

## Prayer Diary – September 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

**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 SEPTEMBER

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

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| <b>Tue 1</b>  | Our farmers                                                                                                         |
| <b>Wed 2</b>  | Our hospitals and those who work in them                                                                            |
| <b>Thu 3</b>  | Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor                                                                                   |
| <b>Fri 4</b>  | Schoolchildren as they prepare for a new school year                                                                |
| <b>Sat 5</b>  | Tomorrow's worship and teaching.<br>Pray for this month's mission partner: London City Mission                      |
| <b>Sun 6</b>  | Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our children's and youth group leaders     |
| <b>Mon 7</b>  | Mission Partner: Canaan Christian Trust                                                                             |
| <b>Tue 8</b>  | Guidance for leadership of St Martin's Church                                                                       |
| <b>Wed 9</b>  | Global Week of Prayer, 6 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> September. Pray that our prayers resound across the Globe |
| <b>Thu 10</b> | Mission Partner: Good News for Everyone                                                                             |
| <b>Fri 11</b> | Our Building for People project                                                                                     |
| <b>Sat 12</b> | Tomorrow's worship and teaching.<br>Pray for this month's mission partner: London City Mission                      |
| <b>Sun 13</b> | Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; our small group leaders                    |
| <b>Mon 14</b> | Mission Partner: CPAS                                                                                               |
| <b>Tue 15</b> | Those we know who are suffering ill health                                                                          |
| <b>Wed 16</b> | Integrity in leadership of public and private institutions                                                          |
| <b>Thu 17</b> | Our armed forces                                                                                                    |
| <b>Fri 18</b> | Mission Partner: Teso Development Trust                                                                             |
| <b>Sat 19</b> | Tomorrow's worship and teaching.<br>Pray for this month's mission partner: London City Mission                      |
| <b>Sun 20</b> | Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; national church leaders                    |
| <b>Mon 21</b> | International Day of Peace                                                                                          |
| <b>Tue 22</b> | Mission Partner: Mission Without Borders                                                                            |
| <b>Wed 23</b> | Fairness and justice in trade                                                                                       |
| <b>Thu 24</b> | People who have lost their homes                                                                                    |
| <b>Fri 25</b> | Mission Partner: Tearfund                                                                                           |

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| <b>Sat 26</b> | Tomorrow's worship and teaching.<br>Pray for this month's mission partner: London City Mission      |
| <b>Sun 27</b> | Our services, children's groups and our youth group. Our church leaders; other local church leaders |
| <b>Mon 28</b> | Mission Partner: Bible Society                                                                      |
| <b>Tue 29</b> | People who do not have enough food or water                                                         |
| <b>Wed 30</b> | Those who are suffering domestic abuse                                                              |

## PRAYER REQUEST DETAILS

### The Persecuted Church

#### *Eritrea*

Persecution of Christians in Eritrea is among the most brutal in the world. Believers are arrested and imprisoned in inhumane and torturous conditions, held without charge or trial, never knowing when, or if, they will be freed.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of Christians are being held in prison. Among them are at least seven pastors detained without trial for more than 20 years. Survivors describe atrocious conditions, beatings, torture cells and forced labour.

Prisoners are often held in airless underground cells so cramped there is no room to sit or lie down. Others are locked in overcrowded shipping containers in the desert, enduring sweltering temperatures during the day, and near freezing conditions at night.

Yet despite this, Christians remain resilient in their faith. "The Gospel in advancing," declared a pastor newly released from prison. "God is doing amazing things in this country."

#### *Please pray:*

- for God's protection over Christians in Eritrea and ask that He will uphold them in His righteous hand;
- for strength, courage and healing for our brothers and sisters in prison, and for comfort and provision for their families;
- for Christians who have fled Eritrea that they will find safety, fellowship and freedom to worship.

*Barnabas Aid*

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

*Michelle writes:*

I have started to have some online meetings with missionaries in the field.

- Pray for wisdom as I listen to their stories and hear their joys and struggles.

I have been asked to lead a seminar in November on Singleness In Mission. Leading a seminar will be a first for me.

- Please pray as I prepare it, that I would be able to do it well.

Give thanks that I am able to have a trip to Sligo to visit a friend in September.

- Pray that it would be a good time for both of us.

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

A hydrological survey showed there was insufficient water supply to sustain a borehole at **Otingai, North Teso** so the project TDT was supporting there was moved to a neighbouring village. Although this was very disappointing for the community in **Otingai**, the borehole at **Odimai** produces enough water to fill 70-120 jerry cans an hour, meaning there is a good enough supply to be able to support some of the neighbouring communities as well as the village itself. Pray for good maintenance of the borehole and a continued good supply of water, even in the dry season.

The **Village Savings and Loans Training** was so popular that double the number of participants signed up. Pray for self-sustaining work for those who have been trained.

**Drought** - Although the occasional instances of rain have now been reported, as in England, Teso has been struggling with drought which puts a huge strain on farmers and those dependant on growing crops for food and income. Please pray for more rain and a good harvest.

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

*Local news*

On Carnival Day, we gave out Seaside New Testaments and A5 Seaside Hope magazines. Please pray that all who accepted the scripture will read it and come to know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

At the beginning of the school year, we hope and pray that many secondary schools will be pleased to have the Youth New Testaments for year 7 Pupils.

### *National News*

The annual London Scripture Focus started eleven years ago in 2015 when it was acknowledged that most of the London branches had insufficient members to fulfil their Scripture distribution opportunities. The aim has been to visit the branches' hotels, guesthouses, B&Bs, care homes and funeral directors on a 4-year rolling basis, and in 2026 it was the turn of the five branches in the North East and East of London - Enfield, Havering, Ilford, Barking and Dagenham, London North and London North East.

Many supporters from other areas of the country joined the teams and praise the Lord for the 6,500 Scriptures that have been delivered to establishments in the North East and East of London.

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

- Please give thanks for the safety and wellbeing of the children and leaders who have enjoyed the Venture and Falcon Holidays during the summer, and pray for the Holidays Team and overall Leaders as they review feedback, finalise admin and look ahead to next year, asking the Lord to give them wisdom and discernment in the decisions they make.
- Please continue to pray for the Leadership Team as they deliver a variety of online training events throughout the autumn term. Pray that these easily accessible events would be shared widely and that leaders, both lay and ordained, would be blessed and equipped.

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

- Pray that children will never forget the Bible stories that they hear through Open the Book. Also, ask God to bless the new Explore the Book holiday club that takes Bible stories into public spaces.
- Ask God to prompt tens of thousands more spiritually open people here to take that step into a church or open the Bible.
- Pray that those new to the faith in England and Wales will remain strong and stay focused on Jesus.

### *Answer to prayer*

As supporters of the Bible Society, we're carrying Tyndale's torch. William Tyndale's final words in 1536 were a prayer:

'Lord, open the King of England's eyes.'

This was answered three years later when King Henry VIII ordered a copy of the English Bible to be placed in every parish church in England.

We praise you God for the ways you've answered Tyndale's prayers.

Give thanks that most people in the world can now read the Scriptures in their own language. (Bible Sunday comes next month on October 25<sup>th</sup>.)

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

*Please pray for:*

- LCM's Annual Thanksgiving Service, on 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm at Westminster Chapel, London SW1E 6BS;
- People from the margins, at the heart of LCM's Outreach;
- Webber St helping Rough Sleepers. At last the Government are waking up to this!
- The homeless who are severely impacted by heatwaves;
- LCM reaching out to the lonely. Drop-in centres, home visits, all are used to share the saving love of Jesus;
- Daily Strength and Grace for every missionary working on the front line;
- Financial support and above all prayer for all these programmes.

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

*Africa*

All across Africa, families go to sleep hungry. Tearfund is engaged in training people in agriculture, water and irrigation systems, and small businesses so that they are enabled to lift themselves out of poverty, and buy the food they need. Please pray that more families will have access to this training.

*Democratic Republic of Congo*

The Ebola outbreak continues to devastate communities, with almost 50% of cases proving fatal. Please pray for those who are currently ill, for those caring for them, those mourning the loss of loved ones, and that it doesn't spread to other countries.

*Syria*

The people of Syria are still suffering as a result of earlier conflicts. Please pray for Tearfund partners working tirelessly to bring comfort and hope to families there in very challenging conditions.

*Indonesia*

We thank God that all Tearfund staff and partners are safe following the recent severe earthquake on the island of Flores, but thousands have been displaced. Please pray for families and communities affected that they would find comfort, hope, and restoration, through the work of the Holy Spirit, and the ministry of Tearfund.

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

**Please continue to pray** for MWB's 'Back to school' campaign in the six countries where they work. Many children in Eastern Europe face poverty, discrimination and limited opportunities, making education difficult to access. The mission's campaign provides backpacks and essential school supplies for the families they support. Please pray for the backpack distribution that it would be a blessing, and for all children returning to school or starting for the first time.

**Please continue to pray** for the Mission's after-school projects which offer support with homework, hot meals and fun activities where children can experience the love of Jesus.

**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 pray** that the many children who attended summer camps will continue to know Jesus, thanking God for his protection over the summer camps, and pray for his blessing on all the coordinators and volunteers who served at the camps.

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

Everything starts again:

- Kids club on Saturday 5 September, pray that we get some more children
- 17 is the number at our monthly lunch at Canaan, newcomers welcome!
- Pray for some more bookings for Canaan, all are needs!

Thank you for your continued prayer support.

Please send prayer requests for October to Katharine Checketts  
by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**