## HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Friday 1 February	Pray for all those organisations who are working tirelessly to raise awareness of climate change. May our churches lead the way in teaching and caring for God's incredibly beautiful creation.
Saturday 2 February	Our prayers today are for those people we know who are ill and in need of our Lord's healing power. Pray for those who care 24/7 for elderly relatives – may they know God's blessing and be given strength in even the darkest moments.
Sunday 3 February	Pray today for the first 6pm service with the Ministry of Prayer and Laying-on-of-hands for Healing at St Martin's Church, Herne. A gentle reflective service with communion, music, hymns and prayers for healing both for ourselves or for those we know.
Monday 4 February	We pray for unity among Christians in our town and the surrounding villages. May we work together to further the kingdom of the one God that we all worship each Sunday. Pray that as the family of God, we will love and care for each other.
Tuesday 5 February	Remember today the staff and volunteers at the Queen Victoria Hospital and Minor Injury Unit in King Edward Avenue. Pray too for the G.Ps at Broomfield and Beltinge surgeries as they work to cope with more families from the many new-build estates.
Wednesday 6 February	Pray for Herne Bay High School in their bid for more funding to cope with increased student numbers. Several thousand homes are planned for Herne Bay, pray for teachers in the school, that with God's help, they will cope.
Thursday 7 February	Our prayers today are for the Salvation Army outreach 'Snack and Chat' at 12.30 each Thursday. Ask God for more people to come in and use this friendly space and for more workers to help with the project.
Friday 8 February	Pray that all those visiting 'Reflections' at HB Baptist Church this morning will be fed with the love and knowledge of Jesus as well as coffee and delicious cakes. Also prayers for 6pm-7.30 SAACK (Youth Fellowship) at St Bartholomew's Church Hall.
Saturday 9 February	Pray for the people of St Martin's Church in Herne as they now open the church each Saturday morning and welcome everyone with love and coffee. May this be a time of new friendships and happy chats. Dogs welcome.
Sunday 10 February	We are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed.  2 Corinthians 8 & 9
Monday 11 February	Remember in prayer the young people in our communities. Ask God to protect them from evil in the form of addictions and depression. Pray that those adults who deal in drugs and lead children and teenagers to 'just give it a try' may know God's correction.
Tuesday 12 February	Bless all those at the Salvation Army as they meet this evening at 7pm for a quiet time of Prayer and refreshing. May their numbers grow as more faithful prayer warriors from other churches join together in prayer for the town.
Wednesday 13 February	Pray for 3 people you know who do not know the Lord. Ask God to reach out to them this week and give them the opportunity to discover the life-changing experience of knowing Jesus.
Thursday 14 February	St Valentine's Day, pray that we learn to love our neighbours as ourselves and that love will triumph over hate in all circumstances.
Friday 15 February	Pray for all those working in the media. Ask God for responsible reporting and a will to seek out good news as well as items of horror and fear. We remember our own editor and reporters on the Herne Bay Gazette and ask that they be blessed in their work.

Saturday 16 February	Prayers today are for Greenhill; for all those who lead groups in the village offering activities and companionship to all ages. Pray for shopkeepers and residents and for this afternoon's Messy Church being held at St Peter's Church 4pm.
Sunday 17 February	Lord, you are my God: I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvellous things, things planned long ago.  Isaiah 25:1
Monday 18 February	At the start of this half-term, we pray for a restful week for teachers and classroom assistants and we ask God to watch over children as they enjoy various holiday activities and spend time with friends and family.
Tuesday 19 February	We think of all those men and women living in care homes in Herne Bay. Many of the residents are no longer able to get to church and miss the worship and companionship of their fellow Christians. Pray for more people to be called to this outreach ministry.
Wednesday 20 February	Remember children and young people who are on their own during the daytime this week because of parent's work commitments. Pray for protection from harm and loneliness and opportunities for good friendships
Thursday 21 February	Pray for the brave work of the Air Ambulance teams as they cover East Kent saving lives and for Lifeboat crews as they keep our coastal waters safe even in the roughest of seas. May they be blessed and protected from harm.
Friday 22 February	We pray for the nurses and volunteers at the Hospices, both in Thanet and Canterbury. We remember those who have lost a dear partner or family member and pray that they will know the comfort and peace that comes from God.
Saturday 23 February	Pray for those of all ages involved in sport today. For our football and rugby teams, for those having fun at the swimming pool and members of badminton and table tennis clubs in this area. Quiz night for St Mary's church at Reculver School.
Sunday 24 February	Pray for the 'Evening Praise' event 6pm at St Bartholomew's Church. All are welcome at this time of musical celebration and praise. We pray for more people to come along to worship God.
Monday 25 February	As the winter weather takes its toll, we pray for local Funeral Directors at this busy time. We thank God for the comfort and support they offer to grieving families and ask that they may know the strength and peace that comes from knowing Him.
Tuesday 26 February	As our church leaders meet together today, we pray that each one will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit upon them as they prayerfully plan for vision and guidance for the future of our town.
Wednesday 27 February	We thank our Lord for the signs of Spring – daffodils and birdsong and green shoots as seemingly dead branches come to life. We think of Jesus and his death and resurrection and are humbled as we say 'Thank you Jesus'. May we grow more like him each day.
Thursday 28 February	Jesus answered "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me you would know my Father as well"  John 14: 6-7 NIV

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