

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Monday 1 February	Pray for a new age for our shaking, troubled world. Lift to God the names of world leaders, pray for wisdom, integrity and understanding between nations. Pray for Joe Biden, may his faith re-ignite the American people in their hour of great need.
Tuesday 2 February	As we go to bed tonight, pray for those who are sleeping rough and are hungry and cold. Give thanks for volunteers working with Catching Lives in Canterbury. Pray for FareShare as they supply supermarket surplus food to food banks across the UK.
Wednesday 3 February	During this latest spike in Covid infections, Kent has been badly hit. Unlike the initial lockdown, this time many of us know people who have been very ill. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones and pray for healing for those who are in hospital.
Thursday 4 February	Pray for staff at our local hospitals both for their physical and mental health. Thank God for their dedication and selfless commitment as they work long, exhausting shifts to save lives. Ask for protection from harm and times of refreshing and rest each day.
Friday 5 February	As the vaccination programme becomes widely available to different groups, we pray that infection rates and deaths will begin to fall and that all those who currently live in fear may begin to find peace and hope for a better future.
Saturday 6 February	Join in prayer today with many churches who are praying to find more effective ways of sharing the gospel within their communities. We pray for revival in the Herne Bay area and for courage to work together and share our faith with others.
Sunday 7 February	Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. Surely I am with you to the very end of the age <i>Matthew 28:19</i>
Monday 8 February	We pray today for our local government, particularly remembering those councillors who have responsibility for housing development. Pray that wise decisions will be made. Pray for our MPs, Sir Roger Gale and Rosie Duffield that they will be blessed.
Tuesday 9 February	Pray for teachers as they try to discern ways to plan the road ahead for children's education during the ever-changing situations. Pray for their safety and that, as front-line key workers, they will be among the priority groups to receive the vaccine.
Wednesday 10 February	We pray today for couples in broken relationships and for those suffering domestic abuse. Pray that the evil that triggers anger and violence will be defeated and that kindness and understanding will prevail.
Thursday 11 February	Pray for students who are currently having to cope with online lessons at home. Many are struggling to work around siblings as they share computers and space. Pray too for parents trying to balance home learning between children of different ages and abilities.
Friday 12 February	Today is the start of the Chinese New Year and we pray for happy but peaceful, law-abiding, celebrations to comply with current guidance. Pray for greater understanding between people of all races, cultures and religions across our divided world.
Saturday 13 February	Tomorrow is St Valentine's Day and we pray that many people will reach out to each other with messages of love. As we remember Jesus' love for us, we pray that we will have opportunities to obey his command to love our neighbours as ourselves.
Sunday 14 February	Listen, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them and they will eat with me. To those who win the victory I will give the right to sit beside me on my throne. <i>Revelations 3 :20-21</i>

Monday 15 February	We bring to mind our local pubs, restaurants and small businesses. We pray that a way will be found to help them survive the current lockdown. Pray for those who no longer have work and are in despair – may the Lord bring signs of hope into their lives
Tuesday 16 February	Amid these weary days of gloomy news, we ask that there will be times of fun and laughter as families toss pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday today. Pray for those living alone who long to share the fun with grandchildren.
Wednesday 17 February	Lent begins today. Some local churches are offering streamed Lent courses and we pray that many will be able to use these sessions to guide the weeks leading up to Easter. Pray that this year, Easter will be much more of Christ the King and less of chocolate.
Thursday 18 February	Pray for church congregations who have not been able to meet for many months. Ask Jesus to strengthen and build their faith and fellowship through prayer and different ways of communicating.
Friday 19 February	Pray for the volunteers at the 'Church Larder' which is held every Friday between 10am and noon at the South Room (to the right of Christ Church in William Street). Pray that all in need will feel comfortable to come for food parcels and winter coats.
Saturday 20 February	Pray for those who have been waiting in pain for many months while non-urgent operations have had to be postponed, may they be comforted and know the healing love of Jesus each day and feel his presence through difficult nights.
Sunday 21 February	You are the chosen race, the King's priests, the holy nation, God's own people, chosen to proclaim the wonderful acts of God who called you out of darkness into his own marvellous light. 1 Peter 2:9
Monday 22 February	Today is the start of Fairtrade fortnight and we pray for farmers and communities across the world. May justice and honesty prevail as they trade with other countries and may workers grow and prosper under good conditions and fair wages.
Tuesday 23 February	We pray for local funeral directors as they work long hours to try to keep up with unprecedented demands because of the number of families who are grieving the loss of loved ones. May they be given strength to cope during this demanding time.
Wednesday 24 February	Our prayers today are for local charities who have been unable to raise much-needed funds for almost a year now. We pray that people will give generously so that organisations who usually depend on charity shops and local events, will be supported.
Thursday 25 February	Throughout the past year, we have depended completely on our supermarkets and corner shops, our post offices and delivery drivers and so today we offer thanks for all those who have continued to work in these places and offer prayers for their safety.
Friday 26 February	Give thanks for the privilege of living in a democratic country. Pray for our government as they continue to steer the ship through previously uncharted, dangerous waters and for all those who constantly criticise and complain, may they find peace.
Saturday 27 February	As the dark days of Winter begin to give way to the bright hope of Spring, pray that we too may be reborn again in Christ. Pray that this year will be a time of healing for us all and a time of change within our churches because of all that we have learned.
Sunday 28 February	Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

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

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