

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Wednesday 1 March	Today is St David's day. He was a renowned 6th century preacher and a church planter. We remember in prayer our church leaders as they preach and teach us each week. Life as a leader in any field is tough and we pray for love and support for each one.
Thursday 2 March	For the 5 <sup>th</sup> year running Beacon Church will be holding a Month of Prayer where there is more focus than usual on prayer as a church and community. Inspired by the words of Spurgeon's "Prayer is the boiler room" we join with them in prayer for our town.
Friday 3 March	We pray for 'Reflections' at Herne Bay Baptist Church this morning. As church volunteers offer comfort with a warm room, coffee and cake, may the reflected light of Jesus be seen shining around the room.
Saturday 4 March	Pray for shops, cafés and market traders as they bring life into Herne Bay town centre today. Ask God to bless and protect those who faithfully run the free Christian book tables and the Christian market stall every week.
Sunday 5 March	<b>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life. And imitate their faith. Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)</b>
Monday 6 March	Two months to the coronations and locally street parties and celebrations are being planned. We pray that it will be a day of joy for our churches, people and businesses in our town. Pray for King Charles as he promises to serve us all the days of his life.
Tuesday 7 March	As we move into spring, 'Warm Spaces' may not seem so necessary but 'Safe Spaces', where anyone can be with those who give time and unconditional love, are needed more than ever. We pray that churches will be able to continue to open their doors.
Wednesday 8 March	Today is International Women's Day and we pray for all those women who are being abused either at home or in their workplaces. We think of our sisters in Iran who are being denied education and those for whom rape and violence are part of daily life.
Thursday 9 March	We pray for Archbishop Justin Welby and weep with him as we see the deep divisions within the Church of England and the worldwide Anglican Community. At a time when we need <b>unity</b> more than ever, may our Lord miraculously provide an answer.
Friday 10 March	Our prayers today centre round the Food Larder at Christ Church. We give thanks for those who donate food and those who work tirelessly to sort and distribute food parcels to those in need. May they be truly blessed.
Saturday 11 March	Pray for safety for all who are involved in sport today. There are clubs in this area to cover every sport and every age group and we pray that those who run these activities will be given support by players and parents.
Sunday 12 March	<b>"For our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)</b>
Monday 13 March	Pray for Rev Dr Sue Woan and she speaks at Pray for the Bay tonight at 7pm at Pettman House (also locally known as the Over 60's Club). Pray that God's Herne Bay Christian family will join together in prayer for our town at this meeting.
Tuesday 14 March	We continue to pray for patience when faced with the seemingly endless road repairs and traffic hold-ups as we travel. Help us all to keep calm and to spend waiting time praying for those we know who are housebound or who are afraid to venture out.
Wednesday 15 March	Since Covid restrictions, many people started waking in the night and haven't been able to sleep properly since. We pray for healing for all who lie awake night after night. Help us to be sensitive to this issue as we speak to our neighbours and friends.

Thursday 16 March	As research continues, we pray for those people of all ages who have been diagnosed with autism. Pray for families trying to understand this syndrome and for Chris Packham who recently produced a television programme based on his own experience.
Friday 17 March	Pray for the leadership team at St Martin's Church with St Peter's, Greenhill as they prepare for the months ahead after Revd Carol Smith retires in April. Pray that they will be supported both practically and prayerfully and that all will be well.
Saturday 18 March	We pray for children and young people struggling with gender identity issues, sexuality and internet misinformation. May God give us opportunities to love and support our children as they attempt to fight their way through all the current confusion.
Sunday 19 March	On this Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the world. Wherever they are, may they find faith and have access to the Gospels. Give thanks for our own mothers and for those who live far away from their own children and are alone.
Monday 20 March	The first day of Spring and we celebrate the beauty of the countryside. Pray for farmers now moving into the lambing season. We pray for all those who work as gardeners, tree surgeons and council workers who keep public parks and green spaces under control.
Tuesday 21 March	Pray for those who work in the small Barclays bank situated in Beach Creative in Beach Street. As they provide this service to customers, we give thanks that this provision is a welcome opportunity for residents to have access to many aspects of banking.
Wednesday 22 March	As local pharmacists take on more responsibility for our health, we pray that they will be able to cope. Pray that the ever-mounting piles of prescriptions will be used wisely and that patients will be patient and kind to busy staff.
Thursday 23 March	Pray for Poppy Children's Centre in Herne Bay. This is part of a nationwide programme offering a wide range of services for 0-5 year olds and their families. We pray that many families across this area will use this amazing resource in King's Road.
Friday 24 March	We pray for safety in some of the places where young people meet up - on the seafront and in the Memorial park. Although the Street Pastors are not able to function at the moment, may many be called to volunteer again.
Saturday 25 March	Our prayers are for the activities today at Herne Bay Baptist Church – the Art and Craft Groups in the church and Open Church in the hall next door. Both are from 10am – 12noon and are open to everyone. Pray that lives will be touched in that building.
Sunday 26 March	<b>Moses answered “Why me? What makes you think I could ever go to Pharaoh and lead the children out of Israel?” “I’ll be with you” said God. Exodus 3:11 The Message</b> Pray that more people will be called to lead God's people in the difficult days ahead.
Monday 27 March	Pray for all those spending time at the Monday Windmill Coffee morning in Herne. May friendships be made as residents meet and chat in a comfortable warm space. Pray for those who are still nervous about venturing outside their homes.
Tuesday 28 March	As we look ahead to Easter next month, let's pray for more Jesus and less chocolate. Pray for opportunities to share the Easter story with our friends and neighbours.
Wednesday 29 March	We pray that those taking part but not entirely happy about the current wave of strikes will not feel pressured into actions that causes them hardship and troubled minds. Pray for positive conversations on both sides and an end to the disputes.
Thursday 30 March	Remember all those hosting families from Ukraine in this area. Many families fleeing the war in their country will be settling in their new homes but many will be grieving and missing their homeland. We pray that God will give them comfort and hope.
Friday 31 March	In most schools this is the last day of term before Easter break. We pray for students and teachers that they might have space in their busy lives and that families might take this opportunity to spend time together for a time..

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