

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Thursday 1 December	Now that winter is with us, we pray for all who are homeless or cannot afford heating and adequate food. Open House warm space and Snack 'n Chat is at the Salvation Army every Thursday 10am-2.30pm. Pray for volunteers and those seeking comfort.
Friday 2 December	Pray for our outreach mission to care homes in Herne Bay, that more people will feel called to volunteer and help the very small team who do this vital work. This month the request for Christmas worship in the homes is overwhelming. Contact 01227 365815
Saturday 3 December	Our prayers today are that the message of Christmas will reach out to children and parents at Messy Church in HB Baptist at 4pm. We also pray for good weather for the Christian market stall and free Christians Together book table outside United Church.
Sunday 4 December	<b>He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:8</b>
Monday 5 December	We pray for an end to the war in Ukraine and for all those in Russia who do not want to fight but are bullied and threatened into taking part. Pray for our Ukranian brothers and sisters as they face desolation of their cities and loss of loved ones.
Tuesday 6 December	In our prayers today we remember Graham who is preparing copy for <b>CT6 Vision</b> , a news sheet offering local and Christian news to the people of Herne Bay in the new year. Pray for good distribution points in and around the town.
Wednesday 7 December	HB Baptist are joining in the support of the <b>'Winter Warm Space UK'</b> initiative by opening the church every Wednesday 9am – 2.30pm. We pray that many will spend time there and will feel the love of Jesus reflected in the kindness and comfort shown.
Thursday 8 December	We pray for our government who now face the seemingly impossible task of trying to balance the books and repay some of the huge borrowing during the Covid pandemic. May people try to understand the problems, pull together and stop complaining.
Friday 9 December	Yew Tree Carols at 7.30pm in St Martin's churchyard this evening so we pray for dry weather and for the real message of Christmas to come alive again through the words of well-loved carols. Today's care home visit taking in Christmas worship, is Favorita.
Saturday 10 December	Prayers today are for volunteers to join in with the carol singing outside Boots the chemist in Mortimer Street today between 10 and 11am. Pray that people in the town will stop to listen and join in.
Sunday 11 December	Just a few of the special services being held today:- <b>'The Greatest Gift'</b> a 10am all-age Christmas celebration with Beacon Church at Vibe. <b>Bright Stars</b> 3pm at HB Baptist. <b>Christingle</b> 3pm at St Martin's, Herne. Pray for a really good attendance at all events.
Monday 12 December	Pray for the regular Monday coffee morning at Herne Windmill 10am-12noon - a warm space in the village with drinks, home-made cake and Christian love. Today's care home Christmas visit is to The Laleham on the seafront. Pray for a joyful, holy afternoon.
Tuesday 13 December	Give thanks for the commitment of those who work every week at the Food Larder in the South Room next to Christ Church. We are reminded of Jesus' words 'Whatever you did for one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me' <b>Matt 25:40</b>
Wednesday 14 December	Pray for our children as they look forward to Christmas and the holidays. Many schools will be offering the Christmas story, nativity plays and carols. We ask our Lord to give strength to teachers that their own Christmas will be blessed.
Thursday 15 December	We pray for those who are addicted to alcohol, gambling or drugs. In the depths of their despair, Christmas has little or no meaning, just another day desperate to find money for a bottle, a 'fix' or a bet. Pray for release from addiction and capture for the pushers.

Friday 16 December	Today we remember in our prayers those we know who are ill in mind or body. Pray for peace and healing for all who are suffering and for families who are caring for them.
Saturday 17 December	Pray for Christmas Messy Church this afternoon at Greenhill and for blessings on those who volunteer by working with children and parents, presenting the 'Gospel slot' and cooking meals for everyone who comes.
Sunday 18 December	<b><i>Café-style all-age Church 5pm at the Baptist Church. St Peter's, Greenhill are holding their Carol Service at 10 a.m and the Salvation Army have Instant Nativity at 10.30am. Pray for great celebrations and joyful singing in all our churches today.</i></b>
Monday 19 December	Pray for all those at the Over 60's Club today as they meet in their William Street premises, may they enjoy company and friendship over a cup of coffee. Pray for those who are alone and afraid to join groups.
Tuesday 20 December	As we continue to pray for Christian unity among the churches in our town and villages, we hold up those who have been meeting to discern what God is saying to us about the vision for united prayer opportunities.
Wednesday 21 December	We pray for this afternoon's Christmas Party for local families. This is hosted by the Beacon Church at their centre in Sea Street. May there be many newcomers and may they have fun and feel welcomed and blessed.
Thursday 22 December	Pray for the residents and staff at High Pines in Herne as they hear the word of God and celebrate Christmas with their visitors from the Salvation Army this morning. As David, June and Tom come to the end of this month's busy visiting schedule, we pray for a time of rest and relaxation for them over the holiday period.
Friday 23 December	Pray for police, ambulance drivers, hospital staff and all who will continue to work long hours over the Christmas period. As the threat of more strikes hangs over the country we pray for agreement to be reached between government and unions.
Saturday 24 December	Always a busy day in Herne Bay, we pray for our local traders that they will be supported by shoppers. Pray that amid all the tinsel, chocolates and gift offers, there will be time for kindness and generosity to others.
Sunday 25 December	<b><i>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:6</i></b>
Monday 26 December	As we tuck into our cold turkey and ham today, let us find time to say grace and pray for those who have nothing. Pray that we will find more ways of supporting those in need in the coming year.
Tuesday 27 December	Prayers today are for our church leaders as they take a break after the busyness of all those extra services, carols concerts and school visits that are part of the Christmas celebrations every year. Pray that they will be refreshed by the Spirit.
Wednesday 28 December	As we reflect on the past year with all its ups and downs, we pray that we will be lights shining in the darkness of the winter months. We ask for strength to offer hope and the joy of Christ in places where fear has taken hold.
Thursday 29 December	We remember in our prayers today those who have lost loved ones recently. Pain and grief are hard to bear and we pray that families will be blessed by the comfort of knowing God's which will carry them through these sad times.
Friday 30 December	Pray for a time of rest for all those volunteers who run local groups and clubs. We pray that more people will feel called to help keep charity shops and support groups going in the coming months.
Saturday 31 December	On this last day of 2022, HB Baptist are holding Open Church from 10am. We pray that Christians of all denominations and none will be drawn together in a relaxed atmosphere to enjoy friendship and coffee and to look ahead with hope for 2023.



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