



CROMERCHURCH
transforming lives with Jesus Christ

Prayer Diary - October 2017

*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*.

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

8.45-10am Light Break Café at St Martin's.
10am-12noon Baby Playtime at St Martin's.
10am-12noon Cornerstone Coffee Shop in the Parish Hall Coffee Bar.
10.30am-4.30pm Tower open.
2-4pm Art Group in the Parish Hall Coffee Bar.
Home groups meet afternoon.

Tuesdays

- 1-3.30pm Staff lunch and meeting.
- 10am-1pm Take-a-Break in the Parish Hall.
- 10.30am-4.30pm Tower open.
- 7-8.30pm Meeting Point in the Parish Hall.
- 7.30-9pm Gospel Choir rehearsal at St Martin's.
- Home Groups meet in the evening.

Wednesdays

- 7-8am **Prayer meeting** (see notice sheet for venue).
- 9am-12noon Bowls in the Parish Hall.
- 10-10.45am Communion service in the Parish Church**
- 10am-12 noon Cornerstone Coffee Shop in the Parish Hall Coffee Bar
- 10.30am-4.30pm Tower open.
- 2.45-3.15pm 'Open the Book' in the Junior School.
- Home groups meet morning and evening.

Thursdays

- 9am-12noon Bowls in the Parish Hall.
- 9am Staff Prayers.
- 10-11.30am Take-a-Break Too at St Martin's.
- 10am-2pm Cornerstone Coffee Shop in the Parish Hall Coffee Bar.
- 10.30am-4.30pm Tower open.
- 10.30am Prayer meeting for Canaan** (except 3rd Thursday, when there's an **update lunch** at 12.15 at 21 Holt Rd Sheringham).
- 11-11.30am Service at Benjamin Court.
- 2.30-3pm 'Open the Book' in the Infants School.
- Home groups meet in the evening.

Fridays

- Home group meets in the morning.
- 10am-12 noon Cornerstone Coffee Shop in the Parish Hall Coffee Bar
- 10.30am-4.30pm Tower open.
- 7-8.15pm Choir Practice in the Parish Church

Saturdays

- 10-10.20am Prayer Meeting in the Parish Church**
- 11am-4pm Tower open.

EVENTS AND PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR OCTOBER

October Mission Partners: Prison Fellowship and Reflex

(When praying for mission partners you may want to look at the prayer requests that follow this month's suggestions)

- Sun 1** Giving Sunday. Preachers: am Peter Herbert (PC), Roger Billings (SM); pm John Chandler
Our church leaders; churches suffering persecution (see below)
- Mon 2** 2-4pm Crafts2share
Alpha
Leaders of our children and young people's groups
- Tue 3** *Mission partners: Michelle Proctor, CPAS*
- Wed 4** *Care home staff and residents*
- Thu 5** *Victims of terrorism, war and natural disasters*
- Fri 6** *Our care of our local environment*
- Sat 7** *Prison Fellowship and Reflex: pray for those in prison who have given up hope of a different life; all preparing for worship tomorrow*
- Sun 8** am Theme: The Promised Kingdom. Preachers: Tim Britton (PC), Philip Bligh (SM)
pm Theme: James 2:1-13. Preacher: Paul Rosier
Our church leaders; leaders of other local churches
- Mon 9** *Children and young people traumatized by conflict*
- Tue 10** *Lifeboat crews, helicopter crews, coastguards, lifeguards*
- Wed 11** *Mission Partners: Beach Mission; Sara Prior-Sanderson*
- Thu 12** 7-8.30pm Crafts2Share
Those involved in Brexit negotiations
- Fri 13** *Our care of God's creation - especially the seas and oceans*
- Sat 14** 8.30am Who Let the Dads Out? Toddler Group
Prison Fellowship and Reflex: pray for victims of crime who cannot shake off their fear; all preparing for worship tomorrow
- Sun 15** am Theme: The Partial Kingdom (1). Preachers: David Masters (PC), Sue Wells (SM).

- pm Theme: James 2:14-26. Preacher: Peter Herbert
Our church leaders; the Bishops and the Diocese of Norwich
- Mon 16** 7.30pm Alpha
Victims of abuse and injustice
- Tue 17** *Peace and reconciliation in areas of conflict*
- Wed 18** 2-4pm Crafts2Share
Volunteers working with local charities
- Thu 19** 7.30pm PCC
Mission Partners: London City Mission; Andrew Leake
- Fri 20** *Farmers and all who care for the land*
- Sat 21** *Prison Fellowship and Reflex: pray for prison governors, officers, chaplains, health staff who are overwhelmed by their tasks (cut backs resulted in less staff, more targets, and prisoners shut in their cells for long hours); all preparing for worship tomorrow*
- Sun 22** am Theme: tba. Preachers: Paul Neale, Roger Billings (PC), Simon Fenn (SM).
pm Theme: James 3:1-12. Preacher: Derek Osborne
Our church leaders; fulfilment of God's vision for the church
- Mon 23** *Families and young people on half term holiday*
- Tue 24** 2.30pm Mothers' Union
Our churchwardens, PCC, secretary and treasurer
- Wed 25** *Local government; local industry and businesses*
- Thu 26** *People with alcohol or drug problems*
- Fri 27** 10.30am-12noon 'Octogeraniums' group at 50, Clifton Park
Mission Partners: Canaan; Tearfund
- Sat 28** *Prison Fellowship and Reflex: Pray for children who have a parent in prison; all preparing for worship tomorrow*
- Sun 29** Bible Sunday. Preachers: am Jennie Hodgkinson (PC), John Graveling (SM); pm John Chandler
Our church leaders; a growing church prayer life
- Mon 30** Alpha
Mission partners: Michelle Proctor, CPAS
- Tue 31** *Leaders of our children and young people's groups*

The persecuted church: Yemen is in the grip of a cholera outbreak on an unprecedented scale, with over 400,000 cases registered according to the WHO. Please pray that medical relief will reach the hospitals in the areas where the need is greatest, and that blockades will be lifted to allow vital food, water and aid to be delivered. (OPEN DOORS UK).

MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS

Prison fellowship (Contact: Janet Rosier) See Saturday requests.

Reflex (Contact: Paul Rosier)

Reflex West Midlands Manager said, "Christians use the word "awesome" way too often and freely, but I have seen the awesomeness of God as He works in the lives of lads in Young Offender Institutions."

Reflex workers in other areas see this too when lives are being transformed and whole families and communities are affected by the hope realised by prisoners encountering Jesus.

- Thank God that His power is at work in these young lives

Cromer Scripture Union Beach Mission (Contact: David Orsborne)

This month, please pray:

- for all who were involved with Mission this summer; that they will have been drawn closer to God as a result;
- for the Mission leaders as they meet to reflect on this summer and begin to make plans for next; that they will be open to the leading of God's Holy Spirit;
- for a good response to events this half-term; that we may keep in touch and continue to develop good relationships with local children and their families.

Bible Society (Contact: David Orsborne)

This month, please pray:

- for Bible Sunday on 29th October; that it might be a joyful celebration of the Bible here in Cromer and in churches across the country, so that many people's lives might be changed for good (www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/bible-sunday);
- for the work of Open the Book, especially the teams that work in our local schools (www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/).

Sara Prior-Sanderson (CMS/JEO) (Contact: Chris and Erica Roach)

This month, please pray:

- for continued guidance to know what the Lord wants her to do each day;
- for the Holy Spirit to lead the Jerusalem Evangelistic Outreach teams;
- for Sara's Arabic lessons;
- for changes at Church and new friendships.

CPAS (Contact: Liz Whitaker)

This month, please pray for:

- a training evening for the CPAS resource "PCC Tonight" in Norwich on the 5th October, led by Graham Archer. Pray that all PCCs using this course will be inspired and enthused about their work and that it will help churches move forward in mission;
- patronage interviews being held on the 10th and 19th October in Wiltshire, London and Somerset. Pray that the right leaders will be appointed to these churches;
- the 7th "National Larger Anglican Churches Consultation" taking place in Hertfordshire from the 15th-18th October. This is for leaders of churches with an average Sunday congregation of 350+ and aims to help equip them for the specific challenges of larger congregations. Pray for CPAS's involvement with these churches;
- the 'Autumn Falcon' and 'Bridgwater 1 Venture' being held over half-term and for all that God wants to do in the lives of the youngsters taking part in them.

Tearfund (Contacts: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

This month, please pray:

- for Sierra Leone and for those who are suffering after the recent flooding and landslides, the worst flooding in Africa for the last two decades. Many hundreds have died with several thousand still missing, and at least 2,000 people have lost their homes. Please pray for God's comfort for the hundreds of families affected, for our church partners who are working tirelessly to help local community members and for improved access to allow us to reach those who are cut off and in desperate need;

- for Uganda where over a million South Sudanese are living as refugees. There are also over 275,000 refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo and over 52,000 from Burundi. Pray for Tearfund partners as they arrange health education and sanitation projects in the refugee camps. May the refugees know the special love of God;
- for those affected by the recent floods in Bangladesh.

Canaan Christian Centre (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

This month:

- praise for 24 children who came to Kids Club at Canaan. Praise for Bibles for all kids. Pray as we teach them using more Bible input as we visit places in Israel each week;
- praise for good responses to prayer letter sent out in September;
- pray... very big need... Winsome, our caretaker, is going to Jamaica for five weeks over December/January and we need to put someone in Canaan for this period;
- pray for continued peace and harmony in the centre. New families and new residents have come and are settling in. It's an all age centre for homeless folk so very much a family;
- pray for God given opportunities to help, encourage and pray. People have time to re-adjust their lives and take a look at what they are doing.

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contacts: Liz Bennett and Tim Britton)

This month, please give thanks:

- for holidays, and time to enjoy Africa's scenery with Michelle's sister who came for a visit;
- for the skill of visiting surgeons, and the difference they make to people who could not otherwise be treated at Mukinge hospital;
- for the Lord's provision and inspiration.

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

This month:

- pray (really hard) for a successful second attempt at running the creation care conference with the Bishops. This is a key event, and we need to try and get Bishops from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru and Paraguay, and

it's not always easy. Pray that they may define a new date for the gathering and that we can raise the necessary funds for travel;

- continue to pray for the work on the retreat centre in La Caldera - that we may use available funds wisely.
- pray for safety in Andrew and Maria's upcoming trip to Peru for Compassion International, and for Tomás, Ceci and Carolina in Cordoba.

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

This month, please pray:

- for the six new missionaries undergoing training and settling in to their new posts;
- for missionaries working among Muslims and Hindus, to share the Gospel with sensitivity and conviction;
- for one of the senior staff trying to balance work and home where two of his children have special needs;
- for one missionary, N, suffering severe depression and shingles;
- for good pastoral care of all the LCM team and their families, especially those in lonely or front-line ministries;
- for God to be glorified in the lives and work of all the missionaries.

'We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.' (Romans 8:26,27)

<p>Please send prayer requests for November to Tim Britton by Monday 23rd October.</p>
