

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Monday 1 May	We pray for lovely weather for residents and visitors to our town on this bank holiday. Remember in your prayers the Fun Day and Barbecue at St Bartholomew's Church from 11am – 2pm and for an opportunity for busy people to take time out with families.
Tuesday 2 May	Today is scheduled for another teachers' strike and we pray for Head Teachers in local schools as they tackle the impossible task of providing lessons for all students. This month most of the 'big' exams take place and young people's futures are at stake.
Wednesday 3 May	As HB Baptist church open for their regular Wednesday 'Warm Welcome' space from 11.30am – 2pm we pray for many visitors to spend time there and to enjoy the light refreshments on offer. Give thanks for the committed volunteers and cakemakers.
Thursday 4 May	Pray for all those visiting the 'Snack and Chat' lunch at HB Salvation Army today. Pray for Vicki as she gently shares the good news of Jesus with all those attending. Pray that lives will be changed. Today is World Star Wars Day so may the 4 th be with you!
Friday 5 May	Today people will be prayer walking the United Parish of Reculver between 10.30am and 12noon. Pray that many will feel called to join the walk and that there will be a resulting great blessing in that part of Herne Bay.
Saturday 6 May	As we join with the nation in celebrating the Coronation, we pray that his reign will be a time for the people of this country to unite and to see each other as God sees us all - as equal and precious. We pray for safety at Westminster Abbey today.
Sunday 7 May	Today will be party day for many throughout the country as the coronation celebrations take to the local streets. As we meet in church today may we pray for King Charles with the words of the well-known blessing. Numbers 6:24
Monday 8 May	The Coronation Bank holiday means that there will be lots of visitors coming to our town and villages. We pray for the many people for whom it will be another working day, we remember especially those in the emergency services and hospitals.
Tuesday 9 May	Year 6 students are taking SATS this week. For many young people and families this has become a really stressful time and so we pray that children of all abilities will not feel pressured and will know that they are valued and loved whatever the results.
Wednesday 10 May	As Herne St Martin's with St Peter's Greenhill travel forward in mission, we pray for the person whom God is calling to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the vicar. Please pray for the leadership team to be faithful and optimistic that God will provide.
Thursday 11 May	Seasalter Christian Centre hosts today's confirmation service of people across this Deanery. We pray for those making this public commitment to follow Christ. Pray for Bishop Rose as she leads the service and for families who will be supporting the event.
Friday 12 May	As we continue to pray for our children, we ask our Lord to bless the 4pm Coronation disco for Primary School children at Reculver School. May it be a time of fun and happy dancing for all the young ones who attend and may God give strength to the organisers!
Saturday 13 May	Pray for the ongoing outreach in the market every Saturday. For the Fruit of the Spirit stall outside United Church and the art exhibition inside the church showing work by local Christian artists. Pray that people will experience the love and peace of God there.
Sunday 14 May	Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. James 1:19
Monday 15 May	GCSE exams start today and so we pray for students, teachers and parents, may they have freedom from the anxiety and stress that seems to prevail at this time of the year.

Tuesday 16 May	We pray for staff at the library and all those who borrow books, use the computers and copier. Remember in our prayers those who join the various activities on offer – Meet & Practice English, Baby Rhyme Time, Family History Help and Storytime.
Wednesday 17 May	We pray for safety on our local pavements, uneven surfaces and roads that are currently dotted with potholes. Falls, especially in older people, can often result in changed lives so we ask God to protect the vulnerable and provide for repairs.
Thursday 18 May	Thy Kingdom Come , a global movement of prayer, begins today and continues until Pentecost Sunday on the 28 th . Our world needs prayer more than ever so wherever we are today and whatever we are doing let us find time to join with the world in prayer.
Friday 19 May	Today pray for a person who you find difficult to get on with. Remember the wise words of C.S Lewis – <i>‘In praying for people one dislikes, I find it helpful that one is joining in His prayer for them’</i> .
Saturday 20 May	We pray for the concert at St Bartholomew’s Church at 7.30pm with the young musicians and singers from the Simon Langton Boys’ School. We give thanks for the gift of music and for the young people who will be performing in the Lord’s house tonight.
Sunday 21 May	In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15
Monday 22 May	Our prayers today are for those who are undergoing tests and tough treatment for cancer. Pray for early diagnosis and successful results and for comfort and peace for patients and carers as they cope with this very difficult time.
Tuesday 23 May	Pray for all those for whom the current increase in food and energy costs are leading to debt and stress. As numbers visiting food banks continue to rise, we pray for Christ Church Food Larder this morning, may they continue to receive generous donations.
Wednesday 24 May	Remember all those who grieve for lost loved ones and those who live in fear for the future. Pray continually and ask for blessings on anyone you know who is struggling to overcome depression. May they be led to faith in Jesus at a low time in their lives.
Thursday 25 May	We pray for Our Lord’s wisdom and strong, clear guidance in the current wave of divided opinions over gender change and sexual issues in our society. There are divisions in many churches and both anger and pain on both sides of the discussions.
Friday 26 May	Pray for Year 6 children at Herne Junior School as they raise awareness of the need for water in other countries with a sponsored ‘Walk for Water’. Pray for safety whilst carrying a litre of water.
Saturday 27 May	As we look ahead to Summer, we pray for good weather so that local retail and hospitality industries will thrive in our area. Pray that those seeking employment will find more opportunities opening as businesses grow.
Sunday 28 May	Pentecost services will be held across the country today, We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to refill our hearts and our churches.
Monday 29 May	Three Bank holidays this month – may this one be a good time for families to come together and enjoy the day. Pray for broken homes and marriages in trouble and ask that we may be used in various ways to offer support and help where it is needed.
Tuesday 30 May	Remember those who are struggling with their faith and, as a result of personal pain and tragedy, are currently facing fears and doubts. Pray that they might find comfort, prayer support and guidance from other Christians around them.
Wednesday 31 May	Continue to pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for refugees in this country who are separated from loved ones and are having to daily watch as much of their country is being totally destroyed and their countrymen and women are being killed.

If you have prayer requests that you would like included, please email Anne Lehane at hbprayernet@gmail.com

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