

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Wednesday 1 May	Pray that we will remember to keep the Easter message in our hearts as we tell Herne Bay of the Good News of Jesus this coming year. Many of the great revivals in history have been a result of people coming together in prayer. Let's pray more!
Thursday 2 May	Remembering today's local council elections, we pray for wise choices and thank God for those candidates who honestly go about the business of looking after local interests. At a time when many of us are disillusioned by political issues, may they be blessed.
Friday 3 May	Our prayers today are for Janet Monkhouse, the new leader of Broomfield URC Church, as she prepares for the monthly service this Sunday. Pray for the people of Broomfield that they will support and find faith through the weekly activities at the church.
Saturday 4 May	Professional comedian Andy Kind will be in concert at Briary Infants School Greenhill at 7.30pm. The event, organised by members of the Beacon Church, combines fun with a gospel message – 'exploring the meaning of life through laughter'. Pray for a full house.
Sunday 5 May	<b>Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them"</b> <i>Psalms 126:2</i>
Monday 6 May	We ask God to bless and protect all those who will be working this Bank Holiday Monday. Remember in our prayers the police, nurses and doctors at our hospitals and medical staff and volunteers at the Pilgrim's Hospice.
Tuesday 7 May	Prayer Space every Tuesday is at 7pm in the Salvation Army. There are many reasons why people are not able to come along, so let us pray that those who are housebound or have no transport will take an hour at home to join in prayer at this time.
Wednesday 8 May	Pray for ambulance drivers and paramedics today. May God bless them and give them energy to do this life-saving work across our town and villages. Pray for volunteers at the Samaritans, Food Banks and Christians Against Poverty.
Thursday 9 May	Our prayers today are for a new art group starting in Broomfield URC Church building this morning. May the artists feel welcome and blessed and come to know the peace of the Lord and feel his presence each week. Bless the Christian leaders with wisdom.
Friday 10 May	Please pray for wedding couples being married at Herne St Martin's today and tomorrow. Pray too for Christian marriages across our town and villages and all those couples who are planning to marry this summer.
Saturday 11 May	Remember the volunteers at St Mary's Reculver at this year's May Fair 10am-12noon. As we also pray for today's 4pm Farewell Service for Bishop Trevor Wilmott at the Cathedral, pray too for his successor and those on the selection team.
Sunday 12 May	<b>'We need more people who are outward-looking – we need Christians in society, non-clergy, who are determined by their life and behaviour, to step up for Christ'</b> <i>Canon Michael Green – an amazing evangelist who is now joyfully united with the Lord.</i>
Monday 13 May	As we thank God for giving divine inspiration to Nicky Gumbel all those years ago, and for the now global Alpha Course, we ask for a blessing on St. Bart's as they begin their own course this evening. Pray for Alpha courses currently changing lives in prisons.
Tuesday 14 May	We ask God to bless children and teaching staff in our Junior schools as year 6 pupils work through SATS tests this week. May more come to know the love of Jesus through today's 3.15 Messy Church at Reculver School.
Wednesday 15 May	We pray for wisdom for members of Council planning committees as they are bombarded by applications for thousands of houses in our area. Pray for overburdened G.P.s, schools and transport as people struggle to get to work and school each day.

Thursday 16 May	Pray for home groups in all our churches as they study God's word. Thank God for dedicated Christians who lead these groups as they open their homes and faithfully prepare each session.
Friday 17 May	Our prayers today are for our dear friend, Revd Peter Cornish as he starts a 3 month study leave. Thank God for the work he has done with Herne Bay URC church and at Sturry. May God give him a time of refreshing and renewal.
Saturday 18 May	We pray for Christian brothers and sisters in all our churches and communities as they begin new things, new ways of making disciples of all people and those starting more and more prayer opportunities. Pray for their protection.
Sunday 19 May	<b>'Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour' 1 Peter 5:8</b>
Monday 20 May	Ask God to inspire us all to go out and take the good news to those who are seeking a purpose and meaning to their lives. May we have God-given opportunities this week to share our faith with people in our town and villages.
Tuesday 21 May	As well as our prayers for our church leaders, we pray today for all the amazing people who support them, churchwardens, elders, pastoral workers, prayer team leaders, welcomers, musicians and many more who keep our places of worship alive.
Wednesday 22 May	Remembering the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at Canterbury Cathedral, we pray for churchwardens from Herne Bay, Herne and Whitstable churches who will be sworn in. May God bless and the Holy Spirit inspire them as they take on this vital role.
Thursday 23 May	Pray for those churches we know who are struggling with just a few faithful members. Pray for leaders whose job is to care for several churches and who are often exhausted. May they find strength in the knowledge that with God, all things are indeed possible.
Friday 24 May	Pray for our Street Pastors and prayer pastors who desperately need more recruits to walk out streets on Friday evenings. We ask our Lord to protect them and give them opportunities to meet and minister to people of all ages.
Saturday 25 May	Pray for our market traders as they bring life to our town. After all the cold days of Winter and early Spring may they enjoy their work. Help us to speak to them, thank them and bring the message of Jesus by the way we each reflect his love.
Sunday 26 May	<b>'I warn you, there's going to be a lot of God in this. If you ask the Archbishop of Canterbury, what do you expect?' If someone gives me the chance to speak about Jesus Christ to people who may not know who he is, I will take it.</b> <i>Archbishop Justin Welby addressing the TUC</i>
Monday 27 May	Pray this week for 3 people you know who you long to come to faith. Remember them each day and ask God to bring them to situations where they will encounter his power and his love.
Tuesday 28 May	Pray for the team at St Martin's, Herne as they work to make the churchyard a place of beauty where wildlife and wild flowers will reflect God's wonderful creation. Pray for the initiative 'Cherishing Churchyards' as more churches sign up to this project.
Wednesday 29 May	Remembering all those in France who have been devastated by the fire at Notre Dame cathedral during Holy Week, may the Holy Spirit move across the burned timbers and a new thing be done in Paris as this house of God, built to His glory, is rebuilt.
Thursday 30 May	'Thy Kingdom Come' is a global initiative for a wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. There will be prayer opportunities all week and 24/7 prayers Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June all at St Andrew's, Hampton
Friday 31 May	We pray for preparations for tomorrow's Prom Praise celebration to mark 140 years' work in our town by the Baptist Church. Music will be provided by the orchestra of All Souls Langham Place and the event will take place in Christ Church at 7pm.

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