

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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## MAY 2020

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| Friday<br>1 May     | Pray for all our church communities and take time today to ask God for guidance about his plans for the future of churches across our land and across the world. There will be changes and we need to be open to new ways to do his will and to serve him.   |
| Saturday<br>2 May   | As we remember those whose work makes them especially vulnerable to infection, we cry out to the Lord for his love and protection at their places of work and with their families. We thank God for their commitment and dedication.   |
| Sunday<br>3 May     | <b>The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord who is worthy of praise and I am saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:2-3</b>  |
| Monday<br>4 May     | Pray that during this pandemic, more people will turn to Christian friends with questions and conversations about God. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel, to offer prayer and to be reflections of the light of Christ in this time of darkness.  |
| Tuesday<br>5 May    | Many have been furloughed or have lost jobs, we pray that the Lord will comfort and provide for them and their families. Pray for volunteers working at food banks.  |
| Wednesday<br>6 May  | Prayers today are for those we know in our church families whose small businesses have been badly hit by the lockdown. Ask God to supply their needs and to open our hearts so that we may give practical and prayerful help and support wherever we can.  |
| Thursday<br>7 May   | We think of our young people for whom important exams have been cancelled this year. After studying hard and revising GCSEs and A levels this summer, many will now be anxious about the future. Pray that plans will be swiftly put in place to help them cope.   |
| Friday<br>8 May     | Today is a Bank Holiday, it will feel strange but let us pray that there will still be positive times to enjoy nature either in gardens or on walks. Pray for warm, gentle weather so that neighbours will be able to talk together across the garden fence.   |
| Saturday<br>9 May   | We thank God for Bear Grylls and his amazing work with Scouting in the UK. As Chief Scout, he is such a great Christian role model for the young. Pray for our local scout groups as they focus awareness on mental health issues with the young this year.  |
| Sunday<br>10 May    | <b>Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of suffering. 1 Peter 5:8-9</b>                                       |
| Monday<br>11 May    | Pray for our care homes in and around Herne Bay. Ask God to bless residents and carers with his love and protection and to supply the safety equipment needed.   |
| Tuesday<br>12 May   | We pray today for the Queen and her family. We thank God for her lifelong commitment to us all as she leads our country with dignity and always reminds every one of her lifelong faith to the Lord.   |
| Wednesday<br>13 May | Remember in our prayers all key workers. Pray that we will continue to show how much we value them and never again take for granted the National Health Service workers, refuse collectors, carers, teachers, supermarket staff and many more.   |
| Thursday<br>14 May  | Pray for those we know who are living with anxiety and fear. Pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and are unable to share their sorrow with family and friends. Ask God to wrap his loving arms around them and give them peace.   |
| Friday<br>15 May    | As we pray for people in countries across the world who are suffering with Covid 19, we have been invited to join together with many 1000s of people globally in the online 'ENOUGH' prayer event today <a href="http://www.relationalmission.org/events-1/timesasthis">www.relationalmission.org/events-1/timesasthis</a> |

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| Saturday<br>16 May  | We pray for a continuation of the wonderful outpouring of love we have seen in our communities during the past weeks. May our awareness of the needs of others become a daily part of our thinking and our living.   |
| Sunday<br>17 May    | <b>Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:1</b>  |
| Monday<br>18 May    | Pray for all our church leaders as they seek to minister to parishioners and provide various ways of worship and prayer for members of their churches. Remembering that we are all brothers and sister in the family of God, pray that we can work together. |
| Tuesday<br>19 May   | Pray for those whose wedding plans have been put on hold, for baptisms postponed and funerals reduced to minimal numbers. May the future again provide wonderful opportunities for tears and laughter as we are able to celebrate and share memories.        |
| Wednesday<br>20 May | We pray that this may be a time for Christians to be faithful and regular in their daily prayer and Sunday worship at home and that this lockdown might turn out to be a period of growth in their discipleship.   |
| Thursday<br>21 May  | Counting our blessings is not always easy but offer thanks to God today for 6 or more good things in our lives right now. Write them down and try to add to the list during the day remembering that God is good, all the time.                              |
| Friday<br>22 May    | Pray for our farmers as they recruit workers to gather fruit and vegetables, pray that nothing will be wasted and that many people will come forward to help in this vital work. Remember our local greengrocers who have set up delivery services.          |
| Saturday<br>23 May  | Remembering all those with ongoing medical problems, we ask God to give strength and take away fear as they continue to need treatment or urgent surgery. Pray for those researching ways to treat and cure cancer and other life threatening conditions.    |
| Sunday<br>24 May    | <b>I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16</b>  |
| Monday<br>25 May    | Pray for our government and their medical advisors as they continue to seek to make difficult decisions about ending lockdown and about the future of our country. Pray for constructive, cross party planning meetings and harmony in the Commons.          |
| Tuesday<br>26 May   | Let us set aside today to praise God in any way we can, in music, singing or even dancing if we are able. Even in these uncertain times when many of us may feel as though we are walking a dark path. we know that he is with us all in every situation.    |
| Wednesday<br>27 May | We pray for those we know who have lost the fight against Covid19 during the past months – may they rest in peace and rise in glory. For families and friends grieving for lost loved ones, we pray for God's healing grace to bring comfort and peace.      |
| Thursday<br>28 May  | Pray for Strode Park Foundation, the Queen Victoria Hospital, the Hospice and all local charity-based organisations who depend on summer fundraising events to help support their vital work. Pray that, where they are able, people will donate generously. |
| Friday<br>29 May    | Pray for the safety of our police officers as they have to attend increasing numbers of incidents of domestic violence and child abuse. Pray that families trying to cope with these traumatic and distressing situations will be cared for.                 |
| Saturday<br>30 May  | Pray that our country will once again learn to respect the 10 commandments and, thinking of all those for whom tomorrow is just another frantically busy Sunday, help us to keep the seventh day holy. <b>Exodus 31:12-17</b>                                |
| Sunday<br>31 May    | <b>Pentecost:</b> We ask God to bless Herne Bay and to send the power of his cleansing, transforming Holy Spirit across our town. Pray that fresh wind and fresh fire will sweep through our places of worship bringing renewal and revival to this land.    |

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