

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Monday 1 April	Today we pray for April Fool pranksters, may it be a day of fun and laughter and not touched by anything sinister or threatening in our town and villages.
Tuesday 2 April	At a time when most schools are having Easter celebrations, we pray that the real message of Easter is clearly taught and reflected in our schools this week. Pray that Christians will be buying the Real Easter Egg, complete with Easter story book.
Wednesday 3 April	Please hold in your prayers all those attending the Food and Fellowship event at Christ Church where a meal is offered to the local community. Bless the volunteers who make this possible and pray that lives will be changed as they show the love of Jesus.
Thursday 4 April	Remember in our prayers today the second Prayer Day being held at Reculver School. May all those involved in this amazing ministry be blessed and may the presence of the Holy Spirit change lives among children and parents at the school.
Friday 5 April	Our prayers today are for Revd Cat Darkins – curate at St Martin’s, Herne – as she and Michael prepare for their wedding in Cambridge tomorrow. Ask God to pour out his blessings on the couple and may the sun shine all day.
Saturday 6 April	Pray for all those being confirmed today at the Reculver Deanery Confirmation Service led by the Bishop of Dover at 5pm at St Martin’s Church Herne. Pray for the Revd Stacey Rand as she is licensed to Herne with Greenhill parish during the same service.
Sunday 7 April	Today’s Prayers are for Herne Bay’s seafront Chicken Run which will raise much needed funds for Strode Park. Remember too the service of Celtic worship with prayer for Healing at St Martin’s, Herne at 6pm. All are welcome as we pray for ourselves, our loved ones and our broken world.
Monday 8 April	For most young people today is the first day of the Easter school holidays. Pray that this year will mean more to children than chocolate, cuddly bunnies and chickens. Pray that we are all given more courage to speak out about the cross and the resurrection.
Tuesday 9 April	Some members of St Bartholomew’s United Benefice will be going to this year’s Spring Harvest. Pray for good health, safe travel and a fresh experience of the Holy Spirit to encourage them in their faith. May they come back on fire for Jesus!
Wednesday 10 April	We pray today for the continuing lunchtime Lent course at Broomfield URC church as the small group study St Mark’s gospel. Fellowship with home made soup and sandwiches at 1pm followed by Bible study and discussion.
Thursday 11 April	HB Boccia Group who recently celebrated their 6 th anniversary. This is a group who, inspired by the 2012 Paralympics, started the club in the Catholic Retreat Hall offering Indoor Bowls to people with disabilities of any kind. May God be with them all.
Friday 12 April	Continue to hold in prayer our Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. The light evenings mean more needy young people on the streets late at night. This is a Christians Together in Herne Bay initiative and we pray for more pastors from all denominations.
Saturday 13 April	We know that the business of churches is to spread the gospel but this is also the month when the business of presenting accounts and electing officers has to take place. Thank God for all those who take on these jobs in our churches
Sunday 14 April	<i>(Jesus entering Jerusalem)</i> The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading rushes they had cut from the fields. They were calling ‘Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in God’s name’ Mark 11:8 Message

Monday 15 April	Pray that June and David from the Salvation Army will be made welcome as they take the gospel message to King Edward Court today. Blessings on Christ Church members as they visit residents and staff at the Laleham Care Home.
Tuesday 16 April	Pray for opportunities to lead services and make good contacts in Care Homes. Today Christ Church are at Whitebirch Lodge sharing the Easter message in word and song. Remember older folk in our Christian family who are no longer able to get to church.
Wednesday 17 April	Pray for those using Herne Bay Swimming Pool at this busy holiday time. May there be a lovely atmosphere of fun and laughter, safety for everyone and a blessing on the lifeguards and swimming instructors.
Thursday 18 April	Prayers for all special Maundy Thursday events taking place in churches both here and across the land today. Many will share meals and offer foot washing as they commemorate the Last Supper. Pray for humility and a servant nature for us all.
Friday 19 April	Pray for a wonderful response to Herne Bay Christians Together Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at 9.45 a.m at Clarence Road outside the Catholic Church. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the people of our town and show the love of Jesus.
Saturday 20 April	Easter Messy Church takes place today at 4-6pm at St Peter's, Greenhill. May the Easter message speak to children and parents at this busy event. Pray for those who help with the activities, lead the teaching and prepare the hot meals for all who come.
Sunday 21 April	He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Prayerfully read again John 20:11-23 and thank God for Jesus' great sacrifice for us all.
Monday 22 April	We ask God to bless our ministers as many of them take a well-earned break after the busy Lenten and Easter services. Pray for good weather and blessings on families at this Bank Holiday as they spend precious time together. Bless all Christian marriages.
Tuesday 23 April	St George's Day and our children return to school after the Easter holidays. We pray that all the many road works and closures will be completed and that journeys to school will be easier and safer for all who travel the roads around Herne Bay and Canterbury.
Wednesday 24 April	Pray for safety for those now working on the construction of a 66 room care home on the site of the former Herne Bay Golf Club. Ask God to bless this new facility and all who will live and work there. May it be a place where the Lord is known and loved.
Thursday 25 April	Pray for Revd Carol as she continues to work with Herne Primary and Junior schools and Briary School. May the children and teachers enjoy her visits and come to know more and more of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Friday 26 April	We remember Graham Wallis, a solicitor advocate from Gloucester, who said the one question he would ask Jesus is "Did you mean for the Christian Church to be made up of hundreds of denominations?" - pray for all our Christian brothers and sisters.
Saturday 27 April	May God be with those who welcome visitors to Baptist Open Church this morning. May passing shoppers be drawn to faith by the kindness and love shown by volunteers there. Remember too the Traidecraft Fair being held at the Catholic Church hall today.
Sunday 28 April	Pray for a wonderful blessing on all at St Bartholomew's Church this evening (6pm) as the Revd Stephen Parrett is licensed to the Reculver Benefice as Associate Priest. May his ministry there be a time of joy for him and his family.
Monday 29 April	We pray for those working tirelessly to create greater awareness of global climate change. Thank God for Sir David Attenborough who at 92 years old, will present a BBC documentary to show just how serious is the destruction of God's beautiful creation.
Tuesday 30 April	Pray for Vicki Tate at HB Salvation Army and remember her as she leads Prayer Space at the Army at 7pm this evening. Around 14 Christians from 6 different churches regularly attend this peaceful time of prayer. Pray for numbers to increase.

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

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