

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Tuesday 1 August	Many regular groups will be taking a break during this month and so today we pray for all those lovely, committed volunteers who run a wide range of meetings and activities throughout the year. May they find rest and peace in the next few weeks.
Wednesday 2 August	Prayers today are for Graeme who sets up the Cancer Care and Drop-in at the Salvation Army Hall. The group is run by the Chemotherapy Cancer Project and is open to anyone who is affected by cancer 10am-12noon
Thursday 3 August	As the Happy Bus moves into Wimereux Square today at 10am, we pray for the families and children who spend time there. May there be fun and friendship for everyone.
Friday 4 August	Herne Bay Festival continues through to the 26 th and so we pray for good weather and many visitors to our town so that all the events will be well supported. Give thanks for those who have sponsored the Festival and all who have worked to make it happen.
Saturday 5 August	Prayers continue for the free Christian book stall, the market stall run by the Salvation Army and the open morning and Art Exhibition held every Saturday in United Church. Pray for blessings on what is becoming a dedicated God space in Mortimer Street.
Sunday 6 August	<u>"We do not want a church that will move with the world, we want a church that will move the world."</u> G.K Chesterton
Monday 7 August	We pray for our church leaders that they may be able to take some time out this month. Give thanks that a new leader has been appointed for Herne Bay Baptist Church and that an Associate Vicar will be coming to Christ Church.
Tuesday 8 August	Today begins a week of free lunchtime concerts at United Church. We pray for all musicians who are taking part and giving their time and for MIMS (Music in Mortimer Street) for organising the programme.
Wednesday 9 August	Today is National Book Lovers Day and so we pray for our library and all the staff who work there. Pray for those for whom reading and spelling is a problem that they might find help and support in places of education.
Thursday 10 August	Pray for all those you know who are ill in mind or body. Following recent doctors' strikes many will have had operations and procedures cancelled or delayed which has caused even more worry for those already suffering.
Friday 11 August	Pray for children and young people as they await exam results later this month. Pray for energy and patience for parents and grandparents as they care for children during the long summer holidays.
Saturday 12 August	Prayers today are for the many care homes in this area. Many residents miss their regular church life and often all contact with other Christians. We ask the Lord to raise up more volunteer groups to take prayers and hymns to these people.
Sunday 13 August	O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down, you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely. Psalm 139
Monday 14 August	As Christians across Herne Bay meet tonight at the Over Sixties Club for the monthly Pray for the Bay event, we pray that people will be filled with the Holy Spirit and that many prayers prayed for our town will be answered.
Tuesday 15 August	Mental health problems and loneliness are burdens that many have to cope with and we pray for Connect Support Group who meet at the Salvation Army on Tuesdays from 12.30 -2pm

Wednesday 16 August	As Grimethorpe Colliery Band perform a concert in the King's Hall this evening, let's give thanks for God's gift of music which has encouraged and comforted so many people through the ages. May our local church bands and community choirs be blessed.
Thursday 17 August	A level results are announced today and so we pray for students and parents as they discuss the future. For those who face disappointment today, may they know that they are loved and valued in so many other ways.
Friday 18 August	Our prayers continue for the rising numbers of local families who live in poverty and rely on Food Banks. During the holidays free school lunches end and so demand increases dramatically. Pray for donations to continue generously to Christ Church Food Larder.
Saturday 19 August	Humanitarian Day – a day when we remember in prayer the crucial humanitarian work happening around the world, and how important it is that all countries come together to assist those in need during harder times.
Sunday 20 August	"Do you understand these words?" he asked. The eunuch answered "How can I possibly do that unless someone explains them to me?" and he urged Philip to come and sit with him. Acts 8:30-31 & 34-35
Monday 21 August	Pray for those couples who are experiencing family and relationship problems, for broken marriages and divisions between siblings. We ask our Lord to give peace and understanding to those whose lives are troubled and saddened in this way.
Tuesday 22 August	We pray for people who work in the travel industry, including local coach operators. This is the busiest time of the year and the heatwave in Europe has created many problems. We pray for all those affected by unprecedented temperatures and fires.
Wednesday 23 August	Pray for the future of Maya's Community Centre in Herne Bay High Street. This free shop supports local families by offering clothes and household items for those on low incomes. There are also opportunities to donate the cost of a meal for a person in need.
Thursday 24 August	GCSE results are out today and, again there will be a mixture of joy and stress. Pray for teachers who will be supporting and advising students in the coming weeks.
Friday 25 August	For local traders, the summer season has not been the best and, looking towards Autumn months we pray for lovely weather throughout the coming weeks to bring tourists and holidaymakers to the town.
Saturday 26 August	As the fireworks for the Finale of Herne Bay Festival light up the sky tonight, we pray for the light of Christ to light up our churches and shine across the town with the Good News of Jesus' love. Alleluia!
Sunday 27 August	Let everyone give as their hearts lead them to do, not reluctantly or because it is expected of them – for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7
Monday 28 August	It's the last Summer bank holiday today and so we pray for a precious space in people's lives and a time to be with families and friends. Pray for activities in and around the area and for safety in parks and seafront crowds.
Tuesday 29 August	Pray for those working in our National Health Service as they continue to struggle with rising numbers of patients and lack of staff in many areas. May many more students feel called to train as nurses and doctors in the coming months.
Wednesday 30 August	Give thanks today for the good things in your life – try to write down at least 3 (or more) blessings that you have received this week. Give thanks that, although there are many areas we can complain about, we live in a beautiful country and are free to worship.
Thursday 31 August	As we celebrate Harvest in many churches, we pray that governments across the world will take dramatic steps to control climate change which is affecting so many countries. Help us as individuals to economise, recycle and care for our planet.

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