

Prayer Diary – July 2025

*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

- 2.00-5.00pm 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)
10am-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
10am-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

- 6.45 pm Choir Practice in the Parish Church
2.00 pm Table tennis group at St Martin's

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR JULY

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

Tue 1	Pray for ourselves, and our families
Wed 2	Carers
Thu 3	A solution to plastic pollution
Fri 4	Our Mission Partner: CPAS
Sat 5	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Acts 4v1-31 – Holy boldness). Speakers: Paul Neale (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's) Pray for this month's mission partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Sun 6	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
Mon 7	Our Mission Partner: Christians Against Poverty
Tue 8	Healthcare workers
Wed 9	Our churchwardens and PCC
Thu 10	Countries in the Middle East
Fri 11	Our Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
Sat 12	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Acts 4v32-5v11 – One in heart and mind). Speakers: Tim Britton (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's) Pray for this month's mission partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Sun 13	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
Mon 14	Our Mission Partner: Hope into Action
Tue 15	The persecuted church
Wed 16	Volunteers in the local area
Thu 17	Our Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
Fri 18	Schools in our area, leaders, teachers and students
Sat 19	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Acts 5v12-42 – How do people respond to Jesus?). Speakers: David Masters (Parish Church), Tim Britton (St Martin's) Pray for this month's mission partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Sun 20	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
Mon 21	Leaders across the world

Tue 22	Our Mission Partner: Bible Society
Wed 23	Fire, police and ambulance services
Thu 24	BeachFest
Fri 25	Our Mission Partner: Tearfund
Sat 26	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Acts 6v1-7 – A practical problem). Speakers: Tim Britton (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's) Pray for this month's mission partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Sun 27	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
Mon 28	World Nature Conservation Day
Tue 29	Our climate
Wed 30	Our Mission Partner: London City Mission
Thu 31	Safety for people travelling and on holiday

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

The Corner House - Faith Food and Fresh starts

The Corner House offers 4 men at a time a safe space in which to find their feet after a spell in prison before they re-enter the world outside.

Corner House offers more than bed; it is a small intimate community of men who have fallen on hard times and learn how to live and share together.

They are cared for, served nourishing meals by a team of volunteers who share their table, and they have a mentor, Daniel, to care for their spiritual needs and help them explore their faith at whatever stage they are in their spiritual journey or none. They share a short morning devotion round the Bible and air their questions.

Like Jim* straight out of prison where he first found Christ. His eagerness to share his faith with others is very infectious and encouraging.

Corner House offers men like him a unique opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a safe and friendly environment and equip them, when they are ready, to live independently and use their skills and talents to make a valuable contribution to society and witness to Christ's transforming power.

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

Michelle writes:

- Please pray for me as I travel around UK in July visiting friends, family and supporters.
- Pray for Mukinge as they look for 2 new hospital chaplains, that the right people could be found

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

Local news. Norwich scripture distribution. From Jane Mann our regional director.

It was a busy time. Eight teams went out over two days; we covered the city of Norwich and local surrounds. In total we visited 124 establishments, care homes, hotels, B&Bs and funeral directors, where we left samples of scriptures with a letter from the Branch Chairman on how to order more scriptures. We left 300 different samples at the relevant places, and had 217 scriptures ordered on the days. God helped and guided us.

Nicaragua

In 2021 the communist government of Nicaragua asked ShareWord Global to give every schoolchild in the country a copy of God's Word. Only God could have opened this door and in these last three years, over 900,000 children have heard the life-changing message of Jesus and received a scripture through the local church. The country is slowly changing because of this.

In September 2024, the government began restricting Christian activities and banned over 1,500 charities and churches. Their cash and their assets were confiscated and they had to cease operations. But that very same month ShareWord Global (international part of GNfE) was asked by the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches (a government-approved entity) to make one million scriptures available to the members of their 2,100 churches spread throughout the country. What a miracle this is. While other organisations are being banned, ShareWord Global is being presented with an even bigger open door to fill the gap and change the destiny of a whole country.

Please pray that many will come to know Jesus as Saviour through this campaign in the days ahead.

CAP – Christians Against Poverty (Contact: Claire Harber)

Pray that CAP teams will know how to express with sensitivity the gospel message to those they help. Pray for the debt coaches and volunteers as they meet with people facing darkness and despair that they will radiate the presence of God, so that those they serve curiously seek the joy and hope of

the Lord. Pray that CAP seeks God's guidance before action and that they hear and follow His instruction. Pray that God will protect those who are doing this service, and help them deal with any negativity they might face due to their Christian faith.

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14

CPAS have been running holidays for children and young people for over 100 years. There are three different kinds of holidays, "Ventures" for 8–18-year-olds, "Falcons" subsidized holidays designed to suit children who may face disadvantage in their daily lives and finally School Ventures. Please pray for the volunteer leaders and for the children that they will all make great friends, take part in incredible activities and explore life with Jesus all in a safe environment.

Tearfund (Contact: Lynda Brown and Judith Anderson)

How to pray for Gaza and Israel

It is difficult to know how to pray for such awful situations that are affecting so many people. Here are some helpful pointers. Pray for:

- **PEACE:** For lasting peace, safe return of hostages, world leaders, God's peace.
- **SAFETY:** for civilians, humanitarian workers, the homeless, distribution of food.
- **STRENGTH:** for Church leaders, faith leaders and communities, for Tearfund partners in Gaza.
- **HOPE:** for those terrified, that people across the Middle East would not lose hope. For families of hostages.
- **HEALING:** for the traumatised and injured, for physical and emotional wounds, for hospital staff.

A Prayer: Dear God, we cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and the Middle East. Our hearts are breaking, and we know yours is too. We ask that you stretch out your mighty hand to bring lasting peace. We cry out for people who have been injured or traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their safe refuge. May your peace reign, Saviour and the hope of the world. Amen

Hope into Action (Contact: Katharine Checketts)

Becoming involved with Hope into Action enriches the lives of not just the tenants, but also the empowerment workers, help and support volunteers and other volunteers. Below are some of their stories:

Michael began volunteering with Hope into Action in October 2022 after retiring from a long career in charity finance. Initially offering just a day a week, he's still working nearly three years later. He says the variety of work and the genuine sense of family at HIA are what keep him coming back.

Amanda used her volunteer hours through Yorkshire Building Society to support Hope into Action and found herself changed in the process. From clearing overgrown gardens to connecting with staff, each moment brought meaning, connection and joy. It's proof that even small acts can spark lasting impact.

After years of addiction, Simon's journey with Hope into Action has brought lasting change. With the support of his home, his church, and his empowerment worker, he's found stability, purpose, and a renewed sense of hope. From reconnecting with his daughters to volunteering at church and securing work, Simon is now rebuilding his life – and inspiring others along the way.

Please pray for the tenants and **give thanks** to God for all those people who support them.

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

This month is the focus month for Canaan Christian Trust, so please hold Evelyn and the Trust in your prayers. Please also pray and give thanks for all those people connected to the Trust, both here at home and abroad.

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

This month especially, Bible Society workers and their church families in those places are asking for your prayers. Will you pray through the following points suggested by the Arab-Israeli Bible Society.

- **Peace around the world.** Ask God to break the cycle of fear, revenge, and destruction.
- **Reconciliation** – between Ukrainians and Russians, people in the Bible Lands and Iran, and any peoples fighting right now.
- **Wisdom for leaders**, courage for anyone threatened, and comfort for the grieving.

- **Unity and boldness in the Church** so God's people are seen to transcend the world's divisions.

Christians in Iran have also asked for your prayer in these areas.

- **Protection for the vulnerable.** As life in Iran is turned upside down, remember especially women who are pregnant and the elderly.
- **The liberation of Iran.** Pray for the freedom of the land where all people may celebrate life.
- **Christian love for all.** Ask God to empower the scattered Christian communities of Iran to serve their Muslim neighbours.

Pray for Bible mission as well and a powerful witness currently. Bible Society workers are asking personally for your prayers. The team in Nazareth said that missile fragments landed near their neighbourhood, and Anatoliy, who leads the team in Kyiv, says that a blast wave and shrapnel hit his home. Ask God to keep them safe and strengthen them in their outreach.

Please send prayer requests for August to Katharine
Checketts by **Monday 21st July**