

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Saturday 1 January	A new year. Many will be very fearful of the future as the pandemic continues to change our way of life. We pray for freedom from fear for those you know who are most affected. Pray that they will put their trust in God even in the darkest days.
Sunday 2 January	The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms... <i>Deuteronomy 33:27</i>
Monday 3 January	We remember the Queen and her family. No stranger to family problems and disputes, we pray that she may find a time of inner peace and harmony. We give thanks for her hard work and total commitment and for her personal witness of Christian faith.
Tuesday 4 January	Pray for our government that the Holy Spirit will break through and calm the anger and criticism of each other that has overshadowed our MPs and parliamentary debate during these past two difficult years.
Wednesday 5 January	Pray today for the maternity unit at QEOM and for the babies being born each day. Ask God that they might grow up in a more stable world and that parents and grandparents will be positive role models for these little ones.
Thursday 6 January	We think of Church leaders, particularly the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Pope. Pray that they will have opportunities to preach the gospel and that their words will be clearly and honestly reported by the media.
Friday 7 January	As students return to school this week, we pray for those preparing for GCSEs in the coming months. Education has been difficult during the changing rules of the pandemic and we ask for times of stability for young people and for teachers.
Saturday 8 January	We pray for our young children and their parents as they go along to Messy Church at Holy Cross at Hoath today. May they have fun together and continue to learn and be excited about Jesus.
Sunday 9 January	Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <i>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</i>
Monday 10 January	We pray for our local G.Ps and their nurse practitioners and receptionists. Let us ask God to help them cope with the ever-increasing number of patients in each surgery as more families continue to move to new estates in the area.
Tuesday 11 January	We give thanks for the generous donations to the Tuesday and Friday food distribution centre at the Larder in the South Room at Christ Church. Pray that, although Food Banks are doing wonderful work, we may see the day when they are no longer needed.
Wednesday 12 January	Pray that we may give generously of our time and talents this year. Ask that each one of us will be shown the way we are to be disciples of Christ and how we can show the love of Christ and share the gospel.
Thursday 13 January	As church house groups and cell groups continue to meet, either in person or via Zoom, we pray that more people will feel led to start new groups or to join existing ones. As we come together to learn and study the Bible, we pray for each other.
Friday 14 January	We are aware that mental health issues have escalated during the pandemic years and so we pray for all those who are struggling with anxiety and depression. Pray that help will be forthcoming and that counselling will be made available.
Saturday 15 January	Pray for the Saturday morning free Christian book stall outside the United Church in Mortimer Street, Herne Bay. Pray for support and protection for those committed volunteers who give their time, and pray for lots of customers.

Sunday 16 January	"I'm asking God for one thing, only one thing; to live with him in his house my whole life long. Psalm 27:4
Monday 17 January	Our prayers today are for our Community Wardens, for Mandy as she moves away to the Westgate area and to Lisa who will take her place looking after Herne and Broomfield. Pray for Roger who will be working and supporting the people of Greenhill.
Tuesday 18 January	Today is the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and so, each day we pray for our Christian brothers and sisters at the churches in our Herne Bay Area. Today we pray for Vicki and the members of Herne Bay Salvation Army.
Wednesday 19 January	Our thoughts and prayers today are with Father Mark and all our Catholic friends at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart; and Sue and Steve who lead St Bartholomew's, Holy Cross at Hoath and St Mary's at Reculver.
Thursday 20 January	We ask God to bless Darren and his team at Herne Bay Baptist church and the Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors who meet in the church's Friendship Centre. We pray for blessings on the people of United Church in Herne Bay and the URC in Broomfield.
Friday 21 January	Today we lift up the people at Beacon Church and ask God to bless, protect and encourage Steve in his ministry there. We pray for Carol at St Martin's, Herne and St Peter's, Greenhill and for her work as Area Dean.
Saturday 22 January	Our prayers today are for Anthony and the people of Christ Church and St Andrew's. Pray for all those working in the Anglican churches in this area as the Deanery reps come together for a meeting today at Christ Church.
Sunday 23 January	As we look ahead to the coming year we pray that we may come together to concentrate on mission and outreach, remembering the words of Albert Einstein – 'A ship is always safe at the shore, but that is not what it was built for'.
Monday 24 January	We remember our friends from Vineyard Riverside at Chestfield and give thanks for the work they do with us in Herne Bay. Pray for Christians moving to Herne Bay that they may find a church home.
Tuesday 25 January	As this Week of United Prayer ends today, we pray that, as one family of God, we will continue to care and pray for each other in the weeks and months ahead.
Wednesday 26 January	Thinking about all who work in the health service – doctors, nurses, care workers and hospital staff, we pray that they will be protected from infection and will be given strength to carry on through the busy winter months.
Thursday 27 January	For many in the catering industry the past 2 years have been a struggle. January is always a quiet time for restaurants and hotels and so we pray that that our local restaurants, coffee shops and pubs will survive.
Friday 28 January	Pray for the Larder and Hub at Christ Church as they show the love of Jesus by offering food and help to those who are going through very difficult times both financially and emotionally.
Saturday 29 January	As our market traders continue to work in all weathers, we pray that today will be dry for them. As Canterbury market is scheduled to close this year, some stallholders will depend on trade in Mortimer Street each Saturday. Pray for their future.
Sunday 30 January	Our God Almighty reigns, let us rejoice and be glad. <i>Revelations 19:6</i>
Monday 31 January	As the days at last begin to get longer, we thank God for our beautiful world and for the early signs of Spring. Pray that humans learn to care for his creation so that our children will enjoy a healthy, safe future.

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

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