



# CROMERCHURCH

transforming lives with Jesus Christ

## Prayer Diary - February 2020

*Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on Cromer.  
Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on the Church.  
Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on me. Amen.*

Please use this diary in whatever way suits you best. Don't feel you have to pray for every event on the day but let the Spirit guide you.

Services and prayer meetings in **bold type** are open to all.

Prayer suggestions are in *italic type*. Events for families, children and young people are marked with an asterisk (\*).

### REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES AND EVENTS

#### Sundays

**9-10am Service and refreshments at the Parish Church.**

**10.30-11.30am Service and refreshments at St Martin's.**

**10.45am-12noon Service and refreshments at the Parish Church with Revolution (11s-16s)\* and Sunday Club\*.**

2.30-3pm Service at Halsey House.

**7-8pm Service and refreshments at the Parish Church.**

**Mondays** (A small group meets fortnightly in the afternoon)

8.45-10am Light Break Café at St Martin's (term time)\*.

10am-12noon Baby Playtime at St Martin's (term time)\*.

**Tuesdays** (Small Groups meet in the evening)

10-11.30am Take-a-Break in the Parish Hall (term time)\*.

7-8.30pm Meeting Point in the Parish Hall.

7.30-9pm Gospel Choir rehearsal at St Martin's.

**Wednesdays** (Small groups meet morning and evening)

9am-12noon Bowls in the Parish Hall.

**10-10.45am Communion service in the Parish Church.**

1.30-3.30pm Staff meeting.

2.45-3.15pm 'Open the Book' in the Junior School (term time)\*.

**Thursdays** (Small groups meet in the evening)

**8.00-9.00am Prayer meeting** (different venues, contact us for details).

9am-12noon Bowls in the Parish Hall.

9am Staff Prayers. (The staff team prays for members of the Church Family who they know of who need prayer support and also for everyone in turn as they work their way through the Church Directory.)

10-11.30am Take-a-Break Too at St Martin's (term time)\*.

**10.30am Prayer meeting for Canaan** (except 3rd Thursday, when there's an **update lunch** at 12.15 at 21, Holt Road Sheringham).

11-11.30am Service at Benjamin Court.

2.30-3pm 'Open the Book' in the Infants School (fortnightly in term time)\*.

7.30pm Bell-ringers' practice.

**Fridays**

7-8.15pm Choir Practice in the Parish Church.

**Saturdays**

**10-10.20am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Church.**

**The persecuted church: Syria.** (Contact: Ken Nash)

Pro-Turkish forces have been carrying out 'soft ethnic cleansing' in north-east Syria by terrorising Christians into fleeing. They were preventing them from accessing their land during the cotton harvest, which is their main source of income. It is less than a decade since Christians lived peacefully alongside Muslims in Syria. Pray that good relations can be restored as rapidly as they have deteriorated. (Barnabas Fund)

## EVENTS AND PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

*Please check weekly publicity for details and updates*

*This month's mission partner: Canaan*

*Please look below for mission partner requests*

- Sat 1** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan*
- Sun 2** Morning theme: Genesis 12:10-20 - Abram afraid  
Preachers: Tim Britton (PC), Jess Stubenbord (SM)  
Evening theme: Colossians 3:1-17 - Alive in Christ  
Preacher: David Loades  
*Our church leaders; our archbishops*
- Mon 3** 2pm Crafts2Share  
**7.45pm Parish Prayer Evening**  
*The persecuted church (see above)*
- Tue 4** 2.30pm Simon Fenn visiting the Infant School  
*Mission Partners: Andrew Leake; Bible Society*
- Wed 5** 7.45pm Christianity Explored  
*Our ministry areas: Evangelism; Finance*
- Thu 6** *Our government*
- Fri 7** *Peace in the Middle East*
- Sat 8** 10am Incredible Kids Club at Canaan\*  
*Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan*
- Sun 9** Morning theme: Genesis 13:1-18 - Separate ways  
Preachers: Philip Bligh, Roger Billings (PC), Will Warren (SM)  
Evening theme: Colossians 3:18-4:1 - Christian living  
Preacher: David Masters  
*Our church leaders; neighbouring parishes*
- Mon 10** *For a reduction in our carbon footprint*
- Tue 11** *The Queen and her family*
- Wed 12** 7.45pm Christianity Explored  
*Mission Partners: CPAS; London City Mission*
- Thu 13** 7pm Crafts2Share  
*Our ministry areas: Flowers; Food Bank*
- Fri 14** *For loving marriages, and for those with difficult relationships*
- Sat 15** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan*
- Sun 16** Morning theme: Genesis 14:1-24 - A rescue mission  
Preachers: Will Warren (PC), John Chandler (SM)  
Evening theme: Colossians 4:2-6 - Pressing on  
Preacher: John Graveling

	<i>Our church leaders; our bishops and archdeacons</i>
<b>Mon 17</b>	Simon Fenn visiting the Junior School <i>School staff and pupils on half term</i>
<b>Tue 18</b>	2.30pm Mothers' Union <i>For sufficient church finances, and a wise use of them</i>
<b>Wed 19</b>	2pm Crafts2Share 7.45pm Christianity Explored <i>Beach Fest events and follow-up</i>
<b>Thu 20</b>	<i>Mission Partners: Michelle Proctor; Prison Fellowship</i>
<b>Fri 21</b>	3-5pm Cromer Beach Fest taster in the Parish Church* <i>Our ministry areas: General Help; reaching out to women</i>
<b>Sat 22</b>	10am Incredible Kids Club at Canaan* <i>Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan</i>
<b>Sun 23</b>	Morning theme: Genesis 15:1-21 - Look at the stars Preachers: Will Warren (PC), Paul Rosier (SM) Evening theme: Colossians 4:7-18 - Examples to follow Preacher: Roger Billings <i>Our church leaders; our church governing bodies (synods)</i>
<b>Mon 24</b>	<i>People suffering from malnutrition and famine</i>
<b>Tue 25</b>	<b>11am Beach Fest prayer meeting</b> at 17, Macdonald Road 4-6pm Pancake Party in the Parish Hall <i>The children in this area</i>
<b>Wed 26</b>	Ash Wednesday 10am Ash Wednesday Communion <i>That this Lent we will all talk more about Jesus, naturally</i>
<b>Thu 27</b>	7.30pm PCC <i>Our local police</i>
<b>Fri 28</b>	7pm Men's Social <i>Mission Partners: Scripture Union; Tearfund</i>
<b>Sat 29</b>	<i>Tomorrow's worship and teaching; Canaan</i>

### **MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Andrew Leake (CMS/Compassion International)** (Contact: David Leake)

This month please pray for these issues:

- climate change is something churches must prepare for. They are often on the front line when it comes to assisting communities affected by extreme weather events. We are therefore developing a course to help

denominational leadership in South America to raise awareness and help prepare their respective congregations for such events. Pray for the initial discussions we are holding with different international and national organizations that might support this important initiative;

- the diocesan retreat centre (La Caldera), which we helped to refurbish, is now in full use, as it hosts a series of summer camps and events. Pray for a new round of fundraising, as we seek to develop a unique and large meeting hall/conference room;
- as our youngest daughter nears graduation, we are considering the possibility of moving from Salta to ensure that we are in the best possible place to be effective and efficient in our ongoing ministry. We do not yet have a clear idea of where the Lord may be leading us next. Please pray for us as we seek to discern His guidance on this matter.

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

Find Bible Society's prayer resources at [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us). This month, please give thanks and pray:

- for the work of *Open the Book* ([www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book)), especially for local teams as they continue their work in our schools;
- for the generosity of supporters that enables Bible Society's work to happen and for the dedication of creative and hard-working staff in over 200 countries worldwide;
- for guidance that, in fast-moving times, Bible Society will respond to new challenges and opportunities in whatever way Christ calls;
- for the Bible Society in the Gulf and for the protection of their staff in a place where danger and uncertainty make it vital to seize every opportunity as it might not be there tomorrow.

### **Canaan Christian Centre** (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

This month:

- praise that Canaan has visitors, Christians who live in a mobile but their site is closed for seven weeks, so they are very happy;
- January and February are months that are booked up so this has helped our finances;
- praise for Incredible Kids Club who all returned for the first Saturday after holidays. This term's theme is the Fruit of the Spirit, based on the story, 'Treasures of the Snow', and a lovely Fruit of the Spirit song;

- pray for teaching that we will all grow the Fruit of the Spirit this term;
- pray for more love, and for the children's evangelist we support in Hungary and Ukraine as he travels on snowy icy roads in these winter months;
- pray for musicians for our annual sale in March when we raise money to send Ukraine orphanage children to Christian summer camp.

**CPAS** (Contact: Jane Loades)

Find the CPAS prayer diary at [www.cpas.org.uk/supporting-CPAS/pray](http://www.cpas.org.uk/supporting-CPAS/pray). This month please pray for:

- 'Flourish' an initiative working with the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity (licc) to enable Christians to be confident disciples;
- patronage - for those looking for churches in which to minister;
- 'Three Steps Forward', an initiative to inspire church leaders in vision, culture and leadership.

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

This is LCM's 185th year! Praise God for His many blessings and faithfulness for so many years! Many events are planned for this special year. This month, please pray for:

- Steve at St Paul's Church Harold Hill. Pray for the newly-formed seeker-friendly Sunday evening service to reach many not used to going to Church. Also for several local heavy drinkers whom he meets on his 'beat', that the Lord will transform them;
- Kylie and the Creative Arts team at Husk Coffee House, Limehouse. Pray for two new 'artists in residence', not yet Christians, to feel welcomed and blest. Also for the weekly creative workshops, which draw in many interested folk, especially some lonely and needy; pray all will find refreshment and blessing through creativity and Christ's love;
- Jennifer at Hope Church, Vauxhall. Pray for one elderly anxious and depressed woman who is very angry with God and the Church, that God's grace and love will replace her bitterness. Pray also for Jennifer's neighbours, and for wisdom and love to share the Gospel with them;
- Stuart. Pray for a man he has been studying the Bible with, likewise a teenager, that God will open their eyes to His truth and love through His word; pray the same for many others;
- for all who work in LCM to know their labour for the Lord is not in vain!

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

This month:

- give thanks that we have a good number of doctors coming to help this year;
- give thanks for the rain we have had and pray for the South of Zambia where there is drought;
- give thanks that roof is on the new theatre and pray for the team as they start on the wiring for electricity;
- I am starting to lead a Bible study with a group of nursing students. Pray for wisdom as I lead and that we would have good fellowship together;
- pray for good supply of drugs as we are still having shortages.

**Prison Fellowship** (Contact: Janet Rosier)

This month's focus is Sycamore Tree: a ministry of Prison Fellowship.

Please give thanks:

- that the restorative justice Sycamore Tree course is being offered in an increasing number of prisons. (44 prisons, 127 courses, 2271 learners in 2018);
- for the trained volunteers who lead and facilitate the Sycamore Tree courses which is making an impact on prisoners and has been proved to help prevent-offending;
- that the Norwich Prison Fellowship prayer group will be starting a Sycamore Tree course in HMP Norwich for the first time this month.

Please pray:

- for the prisoners attending a Sycamore Tree course, that they will persevere to the end of the 6 weeks of the course. Pray for courage, as for many it will be the first time they take responsibility for their crime. As they return to their cell and think about what they have just learnt, may they receive the help, encouragement and comfort they need;
- for all victims of crime. On the third week of the Sycamore Tree course, prisoners will see and listen to a victim of crime. This person has volunteered to tell their story and the impact it has had on them, their family and the community. Reliving and retelling a crime can be emotionally draining, but it is often the first time a prisoner realises that his/her actions have consequences and they will have had an impact on many people.

## **Scripture Union** (Contact: David Orsborne)

Find SU's 'Connecting you' prayer diary at both worship centres and other prayer resources at [content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer](http://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer). Please give thanks and pray:

- for the central region team as they meet in February to pray, review and plan under the guidance of team leader Simon Barker, asking that God will give wisdom and clarity of vision;
- for all the volunteers who make Scripture Union's work possible, and that the leaders' conferences, starting this month, will be a time of inspiration and encouragement and equip leaders well to lead their teams this year;
- for the Bible focus group as it explores how best to help the 95 engage with the Bible in meaningful ways and discover more about Jesus. Pray that the tools being developed will enable staff and other workers to help the 95 explore the Bible for themselves;
- for *Guardians of Ancora*, which gets right to the heart of ministry to the 95, going where children are but the gospel often isn't: in the digital world. Pray that many more will discover Jesus, perhaps for the first time, as they play the game.

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

This month:

- the Climate Change emergency, has left more than 11 million people starving across 9 southern African countries. Please pray for Tearfund as they launch a year of prayer for all those impacted by climate change;
- the media love to bombard us with negative news and often the good news has to fight to get through. Tearfund reports that more than a billion people have been lifted from poverty since 1990. Modern medicine has meant longer life expectancy across the world and the rights of women and marginalised groups are improving. Praise God!
- pray: Lord Jesus, we turn to You and in these seemingly turbulent times we ask for that peace that passes understanding.  
We pray for Your power and influence upon issues that are distressing us most.  
We pray for an outbreak of faith, hope and love, in our hearts and in the world. Amen.

Please send prayer requests for March to Tim Britton  
by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.