

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

December 2019

Sunday 1 December	Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted <i>Matthew 5:4</i> Memorial Carols 3pm St Martin's Herne - we pray for all those who have lost loved ones during the past year, may they hear the Lord in words and music today.
Monday 2 December	We pray for all those people who are homeless in Herne Bay. Ask God to keep them safe from attack and exploitation. We give thanks for all those who look out for and offer support to them – Street Pastors, Catching Lives and Porchlight.
Tuesday 3 December	Pray for one person who you long to know the Lord. Ask God for opportunities to share your faith with him or her and pray that you will be given the right words when the time comes.
Wednesday 4 December	We ask God to help us with the practical worries that distract our work of spreading the Gospel message. Problems with old buildings, tough financial decisions, form-filling and committee meetings weigh heavily – Lord, help us to prioritise and obey you.
Thursday 5 December	We pray today for our house group leaders as they seek to pray and study your word with their people. Inspire them, give them energy and hold them in your care through the dark winter evenings as they open their homes each week.
Friday 6 December	As people gather round the Yew Tree in Herne this evening at 7.30, we pray that this will be so much more than just a nice annual tradition. Lord, help us to bring people back to you with the words of old familiar carols and a welcoming church family.
Saturday 7 December	May young peoples' lives be changed as they hear the Gospel message at today's Kid's Party at Beacon Church. Pray for those leading and those working to make it a fun, meaningful event.
Sunday 8 December	As you help us by your prayers, then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many. <i>2 Corinthians 1:11</i>
Monday 9 December	Continue to pray for our G.Ps, nurses and health workers as they struggle to cope with the seasonal illnesses of their patients. Pray for their families and ask that they be blessed and strengthened during the busy months ahead.
Tuesday 10 December	Our prayers today are for those involved in the building trade. For plumbers, electricians, heating engineers, bricklayers and carpenters. Many of these tradesmen are self-employed and will have no work and no income over the Christmas holiday.
Wednesday 11 December	We pray for those whose job it is to make decisions about planning permission for new housing estates, new roads and new infrastructure. May they work together for the good of the community and not be swayed by financial gain.
Thursday 12 December	Pray for today's election - safety for those working at polling stations, candidates from all parties and for honesty and Christian values to return to government. As we long for our country to be obedient to God's will, we join together to pray for his guidance.
Friday 13 December	We remember this morning's coffee morning at the Baptist Church in the High Street. May it be a time where people meet with each other and experience the love of Jesus through the kindness of the volunteers who faithfully run this event each week.
Saturday 14 December	We pray for all the volunteers who will be busily preparing the decorated oranges for tomorrow's 3pm Christingle service at St Martin's, Herne - may they too feel the light of Christ shining on them as they work together.
Sunday 15 December	Pray for those attending the Bright Stars service at HB Baptist Church at 6.30pm. May families be reunited and those recently bereaved find peace. Pray that afternoon carols at the Beacon church today will reflect the light of Christ.

Monday 16 December	Today we pray for a special blessing on the children and staff at both Hoath and Reculver Schools as they celebrate their carol services. We ask God to inspire the young people so that they understand the importance of Jesus' birth.
Tuesday 17 December	Pray for people who visit the Community Café this morning at St Peter's, Greenhill. As they celebrate the birth of Christ by joining in with Christmas carols. May they enjoy the goodwill, peace and joy that comes from being part of God's family.
Wednesday 18 December	Pray for the musicians of Birchington Silver Band this evening as they play carols round the Christmas Tree at St Mary's, Reculver (6.30pm)
Thursday 19 December	Hold in our prayers today all those people who work in shops and supermarkets. As the days get busier and stress levels rise, we ask God to bring times of refreshing and peace in to even the darkest places.
Friday 20 December	As we remember and pray for the safety of our Street Pastors this evening, we thank God for the 5 new Prayer Pastors who have recently joined the support team. Pray for opportunities to share faith with those in distress on the streets tonight.
Saturday 21 December	We pray for children and parents at today's Messy Christingle at St Peter's, Greenhill. Pray for our beautiful but broken world reflected in the oranges encircled with red, representing the blood of Jesus and the candles reflecting the Light of the World.
Sunday 22 December	Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. <i>Hebrews 4:16</i>
Monday 23 December	Pray for families as they come together for the festive period. May it be a time of love and celebration and where there is any tension or conflict, may it be a time of forgiveness and healing.
Tuesday 24 December	Pray for the Scratch Nativity at 4.45 this afternoon at HB Baptist Church. As the Christmas story is acted out, we pray that hearts will be touched and minds will be opened as the great love of God is revealed.
Wednesday 25 December	Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you. <i>Luke 2:11</i> Pray that people will remember that today is about so much more than turkey, telly and tinsel. Thank God for his wonderful gift to the world – JESUS!
Thursday 26 December	Boxing Day and across the country thousands of people will be rushing to the shops. Pray that, as God's people, we will not get caught up in the retail madness even if it means standing alone.
Friday 27 December	Pray for our children and students as they enjoy the school and university holidays. Some will be worried about next term and the return to cruel on-line bullying. We pray that this dark practice will be controlled by law and that those involved will repent.
Saturday 28 December	Let us hold our church leaders in our prayers today as they take space to find rest after the past busy weeks of preparation for the many Christmas services. We pray for their health and for precious time together with their partners and families.
Sunday 29 December	Pray for the more senior members of our local communities, remembering Psalm 92:14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green proclaiming 'The Lord is upright!'
Monday 30 December	Pray for those people who are alone and who, during the current holiday break, are missing the company and conversation they find at community groups. Pray that good neighbours will be aware of their needs and will visit.
Tuesday 31 December	May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice <i>Psalm 141: 2</i> As we look ahead to 2020, let us resolve to take more time each day to be with Jesus and to encourage others to do the same.

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

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