

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Tuesday 1 March	Today schools will be offering places to students moving to secondary education. This will be happy news for some and disappointment for others. Pray that, whatever the outcome, families will support each other to make the coming years positive for all.
Wednesday 2 March	Remember in our daily prayers all those who have suffered damage to their property during the recent heavy storms. For those who live alone this has been a real worry and we pray that neighbours will be able to help and offer comfort.
Thursday 3 March	Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This year, rather than giving up chocolate or cream buns, pray that we can find time for an act of kindness each day. Maybe it will be to neighbours, maybe total strangers – we pray for opportunities to reflect God's love.
Friday 4 March	Today Christians across the globe come together to celebrate the World Day of Prayer. Let us join in with our own prayers as we plead with God for wise leadership, an end to greed and a change of hearts and minds in all those in positions of power.
Saturday 5 March	We pray for our friends at the Beacon Church as they celebrate their 4 th Annual Month of Prayer throughout March. As prayers take on different themes each week, there will be opportunities for fasting including 2 'No Food Fridays' and 2 'No Screen Saturdays'.
Sunday 6 March	Do not fret about tomorrow for tomorrow will take care of itself. Tackle your problems one day at a time. <i>Matthew 6:34</i>
Monday 7 March	Our prayers today and every day are for the people of Ukraine as they face up to the Russian invasion on their democracy. We pray against the evil forces of war and pray too for those citizens in Russia who are facing imprisonment by organising protests.
Tuesday 8 March	We pray for the people in Broomfield. Pray for the new managers at the Huntsman and Horn pub, for the post office who have recently suffered burglary and violent attack and for the URC church which cannot currently support weekly worship.
Wednesday 9 March	We join our prayers of thanks with those at St Martin's and St Peter's as they look ahead to the many bookings coming in this year for baptisms and weddings. Pray for all the families involved in these events.
Thursday 10 March	Street Pastors will not be operational until April 1 st . We need to pray that they can recruit more Pastors for training and more Prayer Pastors to support the team in prayer as they patrol the streets of Herne Bay during the summer months.
Friday 11 March	Our prayers and thanks today are for those volunteers who run the Christ Church Food Larder this morning. As families struggle to make ends meet, we pray that donations of food and toiletries will continue to keep providing for those in need.
Saturday 12 March	We pray for the open event at Herne Community Centre today. Local groups will be showcasing a wide range of activities and encouraging newcomers to join, have fun and make friends. Pray that many will find interests and friendships in the village.
Sunday 13 March	Humanly speaking it is impossible but not with God; all things are possible with God. <i>Mark 10:27</i>
Monday 14 March	Pray for teachers, pupils and parents at Herne Bay Junior School. Remember in our prayers those young people who will be looking to move to secondary education later in the year and may be feeling worried about the prospect of leaving friends.
Tuesday 15 March	Pray for our friends at the Salvation Army as, after several problems with isolation and illnesses, they are now offering Saturday breakfasts of toast and bacon butties and Thursday Soup lunches. Pray for more volunteer helpers.

Wednesday 16 March	We think of Revd Sue Martin and her leadership team as they meet with Church Commissioners to discuss the future of the United Benefice. This involves St Mary's, St Bartholomew's, and Holy Cross becoming one parish. Pray for a positive outcome.
Thursday 17 March	Pray for safety for everyone in Herne Bay involved in the night time economy. Pray for those whose lives are being destroyed by alcohol, drugs and gambling addictions and for those groups who are there offering help and support.
Friday 18 March	We think today of those we know who have lost loved ones during these past months. Pray that they will experience a real sense of Jesus and his healing presence in their lives and that the pain of bereavement will be eased.
Saturday 19 March	As life returns to 'normal' with more social events, we pray that this morning's Coffee Morning at Holy Cross, Hoath and tonight's Quiz Night at Reculver School will be well attended and that friends will be reunited once again.
Sunday 20 March	The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. <i>1 Timothy 2:1-2 The Message</i>
Monday 21 March	Pray for Darren and Tracy Blaney as they prepare to move to church leadership in a new area. Pray too for the deacons at Herne Bay Baptist Church as they seek to lead the church while they await the arrival of a new Pastor.
Tuesday 22 March	We pray for our Queen and thank God for her ongoing witness to her Christian faith. As we look forward to the coming celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee this summer, let us pray for her health and strength, may she be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Wednesday 23 March	Our thoughts are with those leading house groups and prayer groups across this area. Pray that, as many become less fearful of venturing out, these groups will grow so that our town and surrounding villages will be covered by committed prayer warriors.
Thursday 24 March	Pray for all those working in the NHS. We think especially of paramedics and ambulance drivers who struggle to cope with so many 999 calls day and night. Give thanks that we are blessed with this amazing service.
Friday 25 March	We add our prayers to those of the leadership team at Herne Bay United Church as they plan and prepare for a retreat day at Beltinge Baptist Church on Saturday 2 nd April. Pray that they will discern the will of God as they look to the future of the church.
Saturday 26 March	During the past 2 years our market traders have been without work and many have lost their income completely. We pray that these great characters will be able to come back to work and bring colour to our Saturday market in Mortimer Street this summer.
Sunday 27 March	I know, O Lord, that humans cannot control the future, nor determine the course their life will take. <i>Jeremiah 10:23</i>
Monday 28 March	Our prayers today are for local Community Wardens as they work across our area. Their job can involve helping with neighbourhood disputes and family problems as well as keeping an eye on those isolated and needing referrals. May they be blessed.
Tuesday 29 March	Today, after a long break throughout Covid restrictions, there will be a 10am Coffee Morning at St Peter's Church in Greenhill. In order for this popular meeting to become a regular event, more volunteers will be needed, please pray for many offers of help.
Wednesday 30 March	We pray for our brothers and sisters at Christ Church who have now taken an amazing leap of faith. With God's help and guidance they will seek to fund an Associate Vicar to help with the church's increasing outreach projects now in place in the town. Pray that the Lord will provide all they need.
Thursday 31 March	We pray for safety for those in the building trade. Many will be repairing storm damage and operating in potentially dangerous situations on roofs and tall buildings so we ask for protection as they work.

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