

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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## JANUARY 2019

Tuesday 1 January	As we make our resolutions for the New Year, let us pray that 2019 will be a year of revival and renewal of the Christian faith in this country. Pray for those with the gift of evangelism that they may reach out and bring hundreds of people to know the Lord.
Wednesday 2 January	We pray for our church leaders and their families as they take times of refreshing after the busy weeks leading up to and including Christmas.
Thursday 3 January	Remember Major Val Hope who was promoted to glory just before Christmas. Val served the Salvation Army for many years and we pray for a thanksgiving service for her life at Herne Bay SA at 2.15 today. Pray for God's comfort for her husband Richard.
Friday 4 January	Pray without ceasing for our government. May our MPs work together in peaceful discussion and put aside anger and self-interest. May the confusion and fear felt by so many for the future of our country be resolved.
Saturday 5 January	Pray for blessings on the people of Hoath and for this morning's New Year's part at Messy Church in the Village Hall 11.30-1pm. Prayers too for the Prince of Wales pub and restaurant in the village and for those who work there.
Sunday 6 January	<b>As we celebrate Epiphany and the visit of the Magi who came to see and worship the baby Jesus, we remember their gifts and pray that we too will offer our gifts of time and talents this year to further the work of his kingdom on earth.</b>
Monday 7 January	May the goodwill and messages of love and peace we shared during the celebrations of the Christ child's birth at Christmas, continue into 2019 as we thank God for sending Jesus into our world.
Tuesday 8 January	Our prayers today are for the Reculver area. For St Mary's church and for Reculver Primary school as they seek to cope with rising numbers of children. Remember after school Messy Church today at 3.20pm.
Wednesday 9 January	We ask for God's blessing on volunteers who work at Food Banks and support agencies and open churches as they offer a lifeline to those who are hungry and cold. Blessings on the poor and those who are in debt.
Thursday 10 January	As church activities move in to a new year, we pray that house groups, cell groups, prayer meetings and children's activities will grow and that many more people will seek to find answers to the age-old question "What's it all about?"
Friday 11 January	Remember Steve Parrett as he settles in to help with leadership at St Bartholomew's Church. We pray that this new chapter will be exciting and fulfilling for him and that he and his family will be blessed as he continues to work for God.
Saturday 12 January	Pray for small shopkeepers and restaurants as they face what is often the quietest month of the year. For families whose livelihood depends on our custom. We thank and value these lovely people for keeping our high streets alive. May they be blessed.
Sunday 13 January	<b>If I speak in the tongues of men and angels but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging symbol. If I have the gift of prophesy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith that can move mountains and have not love. I am nothing.</b> <b>1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 NIV</b>
Monday 14 January	Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters at St Bartholomew's and the Salvation Army as they take the word of God to residents and staff at the warden assisted flats at King Edward Court. Bless those who live there and those who work and care for them.
Tuesday 15 January	We remember in our prayers today those who are ill in mind and body. Lift the names of those you know to the Lord for his healing and comfort and give strength to those who are carers.

Wednesday 16 January	Prayers for new residents in our town and to the leaders and members of St Martin's Church (Herne) as they seek to find ways of reaching out to the Redrow homes on the site of the former Herne Bay Golf Club. Pray that the Lord will prepare the ground.
Thursday 17 January	We pray today for the leaders and members of Beacon Church. As they hold their Sunday meeting each week at Briary School in Greenhill, we pray that their music, teaching and prayers will bring life and hope to people in that village.
Friday 18 January	Remember the children and parents, grandparents and friends who will be at St Peter's, Greenhill tomorrow. As they enjoy fun, food and Bible stories at Messy Church, we ask our Lord that the lives of both young and old will be changed.
Saturday 19 January	Today's Prayer Breakfast is at 8am at Holy Cross, Hoath. We ask God that this will be a time of joyful prayer and fellowship. Thank you for those preparing the food and those planning the prayers.
Sunday 20 January	<b>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud, it is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs</b> <b>1 Corinthians 13: 4-6</b>
Monday 21 January	Traditionally the Week of Christian Unity, let us pray that Christians of all denominations in Herne Bay will share the example of Christ's love and understanding so that we may be an example to the people in our town and the surrounding villages.
Tuesday 22 January	For all who are unable to come to the Salvation Army Prayer space this evening at 7pm because of the cold and the dark nights or work and family commitments. Please join in prayer at home as we quietly pray for our town and villages.
Wednesday 23 January	Hold in your prayers the leaders of Christ Church as they start 'Christianity Explained' a 6-week course for those investigating what they believe. May many people seek the risen Christ again or for the first time.
Thursday 24 January	Pray for our police officers as they seek to control the drug trafficking in the town. Pray for protection for young people who are being targeted and bribed to both take and push illegal drugs in schools and on the seafront and parks.
Friday 25 January	The Friday coffee morning at Herne Bay Baptist church offers refreshments, friendship and a welcome to newcomers. We pray that as visitors come to this weekly event, they will become 'regulars' and seek to know more about the gospel.
Saturday 26 January	Prayers for the market traders as they bring colour and life to Mortimer Street and William Street. Thank you for the business they attract to the shops and restaurants in that area. Give them kind weather and good business opportunities.
Sunday 27 January	<b>We ask for blessings on Ken Skinner and the band at St Bartholomew's this evening for their Songs of Praise evening at 6pm. The church is on the top of Mickleburgh Hill and we pray that its light will shine across Herne Bay.</b>
Monday 28 January	Our Christian brothers and sisters from Riverside Vineyard Church hold an Open Prayer Meeting this evening at 7.30. The venue is Herne Bay Sailing Club. Beacon Hill, Herne Bay. We pray for members of HB churches to go along and enjoy this great initiative.
Tuesday 29 January	As the leaders of Herne Bay Churches meet and pray together at 12noon today, let us join with their prayers 'May your Kingdom come and your will be done in this area' Pray God will be with them as they meet and give his divine guidance in their planning.
Wednesday 30 January	Give thanks for the work of Age UK at their centre in Beltinge. Their work with older people in and around the town is wonderful. We pray that volunteers will continue to offer their help in many areas of the organisation's local work.
Thursday 31 January	Now at the end of January, let us look again at our new year resolutions. Pray that 2019 will be the year that we grow closer to God and to each other. Help us to love one another more and to love our neighbours and then the tough one, love our enemies!

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