

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Friday 1 September	Today is National Foodbank Day and we pray for all those who are giving their time and donations to our own local foodbanks. We continue to pray that we will begin to see government changes that will help the numbers of people needing this facility.
Saturday 2 September	Our prayers today are for the Alessandro Bianchi organ recital organised by MIMS (Music in Mortimer Street) at United Church in Herne Bay this evening. We thank God for the gift of music.
Sunday 3 September	<b>"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing"</b> <i>Martin Luther</i>
Monday 4 September	From today most students will be returning to school after the long summer break and so we pray for all young people, teachers and parents as they ease back into school and college life. Pray for those at new schools and those facing the 'big' exams this year.
Tuesday 5 September	We thank our Lord for the harvest this year and remember in our prayers all who work on our farms. Pray for our farmers and farm workers as crops are gathered in. Pray too for churches as they prepare harvest services of thanksgiving.
Wednesday 6 September	2023 is the 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and so today we pray for justice for all and wisdom for those who pass laws and whose job it is to make judgements.
Thursday 7 September	We pray for members of the St Vincent de Paul Society as they welcome a new local president in our area. We give thanks for all the work done by so many volunteers as they offer friendship and practical support to vulnerable and isolated people.
Friday 8 September	We pray for the Demelza Charity book shop and the Little Green Book Shop, both in Herne Bay and for libraries across the area on this International Literacy Day. Pray for the many people of all ages who struggle with dyslexia.
Saturday 9 September	We remember again, the Christian stalls at the market outside United Church in Mortimer Street and the Art Exhibition and Saturday coffee morning inside the church. Pray for those involved and for more volunteers to offer practical help and support.
Sunday 10 September	<b>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.</b> <i>Colossians 3:15</i>
Monday 11 September	Pray and come along to <b>Pray for the Bay</b> this evening at 7pm at the Over 60's Club in William Street. Many of you will know our speaker tonight, Phil Hulks, and we pray that he will feel the presence of God and be filled with the Spirit as he speaks to us.
Tuesday 12 September	We think and pray for those at Connect Support Group as they meet at the Salvation Army Hall today at 12.30-2pm. The group offers help to anyone who is struggling with mental health problems or loneliness.
Wednesday 13 September	Christmas retail madness is already under way as cards are now being displayed in many shops. We pray that Christians across the country will stand up and declare the real meaning of Christmas this year as they speak out against the trendy 'Winter Festival'
Thursday 14 September	Pray for pubs, coffee shops and restaurants across this area. We also remember in our prayers all those churches and groups who run coffee mornings offering either free or very affordable coffee and cake during these difficult times.

Friday 15 September	Our prayers today are for those of all ages who are seeking work. The recent closure of major retail outlets and catering establishments has left many people unemployed. May all find work, and families involved be given strength to cope.
Saturday 16 September	We remember in our prayers our friends at St Martin's, Herne as they prepare for the once-a-month morning service tomorrow at the daughter church, St Peter's, in Greenhill. Pray for the people who live in the area that they may come along.
Sunday 17 September	<b>May God's word feed me, and His spirit lead me, into the week and into the life to come.</b> <i>Lectio 365 Sabbath blessing</i>
Monday 18 September	This is Welcome Week for freshers at most universities and so we pray for all those young people leaving home for the first time, for those settling back into academic life and for parents suffering from the 'empty nest' syndrome.
Tuesday 19 September	As many local people are returning from late summer holidays, we pray that many will be called to volunteer through the winter months. Charity shops, clubs, activity groups, food banks and many more organisations are often very short of helpers.
Wednesday 20 September	Continual road works and closures in our area seem never ending and we offer prayers for all those trying to get to work and school on time. Pray too for the workmen who suffer from constant verbal abuse as they do their job.
Thursday 21 September	Today is UN International Day of Peace and we continue to pray for war-torn countries across the world. We remember the people of Ukraine whose country is being systematically destroyed and all the lives that are being lost on both sides of the war.
Friday 22 September	Our prayers today are for our bin collectors and drivers. Their work is vitally important to our health and they have faithfully worked through the coldest and hottest of days. Pray that the current industrial action will be resolved.
Saturday 23 September	We pray for all the church congregations in the Herne Bay area. Pray that mission will be the watchword for all and that many will come to know the Lord.
Sunday 24 September	<b>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.</b> <i>Romans 8:28</i>
Monday 25 September	As we begin to notice days shortening and evenings drawing in, we pray for those who live by themselves and are lonely. Ask that we will be shown how we can offer friendship and support to those in need this Autumn.
Tuesday 26 September	We remember in our prayers all those who are trying to get appointments with doctors and consultants. Pray that we shall see an end to strikes in the NHS and ask for strength for all those within the service who are struggling to hold things together for us.
Wednesday 27 September	Give thanks to our Lord today for all that he has given us. We pray that there will be global moves to protect our world from human abuse and pollution of this planet.
Thursday 28 September	Pray for those who will be calling in to Snack 'n Chat at the Salvation Army today, may they find God's love reflected in those who continue to offer food, love and support to anyone in need.
Friday 29 September	Reflections Coffee and cake continues each Friday at Herne Bay Baptist Church and we pray for the committed volunteers who run the event and pray that they will be blessed.
Saturday 30 September	Pray for Revd Dr Sue Woan this morning as she leads an interactive workshop 'Travels with Paul around the Mediterranean' at the Salvation Army Hall in Richmond Street. 9.30am check in for 10am-12.15. All welcome, please book at <a href="mailto:hbprayernet@gmail.com">hbprayernet@gmail.com</a>

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