

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Tuesday 1 September	As our young people prepare to go back to school after a long break, we will pray for each of our local schools this month. Today we pray for students and teachers at Herne Bay High School in Greenhill. May they be blessed and protected by the Holy Spirit.
Wednesday 2 September	Many of our church leaders will be returning from a well-deserved summer break. We pray that they will feel refreshed and rested as they continue to organise services and open church buildings for prayer times in ways which are safe.
Thursday 3 September	Pray for our friends and neighbours and ask for the power of the Spirit to work in our lives as we seek to spread the good news of God's love in our local communities. Pray that we may be given opportunities to share the gospel.
Friday 4 September	We think today of our government as they make decisions each day based on infection numbers. Pray that they will be surrounded by those who will give wise counsel. Pray for unity and tolerance between parties so that they may fight this pandemic together.
Saturday 5 September	Today we are thinking of local churches who are not yet able to open. We pray that the loving relationships built up over time will continue to flourish as church members connect by praying on social media or by receiving the weekly delivery of newsletters.
Sunday 6 September	<b>Do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. <i>Romans 13:11-12</i></b>
Monday 7 September	Pray for Herne Primary and Junior schools. Ask for God's blessing and protection on everyone working there and for children as they adjust to new ways of sharing space and learning. Pray for those parents who fear the return to school.
Tuesday 8 September	We pray for Community Wardens, Roger and as they offer support and understanding to the people of Greenhill and Herne. Pray too for our policemen and women as they work to keep us safe.
Wednesday 9 September	Pray for the preparations for re-opening Herne and Greenhill Church Halls so that hall users can be welcomed back safely. Pray for all those missing Toddler Groups and Messy Church, let us keep connected with them by prayer.
Thursday 10 September	Prayers today are for parents, teachers, governors and pupils at Reculver School. We pray that this coming term will be a positive, happy time for all those involved with the school and that they will be safe as they learn.
Friday 11 September	Pray for ethnic groups in our country, especially those who have sought safety and refuge. May they feel safe and welcome here and experience the love of Jesus reflected in Christian communities.
Saturday 12 September	Our local shopkeepers and market traders are struggling to keep afloat after months of being unable to open. Pray that they will be supported and will not lose hope for a better financial future.
Sunday 13 September	<b>Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory" <i>Revelations 19:6-7</i></b>
Monday 14 September	Herne Bay Juniors and Infants schools in King's Road have now settled back into the new term so we pray for safety for teachers and pupils and patience and understanding by parents as the 'new normal' begins to take shape.
Tuesday 15 September	Young people are preparing to travel to universities across the country and we ask God to watch over them and keep them safe and healthy in mind and body. Many will be leaving home for the first time, pray that they will settle in and make new friends.

Wednesday 16 September	Pray for all those scientists and doctors across the world who are working hard to find a vaccine to halt this pandemic. Pray for those involved in the test and trace initiatives and for those who have volunteered to try out new drugs and vaccines.
Thursday 17 September	Remember in our prayers bus, taxi and coach drivers and all those who have taken work as delivery drivers for local as well as national companies during the past months. We thank God for their commitment and pray for their safety.
Friday 18 September	Pray for people who have disappointed us recently, either by neglect or unkindness. May God help us to see each person as He sees them – unique and worthy of his love. and may we be slow to anger and quick to forgive.
Saturday 19 September	Give thanks for our hospitals and doctors and for the National Health Service that allows us all to be freely treated and cared for. Pray for the Christian health of the nation so that we may see full recovery and witness the day when God is worshipped by all.
Sunday 20 September	<b>O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but we keep our eyes upon you.</b> <i>2 Chronicles 20:12</i>
Monday 21 September	Today we pray for Briary School in Greenhill, for blessings on all the staff and children and for kindness and understanding as new ways of education are being put in place. Pray that the children will know happier times in the months to come.
Tuesday 22 September	Pray for those for whom the restrictions and loneliness of the past months have led to depression and despair. Pray for those working in areas of mental health care as they try to cope with rising numbers of people who need help at this time.
Wednesday 23 September	Give thanks for musicians in church worship groups, choirs and bands. They are currently not able to lead worship in churches and we pray that they will find ways to keep in contact with each other and to connect with virtual recordings.
Thursday 24 September	Thinking today of those who have recently lost loved ones either through Covid 19 or other illnesses, we pray for comfort and peace for families and friends. With current restrictions funerals have been difficult times, we ask for God's blessings.
Friday 25 September	Today we pray for children, staff and governors at Hoath Primary School, especially for those little ones who are starting school for the first time. Pray for all parents who are worried about the return to school in these uncertain times.
Saturday 26 September	We pray for an end to the blame culture that currently seems so widespread. Give us all courage to cope with this new way of life and wisdom to act sensibly so that we minimise infection risks for everyone.
Sunday 27 September	<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 28 September	Today we remember in our prayers, all those at Hampton School. Sometimes we wonder what the future holds for our children, but we know we can trust them in God's safe hands. Ask him to cover them with his love today and in the years ahead.
Tuesday 29 September	We pray for persecuted Christians across the world. Past months have meant that we begin to understand how it feels to be forbidden to meet together, forbidden to sing and to feel isolated. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in lives that suffer in Jesus' name.
Wednesday 30 September	We give thanks that we are all loved by God. Pray for many opportunities to share this wonderful news with others. May the Holy Spirit fill us with confidence as we share the gospel in many ways.

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