

Prayer Diary – October 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 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)

10.am-2pm 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-2pm 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-2pm Cornerstone Café

2.45 pm Open the Book at the Infant School (fortnightly in term time)

Fridays

2.00 pm Table tennis group at St Martin's

6.45 pm Choir Practice in the Parish Church

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

Thu 1	Young people in their first year at university
Fri 2	People with dementia
Sat 3	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's mission partner: Bible Society
Sun 4	Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
Mon 5	People living in areas where there is Ebola
Tue 6	Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Wed 7	Political prisoners
Thu 8	Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
Fri 9	People living in temporary accommodation
Sat 10	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's mission partner: Bible Society
Sun 11	Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
Mon 12	Those who are struggling with new parenthood
Tue 13	Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
Wed 14	The people of Nepal, living with the threat of further glacial meltdown
Thu 15	Our church members and local schools engaging with Open the Book
Fri 16	Mission Partner: Teso Development Trust
Sat 17	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's mission partner: Bible Society
Sun 18	Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
Mon 19	Mustard Seed
Tue 20	Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders
Wed 21	Children living in abusive households
Thu 22	Mission Partner: Tearfund
Fri 23	The people of Ukraine as another winter of war approaches

Sat 24	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's mission partner: Bible Society
Sun 25	Bible Sunday Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
Mon 26	Peace in the Middle East
Tue 27	Mission Partner: CPAS
Wed 28	Our Government making difficult decisions on Budget Day
Thu 29	Mission Partner: London City Mission
Fri 30	People who are grieving
Sat 31	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's mission partner: Bible Society

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

The Persecuted Church

Yemen

Yemeni Christians are very vulnerable in the chaos of war and humanitarian crisis.

Most have converted from Islam and must practise their faith in absolute secrecy or risk a death sentence. Those who aren't legally punished are likely to be disowned and persecuted by their family and community.

Last year, Western airstrikes were framed by the Houthis as 'Christian aggression', pushing believers further underground. Most foreign Christians have now fled Yemen. But many Yemeni believers bravely want to stay and serve their people. In fact, the small church is steadily growing.

Please pray:

- That peace will finally come to Yemen;
- for courage and hope for the Yemenis who risk their lives to follow Jesus;
- that secret churches will be able to meet, and leaders find the strength to keep serving.

Open Doors

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

Michelle writes:

- Give thanks that I continue to adjust to life here and working in the SIM-UK office
- Pray for wisdom and understanding as I listen to and chat with missionaries around the world.
- Pray for the SIM UK orientation in October. That it would be helpful in preparing people for cross-cultural ministry
- Pray for me as I prepare to lead a seminar on Singleness in Mission in early November. It will be the first seminar I have led so pray for good preparation.

Teso Development Fund (Contact: Frances Britton)

Funds were sent to PAG (Pentecostal Assemblies of God) North in August to start a one-year training programme for 210 pastors. Training is done in blocks over a weekend to minimise the disruptions to family life and other commitments. Topics include, among others; Understanding and Knowing God, Sin and Salvation, Bible Interpretation, Understanding Pastoral Care, Evangelism and Church Planting, Biblical Discipleship and Leadership in the 21st Century. TDT has funded this course in the past with much success and was fortunate to be awarded a grant to fund this particular round of training.

Please pray:

for the students that they would be able to complete this training over the year and for their families and teachers.

Pray for God's blessing on their ministries in rural communities across Teso, Uganda.

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

Local news

In the September Prayer Diary I mentioned that during the Carnival Day, we had offered Scriptures from the church to those who passed by. Praise God we were able to give 78 Seaside New Testaments, 38 A5 Seaside Hope and 25 Explore magazines. Please pray that these scriptures will be read and that the Holy Spirit will use the word to bring the reader to a saving knowledge of Christ.

This term we will be busy as we ring the North Norfolk secondary schools to see if they will accept a delivery of New Testaments for year 7 pupils. Unfortunately, fewer schools have agreed to take the scriptures. Some schools have refused the offer saying they are inclusive schools and do not wish to offend their pupils.

Please pray that schools will allow their pupils to have the option of receiving the gift of a New Testament. Praise God Cromer Academy have already received 145 Youth Testaments for their pupils.

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

As schools begin a new academic year, pray for churches who are seeking to grow their relationship with local primary schools. Give thanks for the openness many children have towards the gospel and the exciting opportunities churches have in partnering with schools.

Please continue to pray for the Leadership Team as they deliver a variety of online training events throughout the autumn term. Pray that these easily accessible events would be shared widely and that leaders, both lay and ordained, would be blessed and equipped.

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

Dina from the Arab-Israeli Bible Society says:

- please **pray** for people traumatised by the conflict;
- **pray** for the safety of our teams;
- **pray** for our churches and all the living stones to be able to bring the kingdom of God and its principles on our aching land;
- and please **pray** for healing, peace and reconciliation among Israelis and Palestinians.

Thank the Lord for volunteers who generously give their time, energy and skills for Bible mission. May they be blessed as they bless others.

Thank God for the many volunteers who take Bible stories into schools in England and Wales, including our teams at Cromer. Pray that these Bible stories will have a profound and positive impact on the children who hear them.

Pray for volunteers who speak on behalf of Bible Society. May those listening be reminded of the amazing and life-changing impact of the Scriptures.

Thank you, God, for all of those who generously give to Bible mission. Pray that this mission will never cease to expand here at home and worldwide.

Praise God for the ways you've answered Tyndale's prayers and that most people in the world can now read the Scriptures in their own language.

Pray for those working on challenging translation projects worldwide. Please equip them to translate your word faithfully and in ways that connect deeply across language and cultural barriers.

Also **pray** for all those in our nation who are picking up the Bible and reading it for the first time this year and that they may have powerful encounters with you, Lord Jesus.

(Note: Bible Sunday is on October 25th.)

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

Please pray for:

- People from the margins, at the heart of LCM's Outreach;
- Webber St helping Rough Sleepers. At last the Government are waking up to this!
- LCM reaching out to the lonely. Drop-in centres, home visits, all are used to share the saving love of Jesus;
- Daily Strength and Grace for every missionary working on the front line;
- Financial support and above all prayer for all these programmes.

Tearfund (Contact: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

Nepal flood disaster

The loss of life, families wiped out or loved ones missing, along with widespread destruction of road networks, bridges and communication lines has made the scale of this disaster incomprehensible. "Nowhere feels safe: this trauma could last for generations" warns Tearfund's Nepal country director, amid fears of secondary flashflooding. Three of Tearfund's local partners are already in the affected area to assess what the greatest needs are and how we can respond.

- **Pray** for those people affected, those grieving lost loved ones, those who are displaced, and those waiting for news of missing people.
- **Pray** for the rescue workers, first responders and local leaders as they try to reach the most vulnerable.

- **Pray** for wisdom and endurance for our staff and local partners as they seek to bring relief, hope and care to those most in need.

Please continue to pray:

for the situations and people caught up in the Middle East conflict. Also for those suffering in Ukraine.

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.

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

Please pray for all children returning to school or starting school for the first time, giving thanks that the mission was able to supply backpacks containing equipment children needed.

Please continue to 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, particularly the mother and five children of the G family whose father is on the frontline where there is very heavy fighting at his positions.

Please pray for peace, for a deceleration in the conflict and safety for all the mission's staff and families.

The staff in Bulgaria and Albania ask for prayer for all the families who grow crops, many of them part of the mission's 'Seeds of Hope' project, that God blesses them with a fruitful harvest that transforms lives and brings hope.

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

Term began with every child and their parents coming to incredible kids club on Saturday mornings.

We need another helper so we can split the group for our 13-year-old helpers.

Praise for two more rooms decorated and looking very smart.

Praise for volunteers.

Our monthly Thursday lunch for harvest was well attended but we have room for more.

Monthly prayer breakfast at 9.30 am on Monday 5 October at Canaan.

Many thanks for prayer and support.

Please send prayer requests for November to Katharine
Checketts by **Monday 26th October**