

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Saturday 1 July	Today is the Ordination service at Canterbury Cathedral. As men and women begin their ministry, we pray for God's blessing on this next chapter of their lives. Church activities include Messy Church at Hoath 11.30-1pm and Reculver School Fete.
Sunday 2 July	For God is not a God of disorder but of peace as in all congregations of the Lord's people. 1 Corinthians 14:33
Monday 3 July	We pray for the weekly Monday Coffee at Herne Windmill this morning. As people come to share this time and make friends, may they feel the love of Jesus reflected in the care and support of the volunteers.
Tuesday 4 July	While we thank our Lord for the glorious sunshine that we have been enjoying, we remember in our prayers those for whom the intense heat causes problems. Pray that we will be led to neighbours who need help when temperatures are rising.
Wednesday 5 July	Pray for safety for the builders who are demolishing Neptune's Amusements in Central Parade and for those people who will eventually move into the ground floor shops and the flats above. May they find a welcome in our town and our churches.
Thursday 6 July	We give thanks for the loyal staff at Spearings in Mortimer Street as they prepare for a takeover by a general store chain. Pray that their future will be assured and that all fear of the future will be replaced with a peaceful outcome.
Friday 7 July	Our thoughts and prayers today are for the Salvation Army team as they take the gospel message into Favorita Care Home with words and hymns. Pray for residents and staff that they will be blessed by today's visit.
Saturday 8 July	Pray for safety in the water today as families head for the sea. Pray for local sailors and Lifeboat crews during this busy season. Remember too the mission Mortimer Street as Christians Together reach out to Herne Bay with free books, coffee and art.
Sunday 9 July	Lord, help us to pray like the early church. May your hand be with us. May we see a great number of people believing and turning to the Lord and the Word of God triumphing. Nicky Gumbel – Pioneer of the Alpha course.
Monday 10 July	Tonight at 7pm at the Over Sixties Club in William Street, Christians from churches across Herne Bay will come together to share in the monthly Pray for the Bay event. As we welcome this evening's speaker, Anne Everett (Anne is married to Anthony, vicar of Christ Church) we pray for blessings on her and for all those who attend.
Tuesday 11 July	From 3.30 – 5pm Messy Church will again be held at Reculver School Hall. This is church for our children and we pray that they will carry the message of Jesus throughout their lives and will come to know him even better during their lifetime.
Wednesday 12 July	We pray for our NHS workers as they struggle to cope with the increasing demands. As more and more houses are built across this area, we pray for wisdom for leaders and decision makers to provide more doctors, nurses and hospitals here.
Thursday 13 July	Lord, bless those who run Footprints today – a group for parents and toddlers at Herne Bay Baptist church this morning. We pray for the children and their parents as they find the love and care of Jesus reflected in the Christians who volunteer each week.
Friday 14 July	Pray for Father Mark and the leadership team at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. We remember Pope Francis as he faithfully tries to bring about new ways of presenting the gospel to the people. May God watch over his health.

Saturday 15 July	Pray for Major Richard Hope and his wife Jackie as they faithfully stand outside Boots every Saturday morning selling copies of the War Cry. This Salvation Army publication has brought the news of Jesus to many generations and for this we give thanks.
Sunday 16 July	May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. <i>Romans 15:13</i>
Monday 17 July	Our prayers today are for all church leaders and congregations in the Herne Bay area. May they continue to pray for each other. We think of St Martin's, Herne with St Peter's Greenhill and Herne Bay Baptist who are awaiting the appointment of new leaders.
Tuesday 18 July	Pray for bus drivers, taxi and delivery drivers as every day they need to work their way around road works and hold-ups on our congested roads. Give us grace to value the work of these people and to thank and encourage them.
Wednesday 19 July	As the residents and staff receive the word of God at High Pines Care Home today, we pray that happy memories will be stirred and people will be renewed in their faith.
Thursday 20 July	Pray that God will be with the Chaplaincy team going into Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital. In our prayer time today, remember and staff of Heron Ward and pray for peace and healing in that place.
Friday 21 July	Many schools break up today for the long summer holidays. We pray for a good rest for teachers and those who work in all places of education.
Saturday 22 July	As St Bartholomew's church holds its annual Summer Fair today from 11am-1pm. We pray for Revd Sue Martin and her team. May they be given opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with many people who visit.
Sunday 23 July	Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well in the land the Lord your God is giving you. <i>Deuteronomy 5:16</i>
Monday 24 July	Pray for Martin and members of United Church in the town centre as they open each Saturday to offer a friendly, welcoming space to allcomers. Pray for blessings on their young organist as she practises hymns and songs for the Sunday services.
Tuesday 25 July	Prayers today are to strengthen the ecumenical Pray for the Bay core team as they regularly meet and pray for God's guidance to show them the way forward. Pray that, regardless of denomination, we can work together for the good of our community.
Wednesday 26 July	As prices and interest rates continue to rise, so does the need for Food Banks. We pray for all those who are struggling to feed their families. Many will be missing the support that school meals provide during term time. Lord make us aware of ways we can help.
Thursday 27 July	Pray for people we know who are suffering from any form of mental stress, anxiety or depression. May they find kindness and support from friends, help from the medical profession and understanding from counsellors.
Friday 28 July	Pray for those travelling to holiday destinations this weekend. May journeys be trouble-free and vacations be times of family fun and harmony.
Saturday 29 July	The Craft Fair at the Salvation Army 10am-3pm will raise funds for the Salvation Army's work in the community and will also provide an opportunity to meet with groups and members of the local community. Pray for those groups involved and for customers.
Sunday 30 July	Prayers for those local people who will be manning the Christian stand at Baytastic today, This is the popular large event held every year in Herne Bay's Memorial Park. Pray for good opportunities and great conversations to share the Word of God.
Monday 31 July	We pray for those nurseries and gardeners whose livelihood depends on having supplies of water. As house building increases in our area, may we never take God's life-giving water supply for granted.

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

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