

## Prayer Diary – July 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)
- 10.am-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
- 10.am-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

- 10.am-2pm Cornerstone Café
- 2.00 pm Table tennis group at St Martin's
- 6.45 pm Choir Practice in the Parish Church

## PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR JULY

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

- Wed 1** Safety at sea and our lifeboat crews
- Thu 2** People we know who are struggling with their health
- Fri 3** Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor
- Sat 4** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: James 4v13-17 – Today and tomorrow). Speakers: Will Warren (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's)  
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
- Sun 5** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders
- Mon 6** Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone
- Tue 7** Our Government
- Wed 8** Mission Partner: London City Mission
- Thu 9** Open the Book
- Fri 10** Safety for firefighters
- Sat 11** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: James 5v1-6 – Gold and silver). Speakers: Dee Freeman (Parish Church), John Chandler (St Martin's)  
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
- Sun 12** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders
- Mon 13** Mustard Seed families
- Tue 14** The future of our planet and future generations
- Wed 15** Mission Partner: CPAS
- Thu 16** People who are having family difficulties
- Fri 17** Safety for schoolchildren and their families as their holidays begin
- Sat 18** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: James 5v7-12 – Patience and perseverance). Speakers: Will Warren (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's)  
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
- Sun 19** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders

- Mon 20** Pregnant women, women who cannot become pregnant, women who have lost their babies or who are suffering from post-natal depression
- Tue 21** Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders
- Wed 22** People living in countries at war, and refugees from war
- Thu 23** Mission Partner: Tearfund
- Fri 24** Jobseekers and the unemployed
- Sat 25** Tomorrow's worship and teaching. (Theme: James 5v13-20 – Praying and healing). Speakers: Tim Britton (Parish Church), Paul Rosier (St Martin's – café church)  
Pray for this month's Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust
- Sun 26** Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders
- Mon 27** Anxious people
- Tue 28** Mission Partner: Bible Society
- Wed 29** Our farmers
- Thu 30** United Nations International Friendship Day
- Fri 31** Mission Partner: Teso Development Trust

## **PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS**

### **The Persecuted Church**

#### *Somalia*

Promoting any religion apart from Islam and leaving Islam are both illegal in Somalia. Christians in Somalia are almost exclusively converts from Islam, who may be killed by their neighbours, former friends or even family members if their faith is known. Virtually the only way to survive is to follow the Christian faith alone and in secret, or leave the country.

In addition to this, Islamist militant group Al Shabaab, which is affiliated to Al Qaeda, is waging an insurgency against the Somali government. Anti-terrorism experts have assessed that Al Shabaab "is deeply entrenched in rural areas and embedded within the political and economic fabric of Somali society".

As if that is not enough, American drone strikes have killed women and children, which can be framed as "Christian aggression."

*Please pray:*

- For our brothers and sisters in Somalia, who face abuse and death for their faith in Christ
- That the Lord will protect His people from Islamist terrorists

*Barnabas Aid*

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

*Michelle writes:*

- **Give thanks** for the SIM orientation week. Pray for those preparing to go overseas.
- **Pray** as I continue to adjust to life in the UK and my new role.

### **Teso Development Fund** (Contact: Frances Britton)

Pray for a new partnership with PAG (Pentecostal Assemblies of God) in West Teso. TDT have been asked to consider funding for projects there, including the provision of clean water sources, work with young people, support for victims of HIV/AIDS and sustainable livelihoods. Many areas are starting to notice the withdrawal of USAID funding particularly in the area of HIV and anti-retroviral drugs.

James who is the point of contact seems very enthusiastic and TDT are hoping to start with a small water project and see how that develops.

Pray for guidance, responding to James's initiatives and for the success of the initial water project.

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

*Local news*

Praise God, we have had contact with a teacher from North Walsham secondary school who asked if we would supply 30 Bibles for a group of pupils who meet at lunchtime for a Bible study. Please pray that this might be an opening for us to take New Testaments for year 7 pupils as we did in the past.

Near the end of July, I hope to ring local secondary schools to see if they would accept Youth Testaments for year 7 Pupils in September. Please pray that many schools would be pleased to receive these Testaments.

*News from National Office*

The Maasai believers in Kenya were in great need of Bibles (many of them had no Bible) and other material to help them to reach others in their communities with the Gospel. In 2024 GNfE were able to help and many

Bibles were supplied. Now by God's Grace and the generosity of members, Friends and other supporters, funds for the purchase of a further 5,000 Maasai Bibles has recently been provided.

In conjunction with the provision of these Bibles, ShareWord Global will be holding evangelism training with the Maasai and providing them with evangelism material. Church leaders will be provided with study Bibles, and *Thru the Bible* will offer discipleship materials. Please pray for the Maasai people, that as a result of receiving this support they will see their churches growing both numerically and in spiritual depth.

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

CPAS launched the new "School Ministry" work in the spring which will equip churches to build lasting partnerships with local schools, especially Church of England schools. Churches and schools shape the same children. When they collaborate, they strengthen the whole child. Schools are often the first place where young people encounter and explore the Christian faith, making them an important space for spiritual growth. Practical training is given, designed to bring church and school leaders together. Quality ready-to-use resources and teaching materials are also provided.

Please pray for churches who are seeking to grow their relationship with local primary schools. Give thanks for the openness many children have towards the gospel and the exciting opportunity churches have in partnering with schools.

### **CPAS Holidays**

Please continue to pray for the children attending these holidays that they may grow closer to Jesus, make new friends and have fun.

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

Simon Bartz, The Bible Society's Word in Action Editor, writes:

Prayer, what a phenomenal blessing. Prayers of thanks can uplift, especially if you get on a roll and suddenly realise just how many blessings you have in your life. I've had a tough time of late, but when I start thanking God for the good things in my life, I end up thinking, 'Things ain't too bad after all'. I am sure many of you feel the same.

These flowing prayers of thanksgiving go hand-in-hand with more intense prayers asking God to intervene, to heal. We want wars to end. We want leaders to show love and compassion. A lot to ask for. We also need prayers to give our ailing society the kiss of life here in England and Wales. For that to happen it would help if more people encountered Jesus through the Bible.

There are many things to pray for. Let's do it!

- Please pray for peace and stability in all areas of conflict. Pray that persecutors and warmongers will repent and turn away from evil.
- Ask God to strengthen the faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Gulf region and bless them with perseverance. Pray that the 20 different projects that the Bible Society in the Gulf is developing this year will help people to engage with Christ's message of hope.
- Please ask God to protect the staff members and their families at Bible Society in the Gulf so that they may continue their good work.

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

Young people in London are growing up in a world filled with pressure, confusion and anxiety.

Please pray that each missionary will be able to point them to Jesus, the Light of the world who can give them Peace and a Purpose for their lives and real Hope.

Pray that each missionary will be given wisdom and courage from God for every encounter in their daily work and protection as many of them work in difficult and sometimes dangerous areas.

Pray for their families too, to know God's provision for their needs. Pray that they will enjoy restful and refreshing holidays.

Remember that when we pray, we are sharing in their ministry!

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

There are so many countries served by Tearfund needing our prayers. All have similar needs, so we can pray for all of them using the same format. Middle East, particularly Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran. Ukraine. South Sudan. Nigeria. Myanmar. Congo.

*Please pray for:*

- a just and lasting peace;
- protection of civilians, refugees, Tearfund staff, church leaders;
- strength for all those affected;
- hope for the weary, a future beyond the conflict;
- healing for physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds.

### **Ebola Crisis in the DRC**

Tearfund have been working in the affected Ituri area for over 10 years.

*Please pray for:*

- healing, comfort, a speedy development of a vaccine;
- peace for the anxious, the sick, the bereaved;
- protection against the virus, containment of it, for Tearfund staff and partners. Many are working in the centre of the outbreak.

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

**Please continue to pray** for the summer camps run by MWB which are a key time for children living in poverty, offering a chance to have respite from the challenges of home, the pressures of poverty and the trauma of war. At camp children hear about and see the love of Jesus in action. They have fun, make new friends, have good food and time to relax and they learn new practical skills that they can apply to everyday life.

**Please pray** for the teams in all six countries as they plan and prepare for the camps. Pray for the money needed to pay for the camps - £182 per child for a full week at camp.

**Please continue to pray** for Ukraine's Country Director for Mission Without Borders, Volodymyr Brychuk and for the families supported by MWB whose fathers/sons are serving in the army. Pray for protection for them and for their families who wait for news or whose loved ones have been reported missing at the front.

**Please continue to pray** for families supported by the mission in Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania who rely on the land to provide them with an income. Pray that God blesses them with a good harvest and that lives can be transformed by hope in Jesus.

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

We have two groups coming from Hungary.

The first one is a group of families, and the second week there is a group of 30 students coming to improve their English, so we are busy getting the house prepared and making lots of improvements. A large cooker was renewed and sheds removed and emptied. The garage is filling up with things, and we are hoping to have a sale on **18<sup>th</sup> July** when we will dedicate the new Prayer Lodge.

Pray for the team of 4 who are organising the Hungarian programme and teaching them in July.

Please send prayer requests for August to Katharine Checketts  
by **Monday 20th July**