

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Wednesday 1 April	We continue to pray for our church leaders as they rethink how to nurture worship and witness across church communities in a fresh way. May God inspire them, keep them and their families in good health and show them the way forward.
Thursday 2 April	We pray for those people who are currently both living with fear for those they love during these difficult times and have anxiety about the future. Pray that the light of Christ will shine through the darkest of days and bring healing, peace and hope to us all.
Friday 3 April	Beacon Church are focusing on Friday lunchtimes from now on to fast and pray for 'Neighbours and Nation' and to trust for gospel opportunities across streets and neighbourhoods. Let us join in at home with their prayers this lunchtime.
Saturday 4 April	Prayers today for Sue Martin and Steve Parrett at St Bartholomew's Church as they put together materials for worship to go into individual homes via the internet or by packages delivered to the elderly and vulnerable people in the Benefice.
Sunday 5 April	I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself. Psalm 8:1-2
Monday 6 April	We pray for vulnerable people in our town and for the agencies that are working to reach out to those in distress or poverty and those with severe health issues. May God show us ways to help as food banks and night shelters struggle to continue in some way.
Tuesday 7 April	Pray every day for all NHS staff – doctors, nurses, paramedics and ambulance drivers. Pray for frontline workers in the police, supermarkets and small food stores, postmen and women, and many more who will keep our country going during this dark time.
Wednesday 8 April	Prayers for our Prime Minister as together with fellow ministers and health advisors, he carries the responsibility of leading our country through the Covid 19 crisis. Pray for protection for his partner Carrie who is pregnant and therefore at risk if infected.
Thursday 9 April	Pray for our children and young people whose world turned upside down when their normal education system came to an abrupt halt last month. Many will struggle to keep up with work at home. We pray too for parents trying to cope with this new way of life.
Friday 10 April	Good Friday - a time to come together in prayer. At 11am let us all pray together wherever we are. Sing or say the words of 'When I survey the wondrous cross', have a short time of reflection and prayer for each other and then we will say the Lord's Prayer.
Saturday 11 April	We pray for harmony within families. As the weeks go by pray that tensions will be eased and that family members will be able to live together in peace, supporting one another. Pray that where there is conflict, God's Holy Spirit will prevail.
Sunday 12 April	He is risen – He is risen indeed! We thank God for modern technology as many millions seek to worship God in different ways today. Pray that TV and radio stations will continue to broadcast church services this glorious Easter Day.
Monday 13 April	Pray for our church communities across Herne Bay and the surrounding villages. Pray that we will continue to find new ways to communicate with each other and that God will bind us together with cords that will not be broken.
Tuesday 14 April	Pray for new beginnings as we come to understand our own vulnerability and the beautiful, fragile balance of our planet. May we move to a time of awe and wonder at the wonderful world in which we live and may we learn to share its abundance.

Wednesday 15 April	As alcoholics Anonymous and Gamblers Anonymous are forced to close, pray that those depending on this help and support to break their addictions will keep in touch and will be carried through these difficult times free and unscathed.
Thursday 16 April	Thank God for the Springtime. For those of us who can take daily exercise may this be a time of prayer walking our streets and green spaces. Pray for each house you pass that those living there will be safe and will come to hear the gospel.
Friday 17 April	Thank God today for his love and all the many blessings he has showered on us over the years. Pray for those suffering from anxiety and depression in the current situation. May the love of the Lord shine through their own personal darkness.
Saturday 18 April	Pray for all residents and care assistants in the many Care Homes in this area. Ask God for his protection on these vulnerable people and for health and energy for those caring for them. Read the Beatitudes, <i>Mathew 5:3-12</i> as a prayer to intercede for many.
Sunday 19 April	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. <i>Joshua 1:9</i>
Monday 20 April	Pray today for our world, remembering that millions of people are sharing these tough times with us. We pray for mankind and for a coming together of nations in an unprecedented way so that we too may be one as Jesus is one with his father.
Tuesday 21 April	Pray for those who have discovered worship and teaching for the first time through live streaming of Sunday services from many churches. Pray that we may be prepared when we are asked to share our faith with others.
Wednesday 22 April	Continue to pray for young people as the weeks go on. The disappointment of being unable to meet with friends, not having days out and the frustration of coping with siblings at home will be hard. May there be love and kindness in households today.
Thursday 23 April	Pray for the media as they struggle to keep us informed of the true facts about the pandemic. Pray for more Christian journalists and newsreaders and more interviews with Christian leaders.
Friday 24 April	Street Pastors has been suspended for a while and Paul has asked that everyone take an hour each Friday to pray for our town. Pray for new volunteers whose training has also been suspended.
Saturday 25 April	Pray for our immediate neighbours and for finding ways to keep in touch safely. Ask God to make us aware of specific needs and to show the love of Christ and ways of helping and encouraging each other.
Sunday 26 April	"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." <i>Jeremiah 17:7-8 NIV</i>
Monday 27 April	Pray for 3 people you know who you long to know and accept Jesus in their lives. Write their names down and continue to pray each day'
Tuesday 28 April	Pray for the families of those who have lost loved ones to the virus. Pray that God will give comfort and hope in their sorrow. Pray especially for those working on the front line and ask for the Lord's blessing and protection.
Wednesday 29 April	As we face the uncertainty of a changed world, pray that we can look ahead to the future with trust and reassurance in the knowledge that God is on the throne and he is good all the time.
Thursday 30 April	These times will cause many of us to ask questions about our wants versus our needs. As we manage with less worldly goods, pray that we will look at many things in different ways and that there will be revival of the Christian faith in our land – Alleluia!

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