

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

AUGUST 2021

Sunday 1 August	Do not worry about what you should say: the words will be given to you when you need them – not your own words but those of the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <i>Matthew 10:19-20</i>
Monday 2 August	Pray for our church leaders. Many will be taking a summer break this month and we ask that as they take time to pause and rest, the Lord will renew and refresh them with his Holy Spirit. Pray too for blessings on all their families.
Tuesday 3 August	We think and pray for all those who lead support groups - many of whom meet in churches - as they begin to meet up again. Gamblers Anon., Alcoholics Anon., Anorexia Support and many others. Pray that many people will be helped and given hope.
Wednesday 4 August	Our thoughts and prayers today are for those suffering from long Covid. Symptoms continue for many months, even years and we pray for comfort and healing as many must try to cope with everyday family and working lives.
Thursday 5 August	Pray for churches coping with the backlog of baptisms and weddings. As parents bring their lockdown babies to Christ, may they know his presence in their lives. May those couples making marriage vows before their families and friends be blessed by God.
Friday 6 August	Pray for the first Friday Activity Day of the holidays at St Peter's Church, Greenhill – 10am-3pm. May parents and children come to know God's love and to know Jesus for themselves. Pray also for our Street Pastors as they help, care and listen this evening.
Saturday 7 August	We remember international truck drivers as they cope with increased paperwork, border controls and covid testing in order to deliver goods to our country. Pray for their families as the constant waiting around means longer times away from their homes.
Sunday 8 August	We are afflicted in every way but not crushed; bemused but not driven to despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed, always bearing in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed likewise in our bodies. <i>2 Corinthians 4:8-10</i>
Monday 9 August	We thank God for his love for each one of us and praise him for all that he has done and will continue to do in the days to come. Pray that we might reflect his love in all those that we meet today.
Tuesday 10 August	We pray for our young people as they receive their A level results today. For many this has been a really difficult year in their education - many who will be dreading results and grades. Pray for kindness and love from supportive friends and families.
Wednesday 11 August	Pray for our church communities as we seek to reach out to those who have never heard the gospel message. Give us a new understanding of mission in our town and inspire each one of us to pray that we can be used by God in many different ways.
Thursday 12 August	GCSE results are out today and we pray for students who will be deciding their way ahead after knowing the outcome. Pray for a positive future for all our young people whether their gifts are academic or practical, safe in the knowledge of Jesus.
Friday 13 August	Pray for the people of Greenhill as they hear the sounds of happy children playing and learning about Jesus at St Peter's Church today. A reminder too that the Street Pastors are out again this evening, pray for opportunities to show the love of Jesus.
Saturday 14 August	We continue to pray for the staff of local care homes as they lovingly look after those who can no longer be cared for at home. We pray that as church leaders and members visit and connect with residents, that lives will be changed and comforted by prayer.
Sunday 15 August	Pray as the first of a new regular monthly Morning Worship gathering is held at St Peter's Church, Greenhill this morning at 10am. An informal time of worship and popular songs. Everyone is very welcome.

Monday 16 August	Our prayers today are for all those who are caring for loved ones at home. Ask that God will give them the strength and patience to take on the responsibility and worries of the more dark and difficult days.
Tuesday 17 August	We think of those who are working in local food banks. Pray for generous donations of food and money to the Food Pantry Tuesday and Friday mornings at Christ Church in Herne Bay and the ongoing food distribution at Riverside Vineyard Church.
Wednesday 18 August	Pray for our local police force as they work to keep us safe. We remember that during the past months many officers across the country have been attacked and wounded so we pray for protection from harm and for safety for their families.
Thursday 19 August	For those venturing out to meet friends for the first time, we pray that all fear will be lifted and that happy reunions will take place. For many who are still uncomfortable about mixing and are afraid of infection, we pray that Jesus will comfort them.
Friday 20 August	Prayers today for sports groups in this area, particularly those supporting young people during the school holidays. Give thanks for all those giving their time to lead these initiatives and pray for safety and fun for everyone involved.
Saturday 21 August	On this, the busiest day of the week, pray for all the shops and businesses who operate on the seafront and in the town. Pray too for good weather for the market traders as they seek to recover from lack of customers during the months of lockdown.
Sunday 22 August	Everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another. <i>John 13:35</i>
Monday 23 August	During the long school holidays we think of families who are struggling financially and depend on free school meals for their children during term time. Pray that those in need will be able to contact organisations and churches who work to offer support.
Tuesday 24 August	Pray that world leaders will put in place definite action to combat mankind's steady destruction of the ecosystem of our planet. We thank God for the beauty of our world and ask for the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts and minds of those in power.
Wednesday 25 August	We think and pray for those who are suffering from mental health issues as a result of the stress of the last 17 months. Pray for counsellors and all those who work in this field as they try to cope with the current overwhelming demand for help.
Thursday 26 August	Today let us pray for our own lives - <i>Gracious God, give me strength to answer your call. May I be ready, like so many before me, to respond in faith and follow where you might lead, to the glory of your name. Amen.</i>
Friday 27 August	We think today of all those who we must never take for granted. Those who collect our rubbish, our milkmen, delivery drivers, postmen and women and those working in supermarkets. Pray that we can let them know how much we appreciate them.
Saturday 28 August	Pray for weddings taking place today in churches and many different venues in this area. May they be blessed and supported by friends and families and may they come to know God as they make their vows.
Sunday 29 August	Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work but the seventh is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you nor your son or daughter. <i>Exodus 20:8-10</i>
Monday 30 August	Our prayers today are for Parish councils, local government and local MPs. We thank God for our own Roger Gale and for his commitment to working in his constituency for many years. We pray for his health and wellbeing in the coming years.
Tuesday 31 August	Every day we hear of people suffering trolling and abuse. We pray that companies in control of social media networks will agree to be more vigilant and to monitor and seek out those who perpetrate this vile practice and cancel their contracts.

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

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