

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Wednesday 1 July	Pray that in this continuing time of uncertainty we can live each day, rejoicing in God's creation and thanking him for his love for people of every race. Pray for our ethnic minorities as we seek to prayerfully address prejudice in any form.
Thursday 2 July	Now that shops have opened, we pray that people will respect the rules that have been put in place to keep us all safe. Many shopkeepers with small spaces will find social distancing difficult – we pray for customers to have patience and kindness.
Friday 3 July	Pray for our church leaders who need to make wise decisions in the light of national guidelines while being concerned for the vulnerable in our midst. Pray for God's guidance as they seek to find new ways to enable us to worship safely.
Saturday 4 July	Pray for harmony in churches and fellowships where there are those who are impatient to get back to worshipping together immediately and others who are fearful of sitting in a building with others for an hour or more.
Sunday 5 July	The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-27
Monday 6 July	Pray for St Bartholomew's and St Mary's Reculver as they open for private prayer Monday 10-12noon Wednesday 2-4pm and Friday 5-7pm. Ask for God's protection on those who have volunteered to clean the church regularly to keep everyone safe.
Tuesday 7 July	Thank God for our open-all-hours convenience stores, for the owners and loyal staff who, with cheerful words and kindness, have kept many of us going during the past confusing months. Pray that they will continue to have local support.
Wednesday 8 July	Pray for those giving out and donating food in the town centre and villages. Bless the staff at Herne Community Centre as they offer food parcels to those in need in the area.
Thursday 9 July	As we think of the information network in our country, we ask God to raise up Christian news editors and honest people in control of social media. Fear is too often stirred up by inaccurate reporting and sensational headlines, pray for honesty in the media.
Friday 10 July	It is likely that we will not be able to sing in our church gatherings for some time, let's make Friday a day when we lift our voices wherever we are. Today we could start with "How Great Thou Art" - let's use these wonderful words as a prayer of praise.
Saturday 11 July	We pray for God's blessing on those who have been made redundant and whose future is uncertain. Remember those who have spent years and resources building up businesses only to see them collapse in this crisis.
Sunday 12 July	"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" <i>Joshua 1:9</i>
Monday 13 July	Pray for those in national government and national church leadership that their decisions may be well thought through and clearly communicated. Pray for young people who are considering entering politics in the future.
Tuesday 14 July	As we read of rising sea levels and climate changes across the world, pray that governments in every land will accept scientific evidence and seek ways to work together to save the planet for our children.
Wednesday 15 July	Pray for safety for our policemen and women both locally and across the UK. In recent weeks they have faced angry rioting mobs and many have been wounded. We thank God that they are here to keep us safe.

Thursday 16 July	Pray that, as lockdown rules ease and life becomes busier, we will find ways to continue serving our communities, caring for our neighbours and making time to reach out and show the light and love of Jesus to those we meet.
Friday 17 July	Pray for all the schools in this area. Ask for God's blessings on our dedicated teachers and governors as they look for ways to teach and care for pupils in a safe environment. Today's worship song is "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman
Saturday 18 July	Remembering the town's market traders who have kept going through difficult times, we pray that they will begin to make up for months of fewer customers and lost income. May they continue to trade safely.
Sunday 19 July	Praise the Lord all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. For great is his love towards us and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord. Psalm 117: 1-2
Monday 20 July	Continue to pray for blessings on staff and residents in care homes. The past months have been incredibly stressful for care workers who have lived each day with the worry of the virus infecting some of the most vulnerable, confused people in our society.
Tuesday 21 July	Pray for wise decisions to be made in all the proposed new housing developments planned for the Herne Bay area. Pray for surgeries and schools to be treated fairly so that they will be able to cope with hundreds of new residents.
Wednesday 22 July	We pray for each one of our church leaders whose lives have been turned upside down during these past months – using new technology to hold meetings, recording Sunday worship sessions and being on call for everyone.
Thursday 23 July	Pray for those who are missing the social interaction of regular group activities. For many who live alone these connections are a lifeline and we pray that ways will be found to safely open halls and restart groups.
Friday 24 July	As we join from our respective homes to sing 'Amazing Grace' we thank God that he has found and saved us. Pray for guidance to do his will and to use the gifts he has given each one of us in service to him.
Saturday 25 July	Remember in our prayers today all those who have been physically and mentally abused during the period of lockdown and are struggling to find ways to recover. Pray for funding for the overstretched charities who have been providing refuge for victims.
Sunday 26 July	I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2:1-2
Monday 27 July	School and university holidays will be feeling very different this year and many students will be unsure about new schools and universities in September, so we pray for a time of peace for parents and fun and relaxation for young people.
Tuesday 28 July	Pray and give thanks for NHS frontline workers, ambulance drivers, postmen and women, binmen, milkmen, chemists, garages and supermarket staff, may we never again take them for granted.
Wednesday 29 July	Pray for businesses, pubs, restaurants and local shopkeepers who have always depended on summer holiday trade to maintain a living. May they find support and understanding from landlords and customers in the months ahead.
Thursday 30 July	We pray for the increasing concern about so many overweight children in this country. May government, advertisers, supermarkets and parents work together to fight this rising dangerous trend
Friday 31 July	As we fix our eyes on Jesus today, we remember with overwhelming gratitude, his loving sacrifice for us and so, mindful that we are loved and forgiven, we sing, or read out loud 'When I survey the wondrous cross'

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