

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Thursday 1 July	Give prayerful thanks for all those who have been involved in the wonderful vaccine programme that is saving many lives in our country. Pray that the current Delta strain of the virus will be the last variant and that we may be able to live better lives in future.
Friday 2 July	We remember those who have completed or are currently taking exams. After a stressful, fragmented year, we pray for students to cope calmly as they wait for results later in the summer.
Saturday 3 July	Pray for leaders of Herne Bay Salvation Army as they re-open their doors tomorrow at 10.30am for a regular 45 minute Prayer Meeting. May this call to prayer connect with Christians across the town.
Sunday 4 July	Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. <i>Hebrews 12:1 (The Message)</i>
Monday 5 July	Today we ask for strength for all those in the NHS as they work long hours in an attempt to tackle the huge backlog of operations and treatments delayed during lockdowns. Pray that the understandable frustration felt by patients will not result in abuse to staff.
Tuesday 6 July	Pray for baptisms and weddings in churches this month. For many this will be the first experience of church and we ask God to bless the families involved and to create a hunger to know more of the gospel.
Wednesday 7 July	Pray for the people in the street where you live. If you are able to prayer walk, pray for each house as you pass and ask the Lord for a blessing on all who live there.
Thursday 8 July	Lift up to the Lord those people you know who are wounded, weary or broken. Isolation and bereavement have affected so many during the past year and we pray for the Holy Spirit to seep through Herne Bay with healing power.
Friday 9 July	We pray that many will encounter the Lord for the first time and that others may have a fresh knowledge of your love and grace. May we be witnesses in our communities through our words and deeds.
Saturday 10 July	As our seafront becomes ever busier in these summer months, we pray for a blessing on those who keep our waters safe and our beaches and parks clean – lifeguards, lifeboats, refuse collectors and litter pickers.
Sunday 11 July	Pray for the Beacon Church as they celebrate three beach baptisms taking place today. May the Lord bless each person as they make this glorious commitment. May their Christian journeys be exciting and their paths ahead be made clear.
Monday 12 July	We pray today for the wellbeing of all those who live in Herne Bay's surrounding villages: Greenhill, Hampton, Herne, Beltinge, Broomfield, Reculver and Hoath. Pray that churches in all these areas will be holy hubs of the community for these places.
Tuesday 13 July	We pray for a constant source of food donations and finance for the essential work being done by volunteers at the Tuesday and Friday Pantry at Christ Church.
Wednesday 14 July	Pray for those making key decisions at the Church of England Diocesan Synod today. Where changes are needed in local churches, may there be harmony and appropriate action taken.
Thursday 15 July	Thinking of local Care Homes and Nursing Homes, we pray for nurses and carers and for all those residents who are confused and are slowly coming to terms with changes in visiting regulations. May they be filled with joy.

Friday 16 July	Herne and Hampton Schools break up for the summer holidays today. Let us pray for the children, parents, and teachers as they come to the end of a very tough school year. Pray that children who have been badly affected will find healing in the weeks ahead.
Saturday 17 July	We pray for greater unity between churches of all denominations across the country. Lord help us to concentrate on those things we have in common and worry less about our differences in worship. We are brothers and sisters in the family of God.
Sunday 18 July	Be brave. Be strong. Don't give up. Expect God to get here soon. <i>Psalm 31:24 (The Message)</i>
Monday 19 July	Today is scheduled to be the day when life returns to 'normal'. For many this will be a frightening time and for others a time of mixing and partying. We pray that people will be sensible and not put lives at risk.
Tuesday 20 July	Pray for Steve Dunn as he talks to church leaders about City Impact Counselling . This initiative is planned for a September launch and is an opportunity for local churches to help with mental health issues in our communities.
Wednesday 21 July	Prayers for today are for Reculver and Herne Bay Junior School pupils and staff. Pray for relaxing holidays and safety for family holidays and outings.
Thursday 22 July	We pray for all the medical teams and volunteers who work at our hospices. Prayers for those patients who are end of life care. May they know the Lord's presence and find peace in the knowledge of his love.
Friday 23 July	Continuing with our prayers for young people, today we remember Briary and Herne Bay High schools, both at Greenhill. We pray that school life will be stable again in the 2021/2022 school year starting in September.
Saturday 24 July	Pray for an exciting time with lots of sunshine for the Community Spirit Day at St Bartholomew's Church. This mission event takes place between 12noon and 4pm today. Pray for those working to make the event happen and pray for lots of visitors.
Sunday 25 July	Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. <i>John 14:12</i>
Monday 26 July	We pray for businesses in the town as they struggle to keep afloat after a year of lockdown. We remember shops, restaurants and pubs today and ask that God will bless those who are very worried about their future.
Tuesday 27 July	Hold in our prayers today all those involved in sport. Remember particularly those who are committed to training young people. We ask for enthusiasm and safety for all during the school holidays.
Wednesday 28 July	Remembering those who are unable to go away on holiday this year either for financial or health reasons, we pray that local events, family picnics and barbecues will be enjoyed and provide a welcome time of relaxation here in Herne Bay.
Thursday 29 July	As several churches in the area are planning different family-friendly meeting times, flexible styles of worship and dedicated weekly prayer meetings, we pray that more people will be encouraged to become part of a church community.
Friday 30 July	We thank God for the work of wildlife centres in Kent. As they seek to protect many endangered animals and insects, we pray that respect for all God's beautiful creatures will soon become widespread across the world. Pray for our own Wildwood at Herne.
Saturday 31 July	Continuing our prayers for the future of the planet, we pray for an end to a culture of over-indulgence and greed. Pray for obedience to Christ with a fairer sharing of money and resources. Pray for local food banks and support agencies and for volunteers.

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