

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 1 October	He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. <i>Deuteronomy 10:18</i>
Monday 2 October	Pray for all the men who collect our bins in the area as they return to work. Help us to appreciate the work that they do in all weathers and not to take their service for granted in the months ahead.
Tuesday 3 October	Pray for Herne Parish Council as they seek to appoint a new manager to run the large Community Centre in the village. Pray that the right person will come forward to revitalise the lovely building and bring life and connection to the whole community.
Wednesday 4 October	Pray for June and David and the Salvation Army team as they make their regular visits to care homes in Herne Bay. Pray for the residents and staff as they join in with worship and hear the gospel message again. Pray for protection for these visits.
Thursday 5 October	Today is World Teachers' Day and we pray for those who teach in local schools. We think especially of those who teach RE and pray that students will be interested to learn more about the Christian faith and ask questions about the bible.
Friday 6 October	Pray for Reader Deborah and for the churchwardens at St Martin's Church in Herne as they cope with the responsibilities of running the church while they wait for the eventual appointment of a new vicar. Pray that the Lord will provide the right leader.
Saturday 7 October	Remember in prayer Herne Bay branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society as they launch an appeal for more volunteers to cover this area. As the number of people needing financial and practical help continues to increase, pray that the response will be good.
Sunday 8 October	"I pray" he said to the Father, " That all of them may be one so that the world will see that you have sent me" <i>John 17:20-21</i>
Monday 9 October	As Pray for the Bay holds its 8 th monthly meeting tonight at the Over 60's club, we give thanks for Christian unity and for the steady increase in numbers. We pray that we will grow in kindness and understanding as we get to know more about each other.
Tuesday 10 October	We continue to pray for all those in our NHS. Many work long hours and we pray that they will be given strength and patience as they deal with difficult situations and harrowing cases. Pray for protection for them from abuse.
Wednesday 11 October	Take time to pray for those we know who are sick in mind or body today. Pray that God's healing power will be witnessed in many places in our town and that pain and suffering will be eased and the Lord's gift of peace will prevail.
Thursday 12 October	As we look ahead to winter and colder days, let's pray that last year's project offering 'Warm Spaces' in churches will be possible again. Pray for volunteers to offer to share the vision of welcome, comfort and time for the lost and lonely in all our churches.
Friday 13 October	Pray for more Christian youth workers in our town and for openings for us to be welcomed to schools and colleges. So many of our churches no longer attract young people and we pray that God will show us ways to reach out to them.
Saturday 14 October	Pray for our market traders. It continues to be a very difficult way of life and since the lockdown, we have lost so many stalls. We pray for good weather in the coming months so that trade may pick up between now and Christmas.
Sunday 15 October	I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of those, you did it for me. <i>Matthew 25:40</i>

Monday 16 October	We think of our local businessmen and women. As the economy in our country still struggles, many with small businesses and ongoing projects will be finding things hard. Pray for those who need God's help to keep strong and keep going.
Tuesday 17 October	As the Larder project continues to supply food to those in need, we pray that donations and contributions of food will continue to meet the increasing need. Pray for blessings on the faithful volunteers.
Wednesday 18 October	We pray today for Graeme as he hosts the Cancer Support Group in the Salvation Army hall today and for the renovation of the shop opposite United Church in Mortimer Street that will soon become the base for this vital work in the town.
Thursday 19 October	As the Salvation Army's Snack 'n Chat sessions get busier every week we pray for all who come for the morning craft hour and for the free soup and rolls at lunchtime. We pray that they may find comfort and the love of God there.
Friday 20 October	This evening at United Church in Mortimer Street, Phil Hulks will be presenting a 'taster' session of the RIVER retreat which has come out of his own personal encounters. 7.30-9pm. Please pray for good attendance and health for Phil and his family.
Saturday 21 October	We ask God to protect all those working in the 'God Space' in Mortimer Street this morning. Pray that they may be given many opportunities to reach out with the gospel message and that they will feel your presence in their mission work.
Sunday 22 October	Remain in me as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself, it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <i>John 15:4</i>
Monday 23 October	Today is the start of Half Term and we pray for all those grandparents we know who will be looking after the grandchildren while parents are at work. May they be given strength in this caring role which can sometimes be quite exhausting!
Tuesday 24 October	We value our local cafes and restaurants. They provide important meeting places for us all and so we pray that they will survive the winter months when trade can often drop off.
Wednesday 25 October	We pray for all those people in Herne Bay who will be struggling to pay bills and keep warm this winter. May each of us pray that our own churches will open our doors and our hearts to show Jesus' love to those in need.
Thursday 26 October	Pray for friends and family members who do not know the Lord. Ask God for opportunities for us to share the gospel with confidence and to show his love by the way we live.
Friday 27 October	Pray for our church leaders and leadership teams as they continue to guide their people through good times and bad. Pray for their families and for love and support from congregations to encourage and bless them.
Saturday 28 October	As the clocks are put back tonight we pray for those who fear the dark evenings and longer nights. Pray for neighbours and friends and for ourselves and ask for God's help to find ways of coping.
Sunday 29 October	Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted but an enemy multiplies kisses. <i>Proverbs 27:5-6</i>
Monday 30 October	Pray for members of the social groups and clubs that you attend. Take time to bring each member to the Lord and ask him to show you ways of ministering or sharing your testimony with those who will listen.
Tuesday 31 October	As so many people celebrate the ghosts and ghouls of Halloween, we pray for the Christian Light Parties being held in churches across the land today. Pray that the forces of evil will be defeated and pray protection for our children and young people tonight.

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

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