

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Friday 1 October	As we look ahead to a third jab for vulnerable and older adults, we pray that the threat of Covid 19 will ease and that the virus will be under control at last. Pray for those countries who cannot afford sufficient quantities of vaccines.
Saturday 2 October	As Herne Bay deanery reps meet this morning at 10a.m in St Bartholomew's church to discuss the way ahead for the C of E churches in this area, we pray that it will be a time of prayerful harmony and that God will guide and counsel decisions made today.
Sunday 3 October	Let everyone give as their hearts lead them to do, not reluctantly or because it is expected of them – for God loves a cheerful giver. <i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i>
Monday 4 October	We pray for all those seeking employment and for employers who are having difficulty recruiting staff, particularly those in the hospitality and caring sector. Pray that vacancies will be filled and that many will find suitable jobs in the coming months.
Tuesday 5 October	Today is Messy Church at Reculver School (3.30pm -5pm) We pray for the children and parents as they join in with all the activities and we ask that today's teaching will sow seeds for the future as they come to hear of Jesus' love for everyone.
Wednesday 6 October	Pray for our local GPs. Many are the subject of verbal abuse and anger, despite the fact that they have organised the vaccine roll-out wonderfully well in our area. As they try to catch up on the huge backlog caused by the virus, may God keep them safe and healthy.
Thursday 7 October	Pray for the midday session of soup, rolls and chat at the Salvation Army today. Ask God to bless all those who visit and those who volunteer and welcome those who call in for a time of fun, food and fellowship.
Friday 8 October	Our prayers today are for all those attending 'Reflections' weekly coffee morning which has now re-started at HB Baptist Church (10.30am - 12) Pray that new friendships will flourish and old friends will be reunited over coffee and cake.
Saturday 9 October	As governments face increasing pressure to act now to reduce carbon emissions and preserve farmland, woods and green spaces, we pray that global agreement will be put in place to keep our planet healthy and our children safe.
Sunday 10 October	The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters. <i>Psalms 24:1,2</i>
Monday 11 October	Since the long months of lockdown, many retired people who worked in our charity shops are, understandably, no longer comfortable about being in such a busy environment. Pray that new volunteers will come forward and fill the vacancies.
Tuesday 12 October	We continue to pray for all those in leadership roles in our churches. Ask God to bless them, guide them and fill them with the Holy Spirit. Pray for mission initiatives as we seek to take the gospel to all areas in our town and villages.
Wednesday 13 October	As all aspects of the media continue to create panic by telling of shortages in shops and petrol stations, we pray that the wave of panic buying will end. Pray that, as truck drivers in training await driving tests, there will be patience and more understanding.
Thursday 14 October	We pray for those we know who have yet to learn about Jesus. Give us all opportunities to share our faith with others. Give us wisdom to be sensitive with answers that are acceptable and will encourage knowledge of the gospel.
Friday 15 October	Pray for Christ Church's Food Larder volunteers as, every Tuesday and Friday they faithfully continue to offer food and love to many local people who are finding life really hard at present. May they be blessed in their work.

Saturday 16 October	We ask for God's blessing on two outreach events today: A welcoming coffee morning starting at 10am at Holy Cross, Hoath and St Mary's Quiz night at Reculver School from 7pm. We pray that new people will join in, make friends and be blessed in many ways.
Sunday 17 October	Neither death nor life, nor angels, nor demons, nor the present, nor the future, nor any powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything in creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. <i>Romans 8:38</i>
Monday 18 October	We pray for our local food banks who will be under increasing pressure as the furlough scheme ends. Pray for the volunteers and for generous donations of food and money so that all may be fed during the coming winter months.
Tuesday 19 October	We pray for the Ex-Servicemen's Club, although saved from closure the building in William Street needs considerable repair work and funding to cover the cost of this work. Pray for generous donations to preserve this important social meeting place.
Wednesday 20 October	Our thoughts and prayers today are with all those suffering pain and depression as they continue to wait many months or even years for hospital appointments, tests and surgery. May our Lord ease their pain and calm anxiety as the huge backlog continues.
Thursday 21 October	Results of the Kent Test will be out today and for some there will be happiness and for others disappointment. We pray that all children will feel valued and special and will come to know that they are all loved equally by Jesus.
Friday 22 October	As St Bartholomew's prepares to host a Silent Auction and Ploughman's Lunch from 11am – 2pm tomorrow, we pray that, even in the midst of this busy, active time, God's presence will be made known in a very special way in that holy place.
Saturday 23 October	We pray for Ken Skinner and the band as they rehearse for Sunday's informal Evening Praise at St Bart's on Sunday at 6pm. People from all denominations and none are welcome for a time of joyful worship and fellowship.
Sunday 24 October	When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them for your father knows everything you need before you even ask him. <i>Matthew 6:7-8</i>
Monday 25 October	Pray for people seeking employment this week. For those who, having completed their education in the summer, are applying for jobs and unsure of the future; also those who continue to seek work after redundancy. Pray for opportunities for all.
Tuesday 26 October	Our thoughts and prayers today are for those working in local care homes and for those who are faithfully caring for loved ones at home. We pray for the patience and strength that only comes from God as they face the loneliness of the winter months ahead.
Wednesday 27 October	Remembering all who work in local media, we pray for our own Herne Bay Gazette, for Radio Kent and Radio Cabin and for everyone involved in producing parish newsletters and magazines. Pray for accurate, responsible reporting.
Thursday 28 October	Today we think of police officers as they work to keep our streets safe and combat crime in the Herne Bay Area. Pray for those involved in the dangerous work of tracing and apprehending those who push drugs to our young people.
Friday 29 October	Pray for those of all ages who are involved in sport in Herne Bay. Pray that young people taking part in school or weekend sport will be blessed as they learn the importance of teamwork and fair play.
Saturday 30 October	Pray for our government who have had to cope with unprecedented nationwide problems during 2020/2021. We remember that our MPs are humans not supermen and women and we pray for greater understanding of the difficulties they face.
Sunday 31 October	British Summertime ends today and we pray for all those who will be dreading the long, dark winter evenings. Pray for their safety, freedom from fear and for loving support from friends, neighbours and local church groups during the months ahead.

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