

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Monday 1 March	Give thanks for the way that the Covid vaccine has been given to so many in such a relatively short time. We pray that, as many more are vaccinated this month, infection and death rates will fall and hospitals will no longer be overwhelmed.
Tuesday 2 March	Pray for the leadership team at Beacon Church as they begin their annual month of prayer and fasting. As they seek God's presence for Family and Church, for our Nation and for Salvation let us pray with them for a breakthrough in all these areas.
Wednesday 3 March	As we see the early signs of Spring, we pray for an awakening in our churches and in our country. Pray for prayer, mission and growth so that more and more people will come to know the Lord and experience his healing love.
Thursday 4 March	Pray for each other, for all the churches in the Herne Bay area that we might begin to meet again soon to worship and pray together. Meanwhile we give thanks for modern technology that has made it possible for us to continue to reach out to each other.
Friday 5 March	Remember all those whose mental illness has worsened during lockdown. Pray that professional help will be available to both those in mental anguish and families who are caring and supporting them. Ask that they may experience God's healing peace.
Saturday 6 March	Pray for safety for supermarket staff as they continue to fill shelves and make it possible for us to have food. Remember too our corner shops and chemists who have kept open throughout all the difficulties of the past year. Pray that these people will be blessed.
Sunday 7 March	<b>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is life not more important than food and clothes? Who of you by worrying will add a single hour to his life? Matthew 6:25, 27</b>
Monday 8 March	Across the country our schools will be re-opening today. Pray for safety for children, students, parents and teachers in what will for many be a worrying time. Ask God to help young ones cope with wearing masks in school.
Tuesday 9 March	We remember today residents and carers in the many excellent care homes in our area. The kindness and patience shown by carers to residents reflects God's love for us all and we pray that meetings with husbands, wives and families will soon be possible.
Wednesday 10 March	Pray for wisdom for world leaders that richer countries will support generous sharing of vaccines to poor countries who cannot protect their own people. Pray that they will think 'one world' during this pandemic.
Thursday 11 March	The children at Herne Junior School will meet with Bishop Rose via Zoom today at 11.30am. Pray that her words will impact on these young people and that knowing Jesus and finding out more about him will become an important part of their lives.
Friday 12 March	Pray for Sally and Alison as they lead the Christ Church Larder project from 10am to noon today. Hold in our prayers all those who need help to feed their families and pray for generous donations of food and finance.
Saturday 13 March	Today the C of E Diocesan Synod meet to look at future projects. We pray for a positive outcome and wise decisions especially regarding finance and mission in our local churches and the Diocese.
Sunday 14 March	Today is <b>Mothering Sunday</b> and we pray for all those mums who have not been able to meet with sons, daughters and grandchildren for many months. Pray that this will be the last year that this painful separation happens.
Monday 15 March	As leaders at St Bartholomew's church continue their Lent course tonight at 7pm and Thursdays at 2.30pm, we pray that people will grow in faith. Pray too for worship via Zoom currently going back into Reculver school.

Tuesday 16 March	Today we think and pray for all those loyal volunteers who have kept many food banks operating across the country during the past year. With rapidly rising numbers of people needing help, we pray that donations will continue to be generously given.
Wednesday 17 March	Remembering our young adults as they face an uncertain future, pray for better job opportunities and more good training courses to be readily available. Pray for those who are struggling with depression and feeling that there is no hope.
Thursday 18 March	So many things to pray for but for today, let us give thanks and praise God for all the positive things in our country – for our NHS, for freedom to openly declare our faith, for free education for our children and for Jesus who died that we might live.
Friday 19 March	Pray for better relations with EU countries as all leaders struggle through seemingly endless problems and paperwork over new rules and border controls. Pray that ways will be found to live in harmony and that sensible negotiations and kindness will prevail.
Saturday 20 March	We ask God for a good weekend, where families will share fun and those on their own will share positive telephone calls and good online time with friends and families. Pray for hope and blessings for those in the darkest places today.
Sunday 21 March	<b>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said “Never will I leave you: never will I forsake you. So we say with confidence The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid” Hebrews 13:5-6</b>
Monday 22 March	Pray today for our Queen and the Royal Family, that relationships will be healed and love will overcome any sorrow and bitterness. Give thanks for the steadfast work of family members and the encouragement that so many have received from them.
Tuesday 23 March	As we think of staff and residents at Strode Park in Herne, we ask God to pour out his love on that place and to bless the wonderful work being done each day. Pray for parents and families caring for loved ones with physical or mental disabilities.
Wednesday 24 March	Pray for house group leaders as they continue to meet up on Zoom. Give thanks for all the Lent courses that are available from our churches either online or in booklet form. Pray that our faith may be strengthened by spending these sessions with our Lord.
Thursday 25 March	Pray for local businesses who are preparing to re-open shops and offices. Remember in our prayers those who have lost their livelihoods and pray that new opportunities will be made available and that there will be hope for their future.
Friday 26 March	Our paramedics and ambulance drivers have continued to work all hours during the past year and will continue to be on call for us night and day. We give thanks and pray that they will be given holy strength to do this vital work.
Saturday 27 March	Pray for neighbours and for continuing friendship with people that we may have met on our daily exercise during the pandemic. May we be sensitive to people’s needs and to show the love of Jesus and talk about our faith when the right opportunities arise.
Sunday 28 March	Pray for all our local churches hosting Palm Sunday services on Facebook and YouTube churches today <b>“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard” Psalm 133:1-2</b>
Monday 29 March	It may be possible that many of the traditional local services and activities that we are used to in Holy Week will be very different this year. The glorious message of Easter is the same and we pray that radio and TV will reflect something of the glory of Eastertide.
Tuesday 30 March	Remembering local families as restrictions slowly begin to ease, we pray that we shall experience the ‘new normal’ where kindness and thankfulness are more important than materialism. Pray for wisdom for world leaders and for a brighter future for us all.
Wednesday 31 March	Many churches plan to open for the first time on Easter Sunday and will be preparing for safety within the accepted guidelines. We pray for inspiring worship and joy as we look to relight the fire of faith and be transformed again by the wonder of the Resurrection.

If you have prayer requests that you would like included, please email Anne Lehane at [hbprayernet@gmail.com](mailto:hbprayernet@gmail.com)

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