

## Prayer Diary – December 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)  
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-12 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  
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 DECEMBER

*See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others*

<b>Mon 1</b>	The Christmas Tree Festival
<b>Tue 2</b>	Tuesday Prayer for Revival and Renewal
<b>Wed 3</b>	People struggling with mental health issues
<b>Thu 4</b>	Our PCC and churchwardens
<b>Fri 5</b>	Our Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
<b>Sat 6</b>	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Luke 1v67-79 – The King announced). Speakers: Will Warren (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
<b>Sun 7</b>	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
<b>Mon 8</b>	Carers – and those they care for
<b>Tue 9</b>	Our Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
<b>Wed 10</b>	The Church family
<b>Thu 11</b>	Our Mission Partner: Tearfund
<b>Fri 12</b>	Beachfest
<b>Sat 13</b>	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Luke 2v8-20 – The King arrives). Speakers: tbc (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
<b>Sun 14</b>	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
<b>Mon 15</b>	Our Mission Partner: London City Mission
<b>Tue 16</b>	Our families
<b>Wed 17</b>	People who are stressed at work, and people looking for work
<b>Thu 18</b>	Our Mission Partner: Bible Society
<b>Fri 19</b>	Global leaders
<b>Sat 20</b>	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Rev 19v1-16 – The King reigns). Speakers: David Masters (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
<b>Sun 21</b>	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
<b>Mon 22</b>	Our Mission Partner: Christians Against Poverty

<b>Tue 23</b>	People who are not looking forward to Christmas
<b>Wed 24</b>	Our Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
<b>Thu 25</b>	Christmas Day – Christians throughout the world
<b>Fri 26</b>	Our Mission Partner: CPAS
<b>Sat 27</b>	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: Matthew 2v13-18 – The King opposed). Speakers: Will Warren (Parish Church), Café Church team (St Martin's) Pray for our own opportunities for mission
<b>Sun 28</b>	Our services, children's groups and youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
<b>Mon 29</b>	Women's groups and men's groups at Cromer Church
<b>Tue 30</b>	Our Mission Partner: Hope into Action
<b>Wed 31</b>	Hope in the coming year – global, national, personal

## PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

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

LCM's Pioneer Programme has been running successfully for 10 years.

The 11 Pioneers are missionaries who were raised and live in London and have a heart for the lost and neediest people in the most deprived areas of London. They are involved in training Christians in the Churches to share the Gospel with people of all ages and nationalities, particularly those forgotten by society, the marginalised, the homeless and those without hope.

In the past 10 years since the programme began, many lives have been transformed by God through the Pioneer programme and the passionate witness of Christians who have been trained to share their faith in Christ more effectively.

LCM seeks to expand the programme in the future to more Churches across Greater London. So far 100 churches have benefitted from the programme, and the Pioneers themselves testify to being greatly blessed and inspired to share their faith, with increased confidence and conviction, leadership skills and understanding of God's word.

Pray for the CEO, Graham Miller and his family who suffered a devastating loss of their teenage son a few years ago.

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

*Michelle writes:*

- Give thanks for time spent in Zambia packing up and saying goodbye. I'm thankful I was able to see so many people and also find a home for my cats.
- Continue to pray for the team at Mukinge as they face lots of changes. Pray for extra surgical help as one of our surgeons is away for a while.
- Pray for me as I adjust to life in the UK and prepare to start work with SIM in the UK.

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

*Local News*

- The distribution of Youth Testaments to secondary schools in North Norfolk continues.
- We hope to distribute from the church a new style of A5 sized Hope magazines as well as Explore magazines and New Testaments to visitors who come to Cromer for the Christmas festivities. Please pray that many non-Christians will take and read the Testaments and the scripture-filled magazines.

*International News*

Several members from the National Office travelled to Skopje, North Macedonia and from 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were able to assist in the growing work of GOOD NEWS for Everyone! We had the privilege of attending services at local churches in Kichevo, Prilep and Shuto Orizari (a Romani town) all of whom are seeking to build good relations and share God's Word in predominantly Muslim areas. In previous years there has been much tension between these faiths so please do pray for the efforts and initiatives of these churches. Thanks to the Scriptures and Hope magazines available through GNFE they have been able to put these to great use within the communities and reach people for Christ. The team were also able to visit a number of care homes and take part in a service led by Trinitas Church, Skopje (who had a contingent of young missionaries from Norway visiting). It was a tremendous pleasure to be able to sing worship songs and spend time in prayer with the residents across these establishments.

Several university faculties were visited across Skopje where we distributed Scriptures to the students and where possible engaged them in conversations. Jack offered a Scripture to a student, she took it and asked, "What is it?" Jack simply said, "It's the New Testament" and before he could say anything else she said "Ooo, I've been wanting to read this!" and put it

into her bag. A great reminder that God had us all in the right place at exactly the right time!

### **CAP – Christians Against Poverty** (Contact: Claire Harber)

There are many organisations working to help and serve people in poverty over Christmas time - food banks, soup kitchens, and social housing associations:

- Pray that these organisations are supported this Christmas time in their service.
- Pray too that CAP and other Christian charities confidently share the good news of Christ Jesus.

### **CPAS** (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

- Ventures and Falcons Residential Holidays – please pray for the plans now being made for next year's holidays with Overall Leaders, granting them wisdom, insight and provision for 2026.
- Patronage Team – please pray for the appointment of a new Patronage Development Officer to join the team.
- Leadership – pray for church leaders as they prepare for Advent and Christmas, that they may warmly share the hope of Jesus. Following on from last month, please pray for wisdom in selecting participants for the Arrow 19 programme.
- Once again CPAS are launching “The Big Give Campaign” between Tuesday 2-9 December with every donation made online being doubled so please pray for a pouring out of generosity.

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

#### *Gaza and Israel*

**PRAY ON:** Please continue to pray for the situation in the Middle East.

- Pray for more aid to come into Gaza, including food, life essentials and medical equipment
- Pray for those aid workers struggling to bring relief to these people.
- Pray for all the bodies of hostages who have lost their lives in captivity to be returned.

#### *Typhoon in the Philippines*

Super Typhoon Fung-wong hit the Philippines on 9th November, with over 1.75 million people affected.

- Pray for protection and safety for everyone affected, and for all those involved in rescue and recovery efforts.
- Pray for swift access to resources, such as shelter, food, clean water and medical supplies, for people who have been displaced.
- Pray for comfort for all those who are facing losses of all kinds because of this disaster.

**PRAISE GOD:** For the success of the Big Quiz Night both here in Cromer and nationally. We all enjoyed good fellowship and fun, and have raised over £600 already. This will be used to transform a community through Tearfund's "Transforming Communities Training", that will take them out of poverty into a sustainable future. Thank you all

### **Hope into Action** (Contact: Katharine Checketts)

From October through to December, the charity is holding a series of Church Partner Appreciation Events across the country. Volunteers and paid workers alike are never taken for granted, all their work is greatly appreciated and celebrated. There is focus in particular on Friendship and Support volunteers, some of whom form a lasting bond with their tenants and are there for support even when a tenant has left a Hope into Action house and is living independently.

- Give thanks for F&S volunteers, and pray that they will find personal reward and fulfilment in their role.
- Hope into Action is also included in "The Big Give Campaign" (see the CPAS prayer request) between 2-9 December with every donation made online being doubled, so please pray for a pouring out of generosity.

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

*Evelyn writes:*

- Praying for all the Christmas preparations and decorating in the house and Wolery.
- We have our Christmas lunch planned for 11 December and then have two large groups coming for Christmas and one group for the new year.
- Praise for volunteers helping to get the house ready.
- Pray for the Hungarian group we had with us earlier who had a wonderful time of learning.

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

Wen Ting says she dreams of a day when every ethnic minority in China will have access to the Bible in their own language. A day when Chinese believers can freely access biblical resources and connect deeply with God through his word. She is part of a team that are developing the Bible Society's Chinese digital hub SPARKS.

- Pray for God's wisdom as this Sparks online Chinese resource hub enters its next stage of development. The Bible Society longs to see this platform becoming a trusted space where Chinese Christians in China can encounter Scripture in fresh and transformative ways.
- Pray that all the Bible and Christmas resources that the Bible Society has produced will find their way into many schools and homes this Christmastime. ('The Amazing Adventure!' *Primary Schools*. - A free, fun, festive 'Instant Nativity and Colouring Sheet'. - 'We're On Our Way to Bethlehem' *Booklet for Toddlers*. - Rooted Journal Trio book and resources.)
- Remember our Open The Book teams and the opportunity we have for the Cromer Junior School to come to a service at the Church with the OTB team on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please send prayer requests for January to Katharine  
Checketts by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**