

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Saturday 1 April	Most schools start Easter holidays today and we pray for children, parents and teachers that they might have a time of rest. We pray too for grandparents who may be involved in childcare in the next couple of weeks. Pray for all Palm Sunday services tomorrow.
Sunday 2 April	<b>Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. <i>Matthew 11:28-31</i></b>
Monday 3 April	The second Pray for the Bay meeting – 7pm at Pettman House. Pray for good attendance and for Martin Belgrove who will be tonight's speaker. Remember in prayer, the Laleham Care Home as Dave and June take the Gospel in to residents this afternoon.
Tuesday 4 April	We pray for young people in our town that they will find good, quality employment, achieve their aspirations and have access to affordable accommodation in the future.
Wednesday 5 April	Our prayers today are for the Beacon Church volunteers as they run an Easter event for local families. As everyone is involved in games and an Easter hunt with gospel focus, may friendships deepen and hearts open to Christ.
Thursday 6 April	As we continue to learn of the violence and destruction in Ukraine, we pray for an end to hostilities. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in power through the fields of devastation and slaughter and that peace will return.
Friday 7 April	Today, we mark Good Friday with a United Walk of Witness. Meeting at 9.30 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Clarence Road, we carry the cross along the seafront to Wimereux Square opposite Christ Church where there will be a short time of worship.
Saturday 8 April	We think of members of Herne Bay Salvation Army as they welcome people to an Easter Fair from 10am -3pm. Pray that invitations to the Easter Day service will be taken up and that many will be able to hear the Easter story for the first time.
Sunday 9 April	<b>Hallelujah, He is risen! The angel said to the women "Do not be afraid for I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, he has risen just as he said, come and see the place where he lay and then go quickly and tell his disciples. He has risen from the dead. <i>Matthew 28:5-7</i></b>
Monday 10 April	Bank Holiday Monday and we remember shops and cafes that will be open today. Pray that the sun will shine and that businesses will be busy - many still struggle to survive after the cold weather and aftermath of Covid restrictions.
Tuesday 11 April	We think of those caring for loved ones who are suffering with all forms of dementia or mental illness. Pray that they may be given patience and strength to cope with this stressful work. Pray that on research will come up with answers and cures.
Wednesday 12 April	Herne Bay Baptist Church opens for the regular Warm Space offering soup, drinks and cake from 11.30 -2pm, we pray that volunteers will continue to welcome anyone seeking kindness and love. Pray for the Salvation Army team as they lead worship and demonstrate the love of Christ to all those at High Pines Care Home in Herne.
Thursday 13 April	Many of our local schools are now seeking to fill vacancies for the start of the coming school year. We pray that the vital work of teaching and instilling values into our children will attract committed, talented people to take up these jobs in Herne Bay.
Friday 14 April	We pray for all those undergoing surgery today and for the many people who are waiting for operations, tests and diagnosis. Pray for healing for the sick and strength and patience for those who are caring for family members and friends.

Saturday 15 April	We think of Kim as she sets up her market stall early this morning and we pray for her and her husband who faithfully supports her in this project. Pray too for Sarah and her team as they witness and offer free Christian books to shoppers. Keep them safe Lord.
Sunday 16 April	<i>The Ten Commandments</i> <b>Moses summoned all Israel and said “Hear, O Israel, the decrees and the laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them. Deuteronomy 5:1</b>
Monday 17 April	It is primary schools offer day and we pray that children will be directed to the schools that are right for them. We pray that they will settle back into classrooms on their return to school today after the Easter holidays.
Tuesday 18 April	Pray for those who lead collective worship in Church of England primary schools and for those schools not associated with the C of E where strict rules mean Bible stories are rarely taught and Christian teaching is not included.
Wednesday 19 April	Pray for our friends at HB Baptist as they await the appointment of a new leader for the church. May the right person be drawn to Herne Bay and be called by God to serve there. Pray for the leadership team who continue to plan and pray the way ahead.
Thursday 20 April	As more and more of our green spaces and farmland are disappearing only to be covered with houses, pray that Canterbury Council’s planning officers will listen to public protests. Pray for balance with more trees and less concrete in Kent.
Friday 21 April	Pray for all those musicians who lead our worship every Sunday. Although we all favour different songs, hymns and choruses, may they be blessed and valued as they rehearse and bring joy and inspiration to congregations.
Saturday 22 April	Tomorrow is St George’s day and we pray and give thanks that we live in a country where we can worship freely, be supported by benefits and are still blessed with free health care. Although there are many frustrations, help us to count our blessings.
Sunday 23 April	<b>Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.</b> <i>Habakkuk 3:2</i>
Monday 24 April	There are many people who have to work to earn money but are desperately unhappy in their workplace. Give thanks for employers who treat staff well and pray for the ones who do not respect staff and bully their workers – may their hearts be changed.
Tuesday 25 April	We pray for all those involved in the growing art scene in the town, for the volunteers at Beach Creative and the various art groups in the town centre and the surrounding villages.
Wednesday 26 April	We continue to pray for those who are struggling to pay bills and are embarrassed about using food banks. Pray that we may be led to help those in our neighbourhoods who need support at this difficult time.
Thursday 27 April	St Martin’s Church, Herne with St Peter’s, Greenhill move into a season without a vicar and we pray for Deborah - the Licensed Lay Minister, the churchwardens and members of the parochial church council as they lead both churches in the months ahead.
Friday 28 April	Pray for King Charles and the royal family as they prepare for the coronation next month. May there be healing, forgiveness and love between the generations.
Saturday 29 April	We pray for the staff and those who meet at Canterbury Garden Centre. Pray for gardeners and all those Council workers who look after our green spaces in Herne Bay. Give thanks to God for the beauty of flowers and trees in Springtime.
Sunday 30 April	<b>Jesus said “It is not the healthy who need a doctor but those who are ill. But go and learn what this means, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners. Matthew 9:12,13</b>

If you have prayer requests that you would like included, please email Anne Lehane at [hbprayernet@gmail.com](mailto:hbprayernet@gmail.com)

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