

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Saturday 1 December	While remembering the regular coffee morning being held at the Salvation Army today, we pray that those who call in will experience the love of Jesus and be encouraged to connect and become part of that Christian community.
Sunday 2 December	Prayers for Steve Dunn and members of Beacon Church as they celebrate 3 baptisms at Herons swimming pool this afternoon. May the 3 be filled with the Holy Spirit as they share their testimonies at the regular morning service held at Briary School.
Monday 3 December	As we approach one of the busiest times in the church's year, we pray for our church leaders and their husbands, wives and families. Many people who do not yet know the Lord visit carol services and Christmas events, we pray for lives to be changed.
Tuesday 4 December	Prayers today for the carols at St Peter's, Greenhill as locals join the regular coffee morning for a good time of singalong and celebration. Pray for God's love to shine through the familiar words of these best-loved songs.
Wednesday 5 December	Thank God for the new Wednesday prayer initiative at HB Baptist Church, 7-8am. Pray that this will be a wonderful opportunity for those who, because of work and family commitments, have been unable to be part of other prayer groups in the town.
Thursday 6 December	Pray for Canterbury City Council as they begin a legal challenge against the government to stop the building of 800 houses on the Strode Farm site until the developer agrees to fully fund a Herne bypass. Pray also for many concerned residents in that area.
Friday 7 December	May this evening's traditional time of carols round the old yew tree in Herne at 7.30, be a time when people rediscover the real meaning of Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Saviour.
Saturday 8 December	We think of the all age party at the Beacon Church. May today be filled with love, joy and laughter and attract lots of friends to become part of the church family.
Sunday 9 December	<b>Some people think that God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all.      D.L. Moody</b>
Monday 10 December	We pray for police officers and community wardens as they work to keep law and order in our town and the surrounding villages. May these brave people be blessed and know your strength and patience in difficult situations.
Tuesday 11 December	Prayers today for more local Christians to visit the open prayer space at the Salvation Army this evening at 7pm. Thank God that already 5 different churches are represented here as they spend time with God and enjoy a quiet time of peaceful, united prayer.
Wednesday 12 December	At this busy time when bills pile up and credit cards become easy currency, we pray for the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) as they show the love of God by helping those in frightening situations of debt. Blessings on the volunteers in this vital work.
Thursday 13 December	We pray for all our local churches, they are the key to reaching our communities. Many are supporting families with food banks, mother and baby groups, childrens' activities, coffee mornings and lunches for seniors. May God bless all the helpers.
Friday 14 December	As we pray for safety in our own local schools, let us also hold up Hartsdown Academy in Margate and teachers who live in Herne Bay and work there. This school has been rated as the lowest achieving school in the county. Pray that God will smash open the doors and let his Spirit flood in so that young, troubled souls will be healed.
Saturday 15 December	We remember Messy Church – 4-6pm at St Peter's, Greenhill and all those who work to provide a Jesus-centred time of fun, food and joy. May God protect the volunteers and bring hope and happiness to the children and parents/guardians this afternoon.

Sunday 16 December	<b>"I have said these things to you that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation but take heart, I have overcome the world" John 16:33</b>
Monday 17 December	Please pray for our armed forces, whether they are currently serving troops, families, veterans or cadets. Their aim is to maintain peace and for this many have given their lives. Let's continue to support them with our prayers.
Tuesday 18 December	We give thanks today for musicians in churches and schools. For singers, organists, bands and bell ringers as they offer up hymns and carols at this wonderful time of celebration.
Wednesday 19 December	Prayers for all those who have to work over the holiday period. Our ambulance drivers, Air Ambulance, lifeboat crews, paramedics, hospital staff, fire services and police and many others who miss out on family time to serve us all.
Thursday 20 December	Let us pray for those who dread the Christmas celebrations for many reasons - poverty, illness, separation or anxiety about the future. May our Lord give comfort and show us how to ease the burdens of our neighbours.
Friday 21 December	We pray for safety and fine weather for Santa Claus as he prepares to travel on his sleigh around Herne and Broomfield tomorrow and Sunday evening. Amid the fun and excitement of Christmas may we never forget the real Joy as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.
Saturday 22 December	We pray for local Christians to come and support the Salvation Army as they sing carols outside Boots at 10 – 11am and then Homebase between 11.30 and 12.30.
Sunday 23 December	<b>And he gave some as apostles and some prophets, some evangelists and some pastors and teachers. Ephesians 4:11</b> Pray that, as God's people, we will use the gifts that he has placed within us to be effective witnesses in our communities.
Monday 24 December	Remembering all those who will be alone this Christmastime, we thank God and pray again for the work of the Samaritans who answer the phones every day of the year. Freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.org
Tuesday 25 December	Alleluia, Christ is born! May Herne Bay churches all ring out together this morning with the joy and gratitude of God's love gift – Jesus.
Wednesday 26 December	Pray for a time of families together, rest for ministers, a break from school and a time to reflect on the past year. Pray again for those who are committed to work in voluntary organisations over the Christmas period.
Thursday 27 December	Pray for our neighbours and friends, for healing of broken relationships in families and the ability to find forgiveness for those who have hurt us during the past year.
Friday 28 December	As our Street Pastors prepare to take to the streets tonight, we ask for the Lord to provide good encounters with young people who are out and about in the town. We thank God for the positive attendance and response at the recent SP meeting and social.
Saturday 29 December	We pray for Bishop Trevor (C of E) as he approaches retirement next Spring. Prayers too for those who will be making the important choice as to his successor. May God's will be done and the right person be appointed to take on this vital role.
Sunday 30 December	<b>"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him and he with me" Revelations 3:10</b> Pray that 2019 will be a time for many people to accept the invitation and invite Jesus in
Monday 31 December	Prayers today are for the year ahead. Ask God to work in wonderful ways in this community and help us to work together in love and understanding as we all seek to bring the gospel to those who do not yet know the Lord.

If you have prayer requests that you would like included, please email Anne Lehane at [hbprayernet@gmail.com](mailto:hbprayernet@gmail.com)

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