## HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Tuesday 1 November	Our prayer today and for the coming weeks and months, must be for Rishi Sunak as he prepares to unite both his party and the government at this really difficult time. May wise decisions be made and major issues be dealt with sensibly and wisely.
Wednesday 2 November	Energy price rises are a huge source of worry to many in our area and we pray and give thanks for those churches and clubs who are opening their doors to offer warm spaces during the colder days of winter.
Thursday 3 November	Today the Salvation Army in Richmond Street open their doors from 10am as a weekly welcoming place followed at 12.30 by a free soup lunch for allcomers. Pray for the project and for the cooks and welcomers. May all who come feel the love of God.
Friday 4 November	We all know someone who is suffering in mind or body. Today let's remember our friends and lift them to Jesus for comfort, peace and healing. Remember in your prayers those who are caring for friends and family members through the lonely winter months.
Saturday 5 November	Pray for safety for families as fireworks light up our skies this evening. As rockets shine in the darkness, we pray that we too may reflect the light of Christ in our communities.
Sunday 6 November	Our God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad. Revelations 19:6
Monday 7 November	A recent report has revealed a strong worldwide demand for more news coverage on faith. There is an urgent need for Christian leaders to have access to the media with real facts on the importance of belief in modern society. Pray for our own local media.
Tuesday 8 November	As our hospitals struggle to cope with demand after the pandemic, we pray for nurses and doctors who are increasingly the butt of abusive behaviour from frustrated patients. Waiting for surgery and procedures is hard so we pray for understanding.
Wednesday 9 November	Pray for managers and staff at the Laleham Care Home on the sea front in Herne Bay.  News of the listed problems in a recent report by Inspectors has been widely reported and we pray that the work to be done may proceed without delays.
Thursday 10 November	Pray for the manager and staff at Herne Community Centre as they work to increase opportunities for people to meet up and make friends and to offer more classes that are designed to help keep everyone fit during the coming months.
Friday 11 November	As increased demand for food banks continue to rise, we pray for our friends at Christ Church who run the Food Larder this morning. Pray for generous supplies and many willing volunteers to support this wonderful project.
Saturday 12 November	Our prayer today is for the Christian stall in Herne Bay market. May life-changing conversations take place as shoppers stop to look and see the beautiful artwork. Give thanks for the support given by those at United Church in the heart of the market.
Sunday 13 November	As churches across the town and villages hold Remembrance Day services, we remember in our prayers those soldiers in many countries across the world who are today giving their lives to protect their people against evil and injustice.
Monday 14 November	We pray for all those involved in roadworks. We constantly complain about road closures and temporary traffic lights all over the place but we remember today that, without those who work in all weathers, our roads would collapse completely.
Tuesday 15 November	Pray for schools in our town and the surrounding villages and for those who have the responsibility of teaching our children. 'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their life' Proverbs 22:6

As preparations for Christmas begin to take on some urgency, we pray for ourselves.  This year, may we have many good opportunities to remind our friends what Christmas is really about and to be generous to those who are already struggling with poverty.
Prayers today are for church house groups and study groups. May we all learn more of the Bible and grow ever closer to Jesus and follow his teaching. Pray for those who lead and open up their homes each week to host groups.
Pray for all our church leaders and leadership teams as they prepare the annual Carol Services, Christingles and Nativity Plays (to name but a few of the regular events). Many only go to church at Christmas, pray that this year more people will find hope in Christ.
Remember and pray for Christmas shoppers, that many more will support local shops rather than ordering online from huge companies. Pray for our charity shop workers who seem to be busier than ever now that prices everywhere have been rising.
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.  Acts 1:8
We think of our young adults, many of whom are at universities across the country. For some, particularly those in their first term, it can be a difficult, lonely time away from home, so we lift them up to receive the comfort and strength that comes from God.
Our prayers today are for those still struggling with Covid and particularly those with the debilitating symptoms of Long Covid. Little is still understood of this condition and we pray for a medical breakthrough in understanding and treating the illness.
We think of our bus drivers as they negotiate increasing volumes of traffic each week.  And pray that there will be greater understanding by the public as delays and hold ups increasingly become routine. Pray especially for school bus drivers.
Sadly, the drug scene continues to thrive in our town, villages and schools. We pray for police PCSOs and Community Wardens who, despite continuing reduction in their numbers, attempt to patrol some of the known areas where transactions take place.
Reflections Coffee Morning at Herne Bay Baptist Church continues to thrive and we pray that those calling in will have the opportunity to speak with church members and find out more about the Christian faith. Pray for a new leader to be appointed there.
Messy Church St Peter's, Greenhill always attracts large numbers of children and parents. We pray for the helpers and those who provide cooked food and desserts for allcomers. May today be a real blessing for everyone there.
But in your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15
Our prayers today are for our near neighbours who do not yet know Jesus. May the Lord give us opportunities to show friendship and love to those around us and, when invited, to speak of our faith in Jesus.
Today, let us spend time offering prayers of praise and thanks as we remember all that God has done and is doing in our lives. If times are really hard for us, go on YouTube and search then listen or sing along to 'Hallelujah Anyway' by Rend Collective.
Pray that the Shoebox Charity run by many of our churches, will make a difference to many lives this Christmas as the boxes of small gifts and toiletries are received in countries where children have nothing.