

Prayer Diary – September 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 SEPTEMBER

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

Mon 1	Global Week of Prayer starts today
Tue 2	Cornerstone Café
Wed 3	Our Mission Partner: Bible Society
Thu 4	Wildlife conservation
Fri 5	Teachers
Sat 6	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's Mission Partner: London City Mission
Sun 7	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
Mon 8	Our Mission Partner: Hope into Action
Tue 9	Children who have started in a new school
Wed 10	Our Government
Thu 11	Our Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
Fri 12	Exploited workers
Sat 13	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's Mission Partner: London City Mission
Sun 14	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
Mon 15	Democracy
Tue 16	Our Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
Wed 17	Our Royal Family
Thu 18	Our Mission Partner: Tearfund
Fri 19	International Day of Peace on 21 st September
Sat 20	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's Mission Partner: London City Mission
Sun 21	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
Mon 22	Cancer patients
Tue 23	Our Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Wed 24	Open the Book
Thu 25	Our Mission Partner: Christians Against Poverty
Fri 26	Protection for rivers and waterways

Sat 27	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's Mission Partner: London City Mission
Sun 28	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
Mon 29	Mustard Seed
Tue 30	Our Mission Partner: CPAS

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

London City Mission celebrates 190 years in September.

For 190 years LCM missionaries have worked alongside the marginalised, overlooked and spiritually hungry in London's toughest places. From slums to estates, prisons and pavements, God has used the mission to bring the love and hope of Jesus to many people.

The next 10 years are critical, bringing new challenges; rising secularisation, deepening poverty and spiritual apathy.

'But God is calling us to press on with boldness and compassion' say the missionaries.

Here are just 2 initiatives that are proving very fruitful in bringing people to Jesus, in partnership with London churches, such as Holy Trinity Hounslow who are using BOOK TABLE ministry, offering Christian literature in multiple languages under a bright banner reading 'Believe in Jesus'. The primary aim is to have as many conversations as possible about Jesus. Many people's journey to faith in Jesus begins here.

The second evangelistic tool is FOOD BANKS where hungry people seeking physical food may find spiritual satisfaction, as their lives are changed by finding faith in Jesus, the Living Bread, through the missionaries who chat to them in the queue at the food banks.

So next time you're in London on the Underground, pray for the life-changing work going on overhead!

NB. There is a 190th Thanksgiving service for LCM supporters and missionaries on Thursday 25th September at Westminster Chapel, London. Free to attend. Apply to lcm.org/thanksgiving

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

Michelle writes:

- Give thanks that the interviews for a new chaplain at the hospital went well and 2 people were offered jobs.
- Give thanks for a wonderful holiday with my sister and pray for time with my parents in early September.
- Pray for Mukinge hospital as it faces many changes of staff and an ever-increasing number of patients coming for help.
- Please pray for me as I talk on a webinar for young medical people interested in medical missions on 11th September.

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

Local Work

During the summer and during the Carnival we have given from the church 27 Explore, 9 Hope magazines and 59 New Testaments. On the day of the Carnival, my groceries were delivered by “A” who had been given a New Testament in the past. This day he confessed he had never thought about God until the illness of his wife brought him to pray. He asked me about the times of our services saying he was considering starting to come to church. He went away with an Explore magazine and a New Testament for his wife “D”.

Please give thanks for all the scriptures taken. **Please pray** that the Holy Spirit will open readers’ understanding and that many might come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

Please pray that we will be able to contact all the North Norfolk secondary schools and ask if we can give all year 7 Youth Testaments.

International work

Last month I mentioned that GNfE, in partnership with Mission Eurasia, had been able to provide £50,000 towards the provision of Mark’s Gospel to members of Ukraine’s armed forces. The following story comes from the frontline: Olga is a Ukrainian combat medic. Every day, she runs toward danger to save the wounded. She has witnessed more suffering than most of us can imagine. One afternoon, a military chaplain visited her position. He offered her a Gospel of Mark and said, “This is for strength. Not just for the body, but for the soul.” Olga tucked it into her medical pack, unsure why.

One sleepless night, she finally opened it. Her eyes fell on this verse, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” Those words sank deep into her heart. From that moment, she began reading a little each day. In the midst of war, the Gospel became her anchor. “Through God’s Word, I found healing for my soul.”

CAP – Christians Against Poverty (Contact: Claire Harber)

Lord, we pray for those living in poverty and we pray that you lift them up and give them hope. We ask that we may keep our eyes open to those in our community struggling with poverty and debt and move our hearts into action to do your will through acts of compassion, kindness and generosity. In Jesus' name. Amen.

In Matthew 25:40 (ESV), Jesus says, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (if you would like to read further, see Matthew 25:35-46). Ask the Lord to remind you that by serving others, we are serving Him.

Please continue to pray for CAP and for all the workers and volunteers who are helping those in debt become debt free. Pray that they be bold to share the gospel and give hope in Christ Jesus to those they help. Pray that CAP remain rooted in God and continually seek His guidance in their work.

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

In a letter from Jon Scamman, CEO of CPAS, he writes how tremendously encouraging to hear how God is working in CPAS churches all over the country with stories of young adults coming to faith and being baptized. Please pray that this quiet revival might grow and grow.

With three new members of staff, Eva Swap as Data Analyst, Joy Langley as Falcon Holidays Development Officer and Harnett Dias as Executive Assistant to the Patronage Team, we are asked to pray for them as they begin to settle into a new working environment.

Please continue to pray for the Leaders and young people enjoying their Venture and Falcon Holidays. May each young person be strengthened and blessed by their experience.

Tearfund (Contact: Lynda Brown and Judith Anderson)

Please pray for Gaza and Israel

Continue to pray for the dreadful and upsetting situation. Pray for:

- a ceasefire and sustainable solutions that will bring lasting peace and protection for all.
- immediate, safe and sustained access to life-saving aid in Gaza.
- the safe release of the remaining hostages. Jesus said in Luke 10:27 "‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’"

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. May your peace reign, Saviour and the hope of the world. Amen.

Please Pray for Pakistan

A monsoon in Pakistan has brought flooding, loss of life and the situation likely to worsen.

- Please pray for those having lost loved ones. Pray for God to give comfort.
- Pray for no more destruction over the coming weeks. Ask God to keep local partners safe and be with them as they bring aid relief, and respond to needs of the community.

Hope into Action (Contact: Katharine Checketts)

Pray for Susie and Jessica who are running in the Run Norwich 10K on 7th September. Susie is a tenant with a back story of homelessness and addiction. Jessica is her empowerment worker. Their story demonstrates the power of friendship and love, supported by the church.

Pray for Ethan, who is walking for Hope into Action from Land's End to John O'Groats. He began his journey on June 29th. You can track his progress on his Facebook page "No Fixed Path".

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

Evelyn writes:

- Pray for me very slowly getting better after I fell and broke my wrist, so cannot really do anything.
- Pray for Kids' Club restarting on 6 September (my Plaster will not be removed till 10 September), but I can still walk and talk!
- We had a wonderful end of term time with kids who for the first time ever, all shared news and then prayed about it. It was like revival, a real God moment.
- Pray for new teachers, new classes, holidays, new babies coming, understanding God's ways, learning that No, Wait and Yes are all answers to prayer. Thrilling opportunities of sharing with them all.
- Praise for August bookings and folk who enjoyed staying at Canaan.
- Huge prayer needed for volunteers, we plan a volunteering Saturday in autumn as there is so much to do, painting, renewing, gardening etc.

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

- Bible mission in Africa is flourishing. Donations to the Bible Society help support the children's ministry in Togo, led by Pastor Hope. This is having an amazing impact in this Muslim-majority nation. Six thousand children's Bibles are being distributed for free thanks to donors' generosity. Thank God for saving Nadia from homelessness and bringing her into a new family. Pray that children in Togo like Nadia will come to know God through his word. Bless Pastor Hope and the Tokoin Centre as they persevere in bringing God's kingdom to earth.
- Ask God to encourage Bible Society in Togo. Bless Estelle, the General Secretary, and her team: Julien, Macaire, Bertille and Essosolim. Pray that God would give them everything they need for the great work they're doing and lift their heads in times of difficulty.
- Pray for Bible translators across Africa who are hard at work on new Bible translations. Ask God to give them courage and strength as they persevere in what are sometimes decade-long translation projects.
- Please pray for all the staff at Bible Society that they are given wisdom to make the right decisions regarding future Bible projects. Pray that all this work leads more people to Jesus to glorify our Heavenly Father.
- Remember our **Open The Book** teams as they prepare and start at the local schools this autumn term.

Please send prayer requests for October to Katharine Checketts by **Monday 22nd September**