

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Saturday 1 October	As we thank God for providing our daily bread, we pray for St Martin's Harvest Supper this evening, may it be a time of friendship, fellowship and fun. Pray too for the children and parents who will be at Messy Church at HB Baptist church 4pm -6pm
Sunday 2 October	Again Jesus said "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" and with that he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit" <i>John 2:21</i>
Monday 3 October	Several churches are discussing ways to offer a warm space on a weekly basis during Autumn and Winter. Pray for God's blessing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we may co-ordinate and communicate which churches and community halls will be open.
Tuesday 4 October	We pray for King Charles and the royal family as they feel the deep loss of a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. As the country moves into a new chapter in history, we ask our Heavenly King to lead, direct and bless Charles and Camilla.
Wednesday 5 October	As winter approaches, we remember those who live alone and dread this time of year. Pray for volunteer led coffee mornings and community groups in our town and the surrounding villages as they seek to provide friendship for people who feel isolated.
Thursday 6 October	Today in our prayer time, let us spend time praising and thanking God for Jesus. Let's remember all that he has done for us over the years and think of ways that we can reflect his love in our communities. Lord God, bless us and send us to spread your word.
Friday 7 October	We pray for generous donations to the Christ Church Food Larder which continues to operate on Tuesday and Friday mornings. As many more families will need support this winter we pray for generosity and awareness of the increased need in our town.
Saturday 8 October	Pray for shops and market traders and for the stall that offers free Christian books each Saturday in Mortimer Street in the town. May many be led to Christ by reading about him and the warmth and friendliness of the volunteers.
Sunday 9 October	The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. <i>1 Samuel 16: 7</i>
Monday 10 October	We continue to pray for the weekly 10am coffee morning that has started recently at Herne Windmill. Pray that throughout the winter months it will be a warm, welcoming place for all. Pray too for good health and safety for the team of volunteers there.
Tuesday 11 October	Pray for our local businesses as they struggle to absorb rising energy and fuel prices. Pray for those we know who have lost jobs since the pandemic and are seeking employment right now. May they find work and freedom from stress.
Wednesday 12 October	Pray for our church leaders in and around Herne Bay. We expect so much from them and sometimes forget that they have families and need some down time to recharge their batteries. Often the labourers are few so we pray for more to step up and help.
Thursday 13 October	We remember and pray for this evening's 6.30pm Bay Ignite at St Andrews, Hampton. This is a loving community where all can find friendship and enjoy a free cooked meal every week. Pray for those who visit and those who volunteer and give their time freely.
Friday 14 October	As the people of HB Baptist church prepare for their weekly Reflections coffee morning, we pray for all those who call in there today. We ask our Lord to make his loving presence be felt by the love and care shown by the volunteers.
Saturday 15 October	Today is Messy Church at St Peter's Greenhill and we pray that both children and parents will enjoy the games and the free food and then take home the message from the teaching and the music they have heard.

Sunday 16 October	We pray for the people of Greenhill today and for the once-a-month morning service at St Peter's in Herne Drive. Pray for those who lead and those who come exploring faith for the first time, may they be led to Jesus.
Monday 17 October	We pray for those vulnerable people having the autumn Covid booster today. Many are experiencing a few distressing days of Covid like symptoms and we pray for a quick return to normal health and energy.
Tuesday 18 October	We hold up our ambulance drivers, paramedics and staff at A&E departments - they are frontline workers facing the problems and the backlog caused by the pandemic. Many are experiencing verbal abuse. We pray for their safety and for public understanding.
Wednesday 19 October	Today the 'Green Team' at St Martin's, Herne will be working together to clear parts of the churchyard for walkers and to leave some areas for wildlife to thrive. We pray for good, dry weather.
Thursday 20 October	Footprints Toddler Group meets every Thursday at 9.30am at HB Baptist church. We pray that it is a happy, fun time for these little ones and their parents and we ask for God's blessings on those who lead the project.
Friday 21 October	Pray for better communications between churches and groups in our town, so that everyone will know what events are on offer. More people of all ages now live alone and are often unaware of the many free opportunities to meet and make new friends.
Saturday 22 October	We pray for families as they spend time together today. Screen-time can so easily take over our lives and so we pray that there will be times of fun, conversation and family games together. May our own families be blessed.
Sunday 23 October	The Lord said "Prophecy to these bones. Tell these dry bones to listen to the word of the Lord. Tell them that I, the Sovereign Lord, am saying to them I am going to put breath into you and bring you back to life". <i>Ezekiel 37:4-5</i>
Monday 24 October	Let us pray today for Father Mark, the leadership team and all our brothers and sisters at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, may their work and worship be blessed.
Tuesday 25 October	Remember in our prayers those who are carers in their homes. Some have been looking after loved ones for many years and are weary. We pray that their strength will be restored and they will be blessed with God's grace to carry them through dark days.
Wednesday 26 October	Pray for those working in the supermarkets in town. We thank our Lord for all they have done during the pandemic years – panic buying, working all day with masks and behind plastic barriers, long hours as colleagues were sick. Help us to appreciate them all.
Thursday 27 October	Prayers today are for our government and our new prime minister. We pray that we will see more Christian men and women standing for election in all parties. We pray for Christian values to once again be honoured in both the Commons and the Lords.
Friday 28 October	Little Fishes mother and toddler group is held every Friday at St Peter's church. We pray for the children there today and for all young people living in Greenhill. Pray for teachers at Herne Bay High School and Briary Infants and Juniors.
Saturday 29 October	We pray for our friend Kim now that she has taken a leap of faith and has started a Christian stall in Herne Bay Saturday Market. Pray that she will be supported by us all and that God will provide all she needs to ensure that this project thrives.
Sunday 30 October	Praise the Lord all nations! Praise him all peoples. His love for us is strong and his faithfulness is eternal. Praise the Lord! <i>Psalms 117:1-2</i>
Monday 31 October	We pray against the dark side which is Halloween. Help us all to remember that All Hallows is not about ghosts and spooky things but a time to lovingly remember those who have died and are now in God's care.

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

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