

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Saturday 1 August	Pray for the leadership team at St Martin's, Herne as they prepare for tomorrow's Sunday morning worship in church, the first since lockdown. Pray for local churches as they discern what will be the most appropriate pattern of worship in coming months.
Sunday 2 August	<b>To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world.</b> <i>Karl Barth</i> <b>"I will pray as long as I have breath"</b> <i>Psalms 116:2 (NLT)</i>
Monday 3 August	Pray for our policemen and women today. May the Lord protect them in their work which has become increasingly dangerous during the past years. Pray for the families of those brave men and women who have given their lives in the course of duty.
Tuesday 4 August	Remembering our government as they work to both protect the health of the nation and the NHS, and make sure that the economy is stabilised: we pray for wise, honest reporting by television presenters, newspaper editors and all those on social media.
Wednesday 5 August	During the lockdown, many relationships have struggled and broken. We pray for those who are planning separation. May marriages be blessed by God and may he give peace and new beginnings to couples in trouble.
Thursday 6 August	Pray for Paul and the Trustees of Street Pastors - they are hoping to have teams out in September. Some teams are depleted so ways need to be found to operate safely. Pray for the trainees who can start from September and will be travelling to Maidstone.
Friday 7 August	Our prayers today are for our planet. As scientific evidence continues to show the devastating effects of climate change, we pray for world leaders to unite and bring about dramatic changes to the way we are destroying God's beautiful earth.
Saturday 8 August	Pray that, as we concentrate on returning to services and church activities, we will remember to continue caring for our neighbours and reaching out to our communities in the ways we have been doing when our buildings were closed.
Sunday 9 August	<b>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying "Whom shall I send and who will go for us? And I said "Here am I, send me" Isaiah 6:8</b>
Monday 10 August	We remember all those who are not ready to venture out yet, whether for shopping or for worship. and those who will effectively become housebound for the rest of their lives. May the love of Jesus remove all fear.
Tuesday 11 August	During recent months, illegal drug trafficking has increased considerably across the country, consumption of alcohol too has risen. We pray for those whose lives are being ruined in our own area, may they find ways to be free of the chains of addiction.
Wednesday 12 August	We pray for those in prison for whom lockdown has meant being kept in cells with only an hour each day for exercise. Ask for blessings on prison chaplains as they seek to take the message of God's love to those who have no hope.
Thursday 13 August	God has promised us 'Life in all its fullness' and we pray for libraries, art galleries, cinemas, concert halls and theatres to be able to open safely so that the wonderful gifts he has given writers, artists and performers may be enjoyed and shared by us all.
Friday 14 August	Pray for Christian brothers and sisters at Riverside Church who cannot currently open for Sunday services due to their large numbers of worshippers. Ask God to bless projects including food parcels and Grow Baby clothes donations. Pray for safety in the café.
Saturday 15 August	Our prayers today are for restaurants, coffee shops and pubs in the area. Many who have provided friendly hospitality to us all for many years are currently struggling to survive.

Sunday 16 August	<b>Let the fires go out in the boiler room of the church and the place will still look smart and clean but it will be cold – the prayer room is the boiler room for its spiritual life.</b> <i>Leonard Ravenhill</i>
Monday 17 August	Let us pray for young children who are growing accustomed to being generally distanced from other people and are learning that they cannot hug some family members and friends. Pray that this will not damage their lives.
Tuesday 18 August	Continue to pray for our care homes and for all those who have faithfully worked and looked after their old and vulnerable clients. Pray that they will know how much they are valued by us all and that we are asking God for their continued safety.
Wednesday 19 August	Remember today that for all sorts of reasons, some local churches in our area will be unable to open their doors yet. Many will be struggling because of the numbers of elderly people in their congregation, others will have financial difficulties.
Thursday 20 August	Pray for our royal family. Give thanks for the Queen and her deep Christian faith and for the ongoing work of many other members of the family during lockdown. May God be with them always – in good times and bad.
Friday 21 August	Pray for all those who have been encountering Christianity for the first time by following different church services on-line each Sunday. May we be ready to welcome newcomers to our places of worship and to help them come to know Jesus.
Saturday 22 August	We lift up in prayer our nurses and doctors who have been working in hospitals during the peak of the virus. Having witnessed so many deaths in such a short time, there will be post traumatic symptoms and exhaustion. Pray for times of refreshing and rest.
Sunday 23 August	<b>When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God whose word I praise, in God I trust: I will not be afraid, what can mortal man do to me? Psalm 56:3-4</b>
Monday 24 August	For many of us, the pharmacies have been a lifeline of help and advice as well as a safe place we can visit to collect prescriptions for ourselves and for others. Pray for all those who work faithfully in our chemist shops. May God bless them and protect them.
Tuesday 25 August	Pray for tolerance and understanding between people of different denominations, different faiths and different ethnic groups. <b>“Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger” James 1:19</b>
Wednesday 26 August	For some devout, regular churchgoing Christians, the past months have been an unsettling time without the comfort of regular contact with other Christians each week. Pray that their walk with God will be renewed as their way ahead is made clear.
Thursday 27 August	Pray for closer unity between us all in our town and village churches so that we can face together the uncertainty of the days ahead with confidence and with love. Pray that we remember that, although we worship in different ways, we are one family in God.
Friday 28 August	Pray for our schools and teachers as they seek to discern the most appropriate ways of safely arranging classroom layouts for students. Pray that those returning after months of tuition on line at home, will be able to quickly adapt to in-school lessons again.
Saturday 29 August	Pray for those families who have lost loved ones during the past months. The pain of loss was deepened by no goodbyes and limited funeral arrangements. Pray for comfort and the presence of Jesus to fill their homes as they grieve.
Sunday 30 August	<b>When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” John 8:12</b>
Monday 31 August	Pray for a huge revival of the Christian faith in our land. For high-profile leaders and teachers to speak out without fear and to stand firm against the evil in the world. For a wave of prayer to sweep across this nation. God is on the throne – Alleluia!

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

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