

Prayer Diary – March 2026

*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 MARCH

See below for prayer requests from Mission Partners and others

- Sun 1** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
- Mon 2** Mission Partner: London City Mission
- Tue 3** Our local councils as they prepare for restructuring
- Wed 4** Mission Partner: Bible Society
- Thu 5** Open the Book (World Book Day)
- Fri 6** World Day of Prayer - Nigeria
- Sat 7** Tomorrow's worship and teaching
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
- Sun 8** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
- Mon 9** Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders
- Tue 10** Those who are grieving or lonely following the death of a partner
- Wed 11** Mission Partner: Tearfund
- Thu 12** Meeting Point
- Fri 13** Mothers, as we look forward to Mothering Sunday
- Sat 14** Tomorrow's worship and teaching
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
- Sun 15** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders
- Mon 16** Mustard Seed
- Tue 17** Mission Partner: Teso Development Trust
- Wed 18** Cornerstone Cafe
- Thu 19** Mission Partner: CPAS
- Fri 20** Pray for more happiness on International Day of Happiness
- Sat 21** Tomorrow's worship and teaching
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
- Sun 22** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
- Mon 23** Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
- Tue 24** Those who are suffering from lack of water, and those that work to alleviate the problem
- Wed 25** Those who are suffering from climate and weather disasters

Thu 26	Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
Fri 27	The health of the NHS
Sat 28	Tomorrow's worship and teaching. Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
Sun 29	Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; global church leaders
Mon 30	Those who are struggling to find a job
Tue 31	Those who are unhappy in their job, for whatever reason

PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

The Persecuted Church - Nigeria

Nigeria is the country featured in the 2026 World Day of Prayer, on Friday 6th March (The Service for Cromer is at our Parish Church).

For several years, Nigeria has been the most violent place in the world for Christians. Twelve northern states have implemented Sharia (Islamic law), and Christians there live as second-class citizens.

Violent Islamist militant groups – such as Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province – operate across northern and central Nigeria. They abduct women and girls for forced marriage or sexual slavery, beat and kill men, or hold both to ransom.

In Nigeria's Middle Belt, militants violently attack Christian farmers. Violence is now spilling into southern states. Thousands of Nigerian Christians were displaced in 2025.

Please pray:

- That God brings peace to stop the spreading violence in Nigeria,
- For hope and stability for the thousands of Christians who have fled their homes,
- That Nigeria's government would do everything they can to protect people.

Open Doors

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

Michelle writes:

- Give thanks that time with the team I'll be working with went well. Pray that I can continue to build relationships as I get to know them (most work remotely and not in the office),

- Give thanks for the course I am doing and all I am learning. Pray that I will put it to good use,
- Pray as I continue to adjust to life in UK and that I would settle into and feel at home in the church I am attending.

Teso Development Trust (Contact: Frances Britton)

Teso Development Trust (TDT) has been supporting the construction of wells and boreholes in Teso for the last 30 years. In the last 5 years alone 73 projects have been completed, benefitting 41,743 people at a cost of £123,602. This is approximately £3 per beneficiary.

Clean water brings many benefits - e.g. reduced levels of disease, and more efficient use of time. Improved personal hygiene and the ability to clean clothes make school attendance easier for children. Women and children are kept safe as there is no need for long journeys carrying water in the early morning or late evening. Levels of domestic violence reduce as the stress on households is reduced. Readily available water and time saved can be dedicated to farming and other income-generating activities. Water points often become important focal points in the community.

Boreholes are more expensive to construct than shallow wells or spring protections. They are, however, necessary in the northern parts of Teso where the water table is much lower. Spring protections and hand dug wells are much simpler to complete. In these instances, the community themselves are often involved in the digging! At each water source a Water User Committee is set up to oversee the source and collect monthly contributions from the community for its maintenance.

Pray for TDT's ongoing provision of clean water in remote communities and all that is involved in effective maintenance of these water sources.

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

Please pray for London City Mission.

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

Local news

This is our month as a mission partner. We hope to show a video clip of the work in St Martins & the Parish Church and offer the two books 'Sharing Jesus' & 'Will you go?'. On **28th March at 3pm**, we are showing a video of the local work with tea and cake. All are welcome. **Please pray that many would show an interest in the work.**

Please pray that all the North Norfolk secondary schools would be pleased to receive Youth Testaments for year 7 students. If we are not able to offer the scriptures to a secondary school, that we would, with God's help, be able to establish good contacts with local primary schools in that area and offer their year 6 pupils the Youth Testaments.

At present, the secondary schools in North Norfolk area are still being contacted to offer Youth Testaments for their students. We would love to offer the Testaments at the beginning of the school academic year, but it is impossible at present with only three members, one of which has been struggling with cancer.

International news

Previously, I mentioned that GOOD NEWS for Everyone in partnership with Mission Eurasia was able to provide £50,000 towards the provision of Mark's Gospel for members of Ukraine's armed forces. Recently, Iain Mair, Executive Director of GNfE, met Ukraine Army Chaplain, Denis Gorenkov, in London to hear first-hand how these copies of Mark's Gospel are being used to bring comfort, hope and reassurance to members of the Ukrainian Army fighting on the front line with Russia.

CPAS (Contact: Vivienne Benford)

- Please pray for the Trustees meeting on the 25th March and the Patronage Trustees meeting on the 26th March.
- Also please pray for all who will be attending courses being run this month. This includes an online Leading Evangelism Learning Hub on the 12th March, which will give practical ideas, biblical insights and resource recommendations to help lead in evangelism.
- Please continue to pray for all the preparations taking place for the Ventures and Falcons Holidays for young people aged between 8 and 18 years old this summer.

Bible Society (Contact: David Anderson)

Pray for Bible Society supported and funded teams in former Soviet Countries. This enables Pastor Viktor to not only maintain a crucial Christian outpost in Kazakhstan, but also to spread the word throughout this vast Central Asian country.

Also, Vladimir is a chaplain at a Christian rehabilitation centre in Almaty, Kazakhstan, but he wasn't always a follower of Jesus. From the age of six, he was a gang member and has spent 28 years of his life in prison. After his last release from jail, he said a group of plainclothes policemen planted drugs in his home. On top of this, his wife had died, and his children had

rejected him. Even though Vladimir wasn't a believer and felt like he had nothing left to live for, he asked God to give him one final chance. He was aware his elderly mother and grandmother had prayed for him.

Vladimir prayed and fasted, and miraculously the prosecutor said he could go free. In that moment, he remembered a Christian he had met in jail who had told him that God loved him. Vladimir fell on his knees and he bowed to God. He says God changed him and he wanted to serve him. Vladimir began to work with ex criminals in a Christian rehabilitation centre in 2012, and today he is able to offer free Bibles and resources to the men in the centre.

In 2015, a few years after Viktor began leading the Bible Society team, the Kazakh government issued a law that limited preaching and sharing spiritual literature outside of registered religious buildings, like churches, synagogues and mosques. To register a building, communities have to provide 500 signatures - in many small villages this is impossible. As in China laws have forced believers to create the underground Churches meeting illegally in house groups.

Alongside working on a new translation of the Kazakh Bible, and continuing to resource churches, schools and children with special needs, Viktor and his team minister at rehabilitation centres with people like Vladimir.

Tearfund (Contact: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

Unsafe water takes children's lives. We have read recently about areas in the south of England experiencing difficulty in getting water into people's homes. Inconvenient, but they are getting free bottled water, and it will eventually be flowing again. However:-

- 2 billion people worldwide do not have access to safe drinking water,
- 3.5 billion people do not have access to safe sanitation, causing diarrhoea,
- 1000+ children under 5 die daily through poor sanitation-related diseases.

Please pray:-

- for mothers like Rose in the Democratic Republic of Congo, who have already been through the unimaginable, shielding their children from the violence of war, but whose children are still at risk from unsafe drinking water. 3 times more lives are being lost through unsafe water than through the conflicts.
- for workers from Tearfund who are providing clean water and safe sanitation to families like Rose's. Pray for the funding for this.

Mission Without Borders (MWB) (Contact: Anne Attfield)

- We are asked to pray for MWB's 'Winter Rescue' projects and for the volunteers providing fuel for families struggling to heat their homes, particularly for those in Ukraine but also for those suffering from the bitterly cold winters in the other five countries where MWB work.
- For Albania we are asked to thank God for those who have started coming to church and have committed their lives to Jesus and to pray for the 'Senior Care' project created in 2020 in response to the severe neglect elderly people in Albania often face.
- We thank God together with the staff in Romania who are rejoicing in answered prayer for people responding to teaching about Jesus, for lives transformed and people learning how to pray. They ask for prayer for their Christian Outreach activities.
- We thank God for David Chavannes' visit to us all and for renewed interest in MWB as a result. Please continue to pray for the UK team in all the work they are responsible for.

Canaan Christian Trust (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

Our prayer breakfasts continue at Canaan on the first Monday of each month and are an encouragement to us. Praise God for bookings that have come in - three groups from Hungary. We managed to find a bed settee which means that we can now take 20 guests, as many from Hungary are keen to come.

Praise for the volunteers who strip the beds, wash and iron the sheets, clean the rooms and make up the beds for the next group.

Pray for our monthly lunch which in February is on 4th Thursday of the month because of half term. Pray that people will remember.

Give thanks for a piano that groups can use at Canaan.

Please send prayer requests for April to Katharine Checketts by
Monday 23rd March