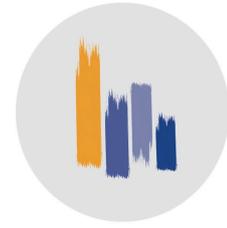


Prayer Letter 63

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Dear Praying Friends,

Christmas greetings to you and your church family and a huge thank you for your ongoing interest and prayers for the church here in Cromer.

The summer went well with a great number of visitors spending time in the church, climbing the tower, looking at the exhibition and just relaxing in the peace, which gives the stewards time to talk and pray with those in need. The Scripture Union Beach Mission only ran for one week this year but it enabled seeds to be sown.

Your ongoing prayers for Peter (our Curate) are much appreciated. The results of the earlier operation (mentioned in my previous letter) showed a few rogue cancer cells still present, and so another operation was performed in November. The biopsies taken during the second operation still showed the presence of cancerous cells. So, please, continue to pray for him as he returns to the Royal Marsden to seek further treatment. And also remember his wife, Caroline, in your prayers as she supports and waits.

Rarely do I mention the work of our daughter church, St Martin's. It is situated in an area of Cromer called Suffield Park, and was originally a Mission Church located near the Cromer High station, which is no longer there. The church in its present form was founded 50 years ago and so, in November, they celebrated their birthday with a special service of thanksgiving followed by a meal. There is a large hall attached to the church, which the community use and where one of our toddler groups meets.

In the Parish Church, our Sunday Club for children has a new leader, Anna, a young mother of two. Please pray for her as she takes up this important role. Jonny, our Youth Minister, left us in September to take up a post in the Lincoln Diocese, and seems to be settling in well. He has not been replaced and so members of the church family are helping with the groups and Simon (our Head of Mission) is liaising with the schools.

The Church is constantly being used by the community, which creates a lot of work for our churchwardens, Alison and David. Please pray that they may be given stamina and patience. Please also remember in your prayers James, our incumbent, his wife Katie and their children. The rest of the Leadership Team are all kept very busy and we are so thankful for them all. Please pray for Jennie Hodgkinson, Assistant Minister and Simon Fenn, Head of Mission and for all the retired clergy, one of whom, Derek Osborne, a former Vicar of Cromer, celebrates 60 years of ordained ministry this month.

Well, 2017 is nearly over and we have no idea what God has in store for 2018, but what we do know is that if we place our hand in His we have nothing to fear and much to celebrate.

God Bless you all this Christmas,

Vivienne