

HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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Wednesday 1 September	We pray for the people of Afghanistan as they face the destruction of their way of life and everything they hold dear. Pray that we in the UK and nations across the world will offer sanctuary to the oppressed and reflect the love that Jesus gives us all.
Thursday 2 September	It's back to school today for most Herne Bay schools and we pray for those young children starting for the first time. Pray for students who are moving up to secondary education and colleges this week and who have struggled during the past year.
Friday 3 September	Since restrictions have been lifted for community singing, we pray for all choirs and music groups as they are now free to praise the Lord with music, choruses and hymns both inside and outside churches.
Saturday 4 September	We pray for Vicki Tate and the leadership team at the Salvation Army as they prepare to return to worship tomorrow. Let us trust God to answer the faithful prayers they have prayed every day during lockdown and that it will be a time of joy.
Sunday 5 September	Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. <i>John 14:27</i>
Monday 6 September	Many groups have waited till now to re-open and to welcome members back. We pray for happy reunions at social gatherings such as the Knit and Natter, Art and Photographic clubs, WI, exercise and dance groups, horticultural clubs and many more.
Tuesday 7 September	Remember in our prayers today our local funeral directors. Sadly, because of Covid and delayed operations, this has been one of the busiest years for many of them. Thank God for the wonderful way they manage to ease and comfort families at such difficult times.
Wednesday 8 September	Pray for those businesses in Herne Bay who were affected by the storm damage and flooding last month. Many are still cleaning up - recovery will, in some cases, be slow and financial losses will be hard to recoup.
Thursday 9 September	Pray for today's Snack 'n Chat with homemade soup, bread and worship at the Salvation Army at 12.30. May God direct the feet of many local people to this warm and friendly lunchtime treat. Pray for the cooks and volunteers as they give their time and talents.
Friday 10 September	We ask God to bless all those who visit the Food Pantry at Christ Church this morning both to give and receive. Pray for the volunteers who do this amazing work each week and ask God to bring comfort to all those in need.
Saturday 11 September	Our prayers today are for Messy Church, 11.30am-1pm at Holy Cross, Hoath and then for the Talent Show from 2pm-4pm at St Bartholomew's Church. Pray for the 4.30 afternoon family service tomorrow at St Andrews, Hampton.
Sunday 12 September	God chose the foolish of this world to shame the wise, the weak to shame the strong, the lowest and the despised – those considered as nothing – to quash those who consider themselves something, so that nobody may boast before Him. <i>1 Corinthians 1:26-29</i>
Monday 13 September	We think of those who are suffering with multiple symptoms of Long Covid. Little is still understood about this energy draining condition and we pray that answers will be found about treating this exhausting illness.
Tuesday 14 September	Pray that you may grow closer to God and be able to find time today to listen to him. Pray for direction and guidance and for a real sense of understanding his plan for your life.

Wednesday 15 September	Pray for medical staff at our local hospitals as they try to cope with the vast backlog of operations and treatments caused by the pandemic. Many are working very long hours and some are experiencing verbal abuse from patients, pray for their protection.
Thursday 16 September	Give thanks for paramedics, pharmacists and ambulance drivers. Pray for strength and patience for all these people as they seek to save lives and offer comfort to those most in need.
Friday 17 September	Pray for Herne Bay shopkeepers as we move into Autumn. It has been a tough time for trade this summer with recent flooding in the Bay and sewage spillage in the sea. We ask God to give comfort and help to those who are considering closing shops for good.
Saturday 18 September	We pray for the people of Greenhill. The new Sunday worship takes place tomorrow at St Peter's Church at 10am. Pray for a good attendance and for new people of all ages to come and learn about Jesus in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.
Sunday 19 September	Jesus did countless other things; so that, were every one of them listed, I doubt that the world itself could contain all the books that would have to be written. <i>John 21:25</i>
Monday 20 September	As churches in this area and across the country look towards offering new styles of worship and alternative times to make it easier for busy families to attend, we pray that these fresh opportunities will encourage many more to be involved.
Tuesday 21 September	As the divorce rate continues to rise, we pray for greater understanding between couples and more support for those experiencing difficulties. Pray for the children involved in heartache and separation.
Wednesday 22 September	Our prayers today are for all those who have families and loved ones living in other countries. For so many there has been only on-screen contact or telephone calls. We pray that hugs and reunions may soon be possible.
Thursday 23 September	Our prayers today are for all those working in the hospitality industry. Many of these jobs involve unsocial hours and we pray for safety for those travelling home late at night after finishing their shift.
Friday 24 September	Pray that, as the first ugly signs of commercial Halloween appear in the shops, the churches will be able remind the country that this is a time when we should celebrate the Christian day of All Souls and offer alternative parties for young people.
Saturday 25 September	Pray for all those we know who have disabilities both physical and mental. We ask God to send his Spirit to give strength and wisdom to those carers and teachers who make lives richer for them. Remember in prayer the Paralympians as they return to work.
Sunday 26 September	How lovely on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace and brings good news, who announces salvation, calling to Zion "Your God is King" <i>Isaiah 52:7</i>
Monday 27 September	Pray for local post offices as they cope with huge numbers of parcels resulting from the return of on-line purchases that were unsuitable. Give thanks for internet shopping which was great during lockdown but pray for a return of trade to our high streets now.
Tuesday 28 September	We pray today for safety on our roads. As the volume of traffic continues to increase, drivers of cars and lorries often face long queues and become angry and frustrated by long delays. Pray for tolerance and calm in difficult situations.
Wednesday 29 September	Our local Minor Injury Units at the Queen Victoria and Estuary View are under pressure as people continue to have first and second vaccines. Also, as patient numbers increase, we pray for strength and protection for all who work in this area.
Thursday 30 September	Pray that, as we look ahead to the coming winter months, problems of loneliness and poverty will be addressed by governments, councils and churches and that each one of us will continue to support those in need.

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