

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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## DECEMBER 2021

Wednesday 1 December	Following the sudden announcement that Elliot House Care Home is to close, we pray that the 46 residents will be re-homed quickly. Pray too for the care workers who are employed there that they may find suitable vacancies in the caring profession.
Thursday 2 December	Pray for our children and commit to God the preparations for Messy Church events this month. <i>Dec. 4th</i> at Holy Cross (Hoath) 11.30a.m and HB Baptist Church 4pm. <i>Dec. 7th</i> , Reculver School 3.30 p.m. <i>Dec. 11th</i> St Peter's Greenhill (with Christingle) at 4pm
Friday 3 December	We pray that more people will feel called to be Prayer Pastors to pray and support Herne Bay Street Pastors as they walk the streets of the town every Friday evening. Pray for their safety tonight and for good opportunities to spread the gospel.
Saturday 4 December	Prayers for the weekly Christian bookstall outside the United Church in Mortimer Street. Pray for good weather and great response from all those out shopping today. Join the Salvation Army carol singing 10-11a.m today outside Boots and for the next 2 Saturdays.
Sunday 5 December	Memorial Carols and lighting of the Christmas tree at St Martin's, Herne, 3pm today. Carols by candlelight at 5pm at Holy Cross, Hoath <b>The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out. John 1:5</b>
Monday 6 December	As we remember those who are separated from friends and family because of changing travel restrictions, we ask God to guide our footsteps to those in our own neighbourhood who need a cup of tea and a friendly chat.
Tuesday 7 December	As Christmas approaches, remember in our prayers all those for whom this season is a struggle. People from all walks of life who have lost jobs and businesses. We thank God for Christ Church's Tuesday and Friday morning food distribution at the ' <b>Larder</b> ' project.
Wednesday 8 December	We think today of the Salvation Army as they continue to reach out this Christmas by singing carols outside local care homes. Today they are at the Favorita 11-12am and then, after soup at the SA hall, they are off to the Lyndhurst to sing again from 2-3pm
Thursday 9 December	Pray for all those in positions of leadership in our churches. As we seek to take the message of Christ's birth to our town and villages. The workload is heavy and, in many cases, the labourers are few. May God watch over them and may his Spirit give strength.
Friday 10 December	Prayers for those gathering at 7.30p.m round the Yew Tree at St Martins, Herne. May they be kept safe and be reminded of the real meaning of Christmas from the traditional words of the Carols that have sustained families through the centuries.
Saturday 11 December	Our prayers today are for all those working in pharmacies. Many are on duty long hours and share in the late-night openings we now come to expect. Increasingly pharmacists are called to give advice and support to those unable to get to doctor's surgeries.
Sunday 12 December	As Beacon Church hold their 10am all-age celebration ' <b>A Journey into Christmas</b> ' at Vibe this morning, we pray for a full house and joyful worship. Pray for ' <b>Bright Stars</b> ' 4p.m at HB Baptist - a reflective service for those struggling with loss.
Monday 13 December	Pray for our supermarket staff at this busy time. We take for granted the long opening hours and the fact that shelves are filled and on-line orders are made up by those working long shifts. Ask God to bless them and their families.
Tuesday 14 December	We continue to pray for our doctors and NHS workers as they cope with the backlog of patients waiting for surgery and tests. May God be with them and his Spirit give them strength as they face this busiest time of the year.
Wednesday 15 December	This evening at 6.30pm, the United Benefice are hosting Carols Round the Tree at St Mary's Reculver with Birchington Silver Band. Pray for the members of the band and that their music will ring out across the village.

Thursday 16 December	Remembering single parent families today, we pray for those trying to make ends meet and often failing as low wages and childcare costs make it impossible to pay bills. Ask God to direct us to people we can support and help this Christmastime.
Friday 17 December	Pray for safety for our milkmen and women, delivery drivers, those who empty our bins and all the unsung heroes who we often take for granted. May they be blessed as they continue to work long hours through the coming holiday period.
Saturday 18 December	As last minute shopping and Yuletide panic sets in, we pray for the 'Peace and Goodwill' that appears on so many Christmas cards. We ask our Lord to help us share the love of Christ with all, no matter how tiresome some situations we encounter today!
Sunday 19 December	Pray for those attending church for the first time today at many Christmas celebrations. Carols at Beacon 10.am. Carols by Candlelight 5pm at HB Baptist Church. Candlelight Carols 5pm at St Mary's Reculver. Nine lessons and Carols 6pm at St Martins, Herne.
Monday 20 December	Our prayers today are for all teachers at schools and colleges. The past 2 years have been a time of trial for us all but those caring for and teaching our young people have been under constant pressure every day. May they have a time of rest and refreshment.
Tuesday 21 December	We pray for those who are trapped in addiction to alcohol or drugs. Remember those who have severe eating disorders and cannot cope with life. Ask God to release the chains that hold people to their addictions and set them free.
Wednesday 22 December	We thank God for our policemen and women, our PSOs and Community workers, all who work to keep us safe. As years have moved on, this work is now increasingly dangerous and we pray for their continuing safety.
Thursday 23 December	Pray today and every day for the many care homes in our area, both for residents and care workers who do such a wonderful job in keeping elderly and vulnerable people safe and loved.
Friday 24 December	Pray for safety for firemen and ambulance drivers, many of whom will be on duty throughout the holiday period. Ask for blessings on them all and give thanks for their commitment to protecting and helping us all.
Saturday 25 December	As our churches celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ this morning, we pray for all those volunteers who are preparing and serving dinner to many thousands of people who are without money or families. May we too be generous with our time and money.
Sunday 26 December	As church bells ring out across our land today, let us us all, wherever we are, thank God for the greatest gift of all – his son Jesus. Pray that love and peace will prevail and that the Holy Spirit will be present in our homes and churches.
Monday 27 December	Pray that we can look ahead and, with God's help, we can make our churches even more welcoming and exciting places in the coming months. As we think about New Year Resolutions may we all join together with one aim TO PRAY MORE!
Tuesday 28 December	This week between Christmas and New Year can often be a lonely time as family invitations begin to fade and social groups take a break, pray for those living alone that friends and neighbours will be able to gather together.
Wednesday 29 December	The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is scheduled for January 18 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> . Pray that churches can work together in the coming years and that we will be an example of unity as, regardless of our different denominations, we love each other under our one Father.
Thursday 30 December	As we journey into 2022, let us all pray that Christians will be given the courage to speak out boldly for a return to a better way of life as taught by God with his Commandments and by Jesus' teaching throughout his time on earth.
Friday 31 December	Tonight, as restaurants, pubs and clubs hold events and firework displays and welcome in the New Year, we pray for a time of hopeful joy and fun for everyone, safety on our streets and a happier year for everyone.

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