

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Friday 1 July	Several care homes in and around Herne Bay have again been struggling with Covid infections both with clients and staff. We pray that today's planned visit to Favorita by the Salvation Army team will be able to go ahead.
Saturday 2 July	Remember in our prayers the committed team of volunteers who are working in the churchyard at St Martin's, Herne. As they seek to care for this ancient space, they are doing God's work by preserving a beautiful haven for wildlife. Pray for good weather.
Sunday 3 July	Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. You have six days in which to do your work but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me. <i>Exodus 20:8-10</i>
Monday 4 July	Remembering young people and their teachers now that the big exams are over, we pray that there will be time for them all to enjoy some relaxing, stress-free time in the coming weeks.
Tuesday 5 July	Pray for all those who are suffering the debilitating symptoms of long Covid and for those who live in fear of catching the virus again or for the first time now that numbers appear to be increasing.
Wednesday 6 July	Drug abuse is now endemic in most towns and we pray that those in Herne Bay who are attracted by the promise of easy money by trading, will turn away from this evil way of life. May our people be protected and those already addicted be helped.
Thursday 7 July	We pray for those in the hospitality industry. Following the problems caused by the loss of revenue during the pandemic, they now face yet more hardship as price increases in transport and food continue to drain resources and will force many to close.
Friday 8 July	Pray that our Lord Jesus will intercede and influence those in power to make decisions that reflect His power. Pray that those who wage war on innocent people will be changed and will come to know and fear God.
Saturday 9 July	Continue to pray for our food banks as demand increases during the school holidays. Help us all to be generous in sharing our food with those who have little, and gracious to those who need help and support.
Sunday 10 July	If you oppress poor people, you insult the God who made them but kindness shown to the poor is an act of worship. <i>Proverbs 14:31</i>
Monday 11 July	Remember in our prayers the many families who are struggling to make ends meet as prices continue to rise. We pray for those for whom the loss of school dinners for their children will be a major problem. Lord, comfort and provide we pray.
Tuesday 12 July	Pray for all those who are committed to providing great music in our churches each week. As we praise God with singing may we really be aware of the beautiful words of our worship songs and hymns.
Wednesday 13 July	As people prepare to go away for holiday, we pray for safety on the roads and that airports and ferry services will improve and be better able to cope with increased demand.
Thursday 14 July	Pray for staff in our three main hospitals - K&C in Canterbury, QEQM at Margate and the William Harvey at Ashford. Pray too for those at the Queen Vic and Estuary View as they deal with minor injuries and day to day medical problems.
Friday 15 July	Pray for all those who are receiving end of life care at the Pilgrims Hospices. We ask God to give comfort to patients and their families and to the staff, volunteers, doctors and chaplains. May God's spirit of peace be with them all.

Saturday 16 July	As we welcome new Christians to our church communities, we pray that many will continue with their journey of faith surrounded by love and support from us all. Pray for those who are 'just looking' that they may experience God's love by our example.
Sunday 17 July	All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16
Monday 18 July	Pray for the families from Ukraine who are being housed in and around Herne Bay. Many are mothers and children because men are required to stay and fight against the invading Russian Army. We ask in Jesus' name that they can find peace and safety here.
Tuesday 19 July	As the Tuesday Toddlers meet every week in St Martin's Hall, we pray that the children will be blessed. We give thanks for the volunteers who freely give their time and love to these little ones.
Wednesday 20 July	We approach the peak season for holidays and our seafront will become much busier and so we pray for those who keep our beaches safe. Pray blessings on lifeguards and lifeboat crews, for those who work for Air Ambulance and St John's Ambulance.
Thursday 21 July	As we pray today, let us take time to pause for a while and listen to God. Whatever our emotions and circumstances may be, we give our Lord space to enter our hearts and minds with the still small voice of calm.
Friday 22 July	Little Fishes young children's group meet at St Peter's, Greenhill and so we pray for them all and their parents and families. Pray for those who faithfully run the group every Friday – may they be richly blessed.
Saturday 23 July	We pray for those in our churches who are involved in the healing ministry. Pray for those who are suffering, that they may find relief and that God will work through our prayers and bring relief to many.
Sunday 24 July	Is any of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. James 5:13-15
Monday 25 July	This week sees the start of the Lambeth Conference held at the University of Kent in Canterbury. We pray for the worldwide Anglican Church as leaders come together to debate what are sometimes thorny issues. May wisdom prevail and love conquer all.
Tuesday 26 July	Pray for the Food Larder and Community Hub at Christ Church 10am to 12noon today, remembering those who visit this morning because of hardship and hunger. May they experience the love of Jesus by the love shown by the volunteers there.
Wednesday 27 July	We think of our local Catholic Church and of Father Mark who has recently celebrated 40 years since becoming a priest. We thank him for his devotion to God and his vision and passion to see Christians working together in the town.
Thursday 28 July	Many Year 6 pupils will be visiting their new secondary schools and so we pray for positive experiences, for a bright future and for new, lasting friendships to be made next term.
Friday 29 July	In our prayers today, we think of those who are fearful of the future both for themselves and for their children and grandchildren. In the midst of this troubled world help us all to remember that God is on the throne and that He is in control.
Saturday 30 July	We pray for those who struggle with technology and, as still more banks close their branches in the town, many will be worried about their finances and at a loss to find any support and advice. May help be made available.
Sunday 31 July	There remains then a Sabbath rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work just as God did from his. Hebrews 4: 9-10

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