- Wed 5** Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
- Thu 6** Hiroshima Day. Pray for an end to nuclear threats and proliferation
- Fri 7** Our Government
- Sat 8** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Matthew 8v14-17 – Peter sees). Speakers: tbc (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's)  
Pray for our own opportunities for mission
- Sun 9** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
- Mon 10** Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
- Tue 11** Give thanks for Lesley in the office
- Wed 12** Mission Partner: CPAS
- Thu 13** Pray urgently for a peaceful end to the war in Ukraine
- Fri 14** Mission Partner: London City Mission
- Sat 15** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Luke 5v1-11 – Peter learns). Speakers: tbc (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's)  
Pray for our own opportunities for mission
- Sun 16** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
- Mon 17** Pray urgently for the people of Gaza in their suffering
- Tue 18** Mission Partner: Teso Development Trust
- Wed 19** Cromer Carnival
- Thu 20** Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders

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| <b>Fri 21</b> | International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sat 22</b> | Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Matthew 14v22-36 – Peter trusts). Speakers: tbc (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's)<br>Pray for our own opportunities for mission     |
| <b>Sun 23</b> | Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders                                                                                     |
| <b>Mon 24</b> | The troubled country of Myanmar                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Tue 25</b> | Mission Partner: Tearfund                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Wed 26</b> | Climate stability - victims of catastrophes due to climate change                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thu 27</b> | Africans who are caught up in conflict (Arise Africa)                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Fri 28</b> | Mission Partner: Bible Society                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Sat 29</b> | Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: John 21 – Peter loves). Speakers: tbc (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's – café church)<br>Pray for our own opportunities for mission |
| <b>Sun 30</b> | Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; Christian leaders worldwide                                                                                    |
| <b>Mon 31</b> | Children and their families who are preparing for a new school year                                                                                                                     |

## PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

### The Persecuted Church

#### *Egypt*

For believers in Egypt, persecution often comes from those closest to them. Many are ostracized by their community or even expelled for alleged blasphemy.

Rural areas are the hardest places to live for Christians in Upper Egypt. Women can be aggressively harassed, and others are made victims of mob attacks.

Even though the president speaks warmly of the nation's Christian heritage, construction of churches remains limited, and believers are vulnerable to violence.

*Please pray:*

- that believers who are looked down on would know their value in the Lord;
- for God to protect Egyptian Christians against attacks;
- that God would work through Open Doors partners to counter harmful cultural norms.

*Open Doors*

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

*Michelle writes in her newsletter:*

“We were told that for every year a missionary has spent on the field you can expect a month of transition when returning. This was both scary and comforting. Scary: I’m only about a quarter of the way through this transition process! Comforting: It’s OK that some days I feel like an alien in a strange land and that there are still so many things I miss from Zambia.”

- Please pray for Michelle as she continues to adjust to her new life in Britain after 30 years in Zambia
- Pray for her as she learns to work in her new role at “SIM train”, as a trainer for new missionaries.

**Teso Development Fund** (Contact: Frances Britton)

- Pray for TDT’s Church of Uganda partner, Soroti Diocese and Bishop Kosea Odongo and his wife Grace, in their leadership of 81 parishes and 800 sub parishes, and the 115 clergy and over 800 lay readers serving in the diocese.
- Pray for safety when travelling to visit parishes and wisdom to encourage and pastor the clergy and readers, many of whom face the same subsistence challenges as members of the communities in which they minister.
- Pray for pastor Paul Obyasi who has serious health issues but continues to serve God in his parish.

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

*Local news*

During the Carnival we will offer New Testaments and Hope magazines both with a Lighthouse on the front cover, ideal for holiday makers. Please pray that many will be pleased to receive one and read it.

### *National News - Wimbledon Outreach 2026*

Over the two weeks of the Wimbledon LTA Tournament, seventeen GNfE members from six Branches across London and the South East worked in sweltering temperatures to offer London Hope magazines, New Testaments, Youth Testaments and Explore magazines in the areas around Southfields and Wimbledon stations. Such was the hunger for the Word of God that, each day, heavy suitcases full of Scriptures were distributed in just a few hours. So many folks engaged in deep and memorable conversations with GNfE members. Great opportunities arose for GNfE members to testify to God's goodness and the saving grace of the Lord Jesus in their own lives.

### **CPAS** (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

- Please pray for the thousands of children and young people who will be going on a Venture or Falcon Holiday this summer. Pray that they would be safe, have fun and make lasting friendships while exploring life with Jesus. Also pray for the 2,000 team leaders who make these holidays possible.
- Please pray for the Leadership Team as they prepare for a busy autumn term of training events, programmes and coaching. In particular, please pray for the launch of new initiatives and projects that seek to equip churches and leaders to share the gospel boldly and bless their communities.
- Please pray for encouragement, wisdom and discernment for the 700 CPAS Patronage churches and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon these leaders, their teams and the church congregation that the gospel would be preached boldly and that they would see new growth in their ministry.

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

Let's try to pray often this month that more and more spiritually open people in England and Wales will take a step forward, whether that means opening a Bible, turning up at a church to hear the gospel, or clasping their hands in a desperate prayer in their search for truth.

Thank God for faithful people like William Tyndale, who worked selflessly to bring the Bible into a language people could understand. And we thank God or all those supporting Bible work in 2026.

Lord, bless those working to translate the Bible still today, either first translations or revised editions to make the Bible more accessible to all. Please give them the tools and the wisdom and safety they need.

Pray that readers of the new Everyday Faith Bible will see how easily they can share and live-out their faith every day. The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC) and Bible Society have created the Everyday Faith Bible: to help people discover Scripture's wisdom, challenges and encouragement for all Christians do and are. Through more than 1,000 practical prompts, contextual notes, in-depth features and true stories, it brings the Bible close to home.

### **London City Mission** (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

Young people in London are growing up in a world filled with pressure, confusion and anxiety.

- Please pray that each missionary will be able to point them to Jesus, the Light of the world who can give them Peace and a Purpose for their lives and real Hope.
- Pray that each missionary will be given wisdom and courage from God for every encounter in their daily work and protection as many of them work in difficult and sometimes dangerous areas.
- Pray for their families too, to know God's provision for their needs. Pray that they will enjoy restful and refreshing holidays.

Remember that when we pray, we are sharing in their ministry!

### **Tearfund** (Contact: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

*Please continue to pray:*

- for the situations and people caught up in the Middle East conflict.
- Please pray also, as last month for other troubled areas - Iran, Ukraine, South Sudan, Nigeria, Myanmar and the Congo.

*Pray for:*

- just & lasting peace - wisdom for leaders, restoration;
- protection - for civilians, safety for the displaced, delivery of aid;
- strength - for church leaders, Tearfund partners, communities;
- hope - to sustain the weary, hope for the future, light in the darkness;
- healing - both physical & emotional, restoration of land & healthcare.

### **Earthquake in Venezuela.**

On 24th June 2026 a massive earthquake struck Venezuela, and we know over 4,900 people have died, and 16,700 people injured. The state of La Guira has been declared a "danger zone." Tearfund partners are offering food & shelter, medical aid and trauma support.

*Please pray for:*

- search and rescue teams - courage, strength and protection for their heart in such harrowing situations;
- those grieving loss of loved ones;
- those dealing with extreme emotional distress;
- those injured and in need of medical care;
- local Churches.

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

Mission Without Borders runs a 'Back to school' campaign in the six countries where they work. Many children in Eastern Europe face poverty, discrimination and limited opportunities, making education difficult to access. The mission's campaign provides backpacks and essential school supplies for the families they support. Please pray for the backpack distribution that it would be a blessing, and for all children returning to school or starting for the first time.

**Please also pray** for the Mission's after-school projects which offer support with homework, hot meals and fun activities where children can experience the love of Jesus.

**Please continue to pray** for Ukraine's Country Director for Mission Without Borders, Volodymyr Brychuk and for the families supported by MWB whose fathers/sons are serving in the army. Pray for protection for them and for their families who wait for news or whose loved ones have been reported missing at the front.

**Praise God** for successful summer camps and pray that the children who attended them will continue to know Jesus.

**Canaan Christian Trust** (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

**Please pray** that we get some bookings in for August. We have no bookings, which means we could get on with internal decorating, but we need the income to come in. So please pray.

Our other need is that some young people will volunteer to help with kids club. When the Hungarian young people were at Canaan, they were great with our kids club, lots of energy and enthusiasm. On 13th August we are having a barbecue for children and parents. **Please pray** that parents and children will come, it is at 10.30 at Canaan.

Please send prayer requests for September to Katharine  
Checketts by **Monday 24th August**