

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Wednesday 1 February	We pray for Vanessa who begins today as a part-time Youth & Twenties worker at Beacon Church. May she be blessed and excited by this new role as she reaches out to young people in and around the area.
Thursday 2 February	Many of our young people travel to Canterbury for further education and we pray today for the Simon Langton Boys School. The boiler has broken down and using electric heating on this scale causes power failures meaning home learning is the only option.
Friday 3 February	Our prayers today are for the management, staff and residents at Strode Park. Following a recent spot check the main care home and Coach House have been placed 'in special measures' and ordered to improve. This is an organisation that has always been loved.
Saturday 4 February	Messy Church is being held today at HB Baptist church and so we pray for the children and parents who will be coming to enjoy activities and sharing food. As they have fun and enjoy the time together, we pray that they will learn about Jesus.
Sunday 5 February	"..and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <i>Matthew 16:18</i>
Monday 6 February	Today marks the start of Children's Mental Health Week. Many young people are still struggling mentally with isolation issues caused by lockdown and we pray as teaching unions plan strike action that God will move with power to protect young lives.
Tuesday 7 February	We think of the friendship group CAMEO (come and meet each other) as they gather together this afternoon at HB Baptist Church and we pray that new friendships will be made and that those who live alone will find comfort in the company of others.
Wednesday 8 February	As the team meet this evening to pray and finalise plans for Christians Together monthly Pray for the Bay prayer meetings in central Herne Bay, we pray that they will be led and guided by the Holy Spirit and blessed by the love of Jesus.
Thursday 9 February	We ask God to send his gift of peace to all those we know, and to people across the world who are suffering. Pray that they will be given strength to cope with the many challenges they face and courage to overcome them.
Friday 10 February	Prayers today are for Reflections Coffee Morning at HB Baptist church in the High Street. May all those visiting the project this morning will be blessed and feel the presence and the peace of God in the building.
Saturday 11 February	We continue to pray for what has become the "God space" in Mortimer Street every Saturday. The Christian market stall, the "Saved by the Book" tables where Christian books are given free and United Church's open doors and coffee. We praise God!
Sunday 12 February	Guard yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God which he bought with his own blood. <i>Acts 20:28</i>
Monday 13 February	It's half-term break for schools in this area and we pray that it will be a fun, restful space for students. Many will be studying for GCSE exams so we pray that they will still be able to make time to relax. Pray for parents who work and plan around the week.
Tuesday 14 February	Today is Valentine's Day and we pray for all those who do not feel loved or those for whom their relationship is difficult to sustain. Help to recognise their loneliness and may we be led to offer friendship and comfort, reflecting the love of Jesus.

Wednesday 15 February	Pray for the many care homes in and around Herne Bay. Recruitment of staff has been a real problem for many homes and we ask that more people of all ages will feel called to this amazing work.
Thursday 16 February	Pray for those who need to travel to work each day and are trying to cope with rail strikes and cancellations. Remember too all who need to attend special hospital appointments outside the local area and face constant changes in bus timetables.
Friday 17 February	We pray for our neighbours and those living in our road. If we have time today, we could try to do a prayer walk round our local area and pray for a blessing on each house that we pass.
Saturday 18 February	We pray for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and all those working in every department of our National Health Service. As we begin to come out of the worst of winter flu and Covid, may stress levels improve and may recruitment of staff increase.
Sunday 19 February	Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church. <i>1 Corinthians 14:12</i>
Monday 20 February	Prayers today are for the Coffee at the Mill project in Herne. This is a warm, happy space where friendships are being made, may all who spend time there feel loved and cared for. We pray for people who are isolated and lonely in our communities.
Tuesday 21 February	As we celebrate Shrove Tuesday and make pancakes, we remember in our prayers that many will have very little food today. We pray for greater awareness of poverty in our midst and that help will be given to families trying to manage on very limited incomes.
Wednesday 22 February	Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, and we pray that for Christians it will be the start of 40 days of drawing closer and finding time to listen to God. Instead of just giving up biscuits this year, we pray for daily opportunities to show more love and support.
Thursday 23 February	Pray for today's very popular Warm Space and Soup Lunch at the Salvation Army. As numbers increase each week, we pray that our Lord will provide enough helpers to cope and will give strength to all those involved in this lovely project.
Friday 24 February	Please pray for reporters who work on the Herne Bay Gazette and presenters on Radio Kent. Give thanks for communications in difficult times and help us all to share positive news with our churches and our friends and neighbours.
Saturday 25 February	Pray for house group and prayer group leaders in our churches. As we meet together in small groups, may each one of us feel the presence of Jesus in our midst. As we seek to learn more of his plan for our lives, may we support each other in prayer.
Sunday 26 February	Then the Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court and the glory of God filled the temple. <i>Ezekiel 43:5</i>
Monday 27 February	Apparently today is National Polar Bear Day! – however it does highlight the plight of many animals on our planet who are in danger of extinction. We pray that there will be greater awareness and action against the effects of climate change.
Tuesday 28 February	As we begin to notice the days getting longer and Spring flowers appearing, we thank our God for the evidence of new birth around us. Help us to concentrate on the many blessings in our lives, even in the darkest times.

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