

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Saturday 1 May	Thinking of our immediate neighbours we pray for those who do not know Jesus. May the Lord help us to find ways to show his love with kindness and gentleness and give us quiet confidence to share our faith as opportunities arise.
Sunday 2 May	Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die” John 11:25 This passage was read at the Duke of Edinburgh’s funeral service.
Monday 3 May	We pray that today’s bank holiday will be a time of joy for families. We pray for safety on our local beaches and that ongoing rules about masks and social distancing will be observed so that our towns and villages will be safe.
Tuesday 4 May	We continue to pray for those we know who have lost loved ones during the past year and for the many more who are waiting for operations. Ask God to wash away all weariness from our hospital staff and to fill them with hope and strength.
Wednesday 5 May	We pray for Sue Martin and the team at Reculver United Benefice as they look at the process of their 3 churches joining to become one parish. May the Holy Spirit move among all those involved in the decision-making meetings. May unity be welcomed.
Thursday 6 May	As today’s local elections are carefully managed by dedicated volunteers, we pray that those councillors who are chosen will be close to God and fully supportive of all faiths in their areas.
Friday 7 May	Pray that if God is calling us to make changes in our lives, we may be able to heed the call, trusting that he has a plan for each one of us. Pray for those considering new jobs and fresh training for the future.
Saturday 8 May	Shops in the High Street, Mortimer Street and Central Parade will be busy today, pray that trading will be brisk and that all those whose livelihoods depend on the summer trade in the town will be able to pick up and continue safely throughout the season.
Sunday 9 May	Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe even if you were told. <i>Habbakuk 1:5</i>
Monday 10 May	Pray for more Christian input in every one of our local schools. Remember in our prayer times youngsters who, for various reasons, are without love and home support and are deeply depressed. May God shine his light in the dark, troubled places
Tuesday 11 May	Pray today for the ongoing safety and prosperity of own local convenience stores. Many continue to work long hours and are always there for us. Their commitment to looking after us all over the past year has been wonderful. We thank God for them.
Wednesday 12 May	It is estimated that around 49% of those who have been in lockdown will be fearful about going out, we may know someone like that close by. Pray for that fear to be lifted and for life to begin again for anyone who has been denied human contact for months.
Thursday 13 May	United Benefice have asked us to pray as they mourn the loss of Revd Irene Thomas and Reader, Leslie Collins. Pray for all those we know in our churches and communities who have been promoted to glory during this time of pandemic.
Friday 14 May	Pray for politicians whose job it is to make decisions about sharing our knowledge and our vaccines with countries who cannot afford enough doses to save thousands of lives. May we constantly remember their pain and continue to freely offer practical help.
Saturday 15 May	Our prayers are for local churches who are offering in-person worship tomorrow. The joy of meeting up with fellow Christians is wonderful but pray that we remember <i>‘the church is the only organisation set up for non-members’</i> and turn again to mission.

Sunday 16 May	Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:13-14
Monday 17 May	Today marks the next step on the Government Roadmap out of Lockdown. We pray that the infection rates will continue to remain steady and that families will be able to meet more freely and that local groups will be allowed to restart very soon.
Tuesday 18 May	Remembering the Herne Bay PCSO Thomas Ralph, we pray for his safety as he patrols the area to ensure that government guidelines are being followed and supports members of the community with problems and disputes.
Wednesday 19 May	We ask the Lord to be with our young people and we pray that the proposed project to build a small skateboard park in Herne Bay will be possible and will provide healthy active fun for them.
Thursday 20 May	Pray and give thanks for so many dedicated school governors in Herne Bay and the surrounding villages. These hard working people give their time and effort into making our local schools places of excellence.
Friday 21 May	Pray for the volunteers at Christ Church today as, with the support of Morrisons and the generosity of people in the town, they offer their regular Pantry Project. For many who have needed support with food and clothing, this has been a lifeline.
Saturday 22 May	We think of Steve Dunn and the leaders of Beacon church as they prepare for their first in-person gathering at Vibe tomorrow. Pray that it will be a joyful coming together and that people will feel confident to come along to worship.
Sunday 23 May	PENTECOST: After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31
Monday 24 May	Pray for organisers and staff at Age UK. They continue to provide a wide range of support to so many older people who, for a wide variety of reasons, are unable to cope with the everyday chores and personal needs that we often take for granted.
Tuesday 25 May	Think and pray for our local communications networks. For the Herne Bay Gazette, local radio and for Community Ad booklets and parish magazines. Remember in our prayers all those news gatherers who keep us in touch with events in our local communities.
Wednesday 26 May	Prayers today are for those suffering with mental health issues. We pray that more help will be available and that funding will be found to provide more places of regular, sustained support.
Thursday 27 May	Pray that as restrictions ease, church home groups and activities organised by Herne Bay churches will be able to restart in an in-person form. May God's love be shown as we reach out with many new ways to bring newcomers to Christian events.
Friday 28 May	We ask God to show us the way forward so that the Christian faith will grow and flourish in our town and our villages. Pray for people of faith to be raised to leadership roles in our community and ask God to fill our places of worship with his Holy Spirit.
Saturday 29 May	Market day in the town and we pray for a good day for traders, shops and cafes. Pray that our streets and seafront will be alive with happy people and that there will be a trouble-free time for all this weekend.
Sunday 30 May	This is what the Lord says "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed" Isaiah 56:1
Monday 31 May	The second bank holiday this month and we take some time to remember that in the middle of the suffering and grief of the past year, there have been many acts of kindness and compassion. We pray that this spirit will continue to flourish.

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

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