

# HERNE BAY TOWN & VILLAGES PRAYER GUIDE

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## JANUARY 2020

Wednesday 1 January	As we make our New Year resolutions, pray that we take time to listen to God's Word all year so that we may follow his plans for our lives and then resolve to pray and listen to him each day – even when we are really tired and stressed.
Thursday 2 January	Remember church councils as they meet and seek God's direction in the year ahead. Pray that those who give so much of their time will be blessed, strengthened and guided.
Friday 3 January	We pray for those people who packed our churches at Candlelit Carols, Nativity plays and Christingle services at Christmas. We ask God to continue to work in their lives and to give us opportunities to reconnect with many families during the year.
Saturday 4 January	Pray for all the children, parents and guardians who will be at Messy Church New Year party today at Hoath Village Hall 11.30-1pm. Pray for those preparing to return to work after the break.
Sunday 5 January	<b>A new command I give you. Love one another as I have loved you, so you must love one another, by this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13: 34 &amp; 35</b>
Monday 6 January	For schools, staff and children as they return after the Christmas/New Year holiday today. May they feel refreshed and ready to learn. Pray for good relationships, compassion and understanding of children's needs – emotional, physical and spiritual.
Tuesday 7 January	The Bay Ignite meets this afternoon at St Andrew's, Hampton. Pray that this new congregation will return after the Christmas break and continue to build friendships. Pray for the Prayer Space this evening, 7.30p.m at the Salvation Army.
Wednesday 8 January	Food and Fellowship with a musical theme today at Christ Church. Pray for the musicians and for opportunities to connect with the local community and chat over a meal.
Thursday 9 January	As house groups come together again, we pray that people's knowledge of the Bible will increase, come alive and be seen as relevant in our times. Bless and inspire group leaders.
Friday 10 January	As our Street Pastors meet and walk the streets of Herne Bay this evening, pray for their safety and for more opportunities to help those in trouble and to share the gospel.
Saturday 11 January	Our prayers today are for the Men's Breakfast at Christ Church. May it be a safe, welcoming space for men to encourage and journey with one another in their faith.
Sunday 12 January	<b>Do this, understanding the present time; the hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. Romans 13:11 &amp; 12</b>
Monday 13 January	Prayers today for our nurses, doctors and hospital staff at this busy time. We thank God for our wonderful NHS and for all those who are helped and treated year on year.
Tuesday 14 January	We pray for the meal and Christian talk at the Gandhi restaurant this evening, pray that lives will be changed as people listen to the speaker and enjoy friendship over a meal. Pray too for children at Reculver School Messy Church 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 15 January	Remember in our prayers all those who are facing difficult decisions over job change, marital problems, house moves, finances and many more. Pray that they will listen to God's prompting on any of these issues.

Thursday 16 January	Pray for Stephen Cottrell who is to be the new Archbishop of York. The position is one of great importance to the Anglican Church and the country. Ask God to grant him the gifts of wisdom and a deep, committed passion for the gospel.
Friday 17 January	Pray for retailers and restaurants in our area as they face the lean post-Christmas times. Remember too those who are self employed and whose work is dependant on good weather.
Saturday 18 January	We pray that Christians in the Herne Bay area will support all the special events planned for the coming <b>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY</b> which begins tomorrow. Special events are in capital letters.
Sunday 19 January	<b>The first event is a SERVICE OF UNITY at the Catholic Church in Clarence Road at 6pm this evening – all are welcome. We pray that many Christians will join together in prayer this evening.</b>
Monday 20 January	We ask for God's healing touch on all those we know who are suffering in mind or body. Pray too for strength and patience for their families and friends as they offer long-term support and care.
Tuesday 21 January	Pray for good attendance at <b>A TIME OF UNITED PRAYER</b> at St Martin's Church, Herne 5pm. Pray for Revd Carol and her team as they welcome and join in prayer with those from other churches in the area.
Wednesday 22 January	Wherever we are today, take space to pray for all Christians in the Herne Bay area. Pray that we can concentrate on all those things we have in common and not dwell on differences. As children of God pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ.
Thursday 23 January	Join in Prayer for Christian Unity at the <b>6.30a.m PRAYER BREAKFAST</b> at Christ Church, William Street. For those who find it difficult to cope with the early start, please add your own prayers of unity as you prepare your own breakfast this morning.
Friday 24 January	We are all invited to join in <b>UNITED PRAYER WITH THE PRAYER PASTORS</b> at 7.30pm at the Friendship Centre next to HB Baptist Church in the High Street.
Saturday 25 January	The United Church in Mortimer Street is holding a <b>SPECIAL PRAYER BREAKFAST</b> at 9.30am. All are welcome, pray that many will respond.
Sunday 26 January	<b>Pray for those leading the UNITED EVENING PRAISE SERVICE at St Bartholomew's this evening at 6pm. The theme is 'Week of Christian Unity'</b>
Monday 27 January	Pray for all those who work at the Umbrella Centre in Herne Bay as they seek to provide a safe space, interesting activities and support for those with learning difficulties in this area. Thank God for their commitment.
Tuesday 28 January	We remember in our prayers today all those who live alone and were remembered and cared for over Christmas but now return to a life where there may be no contact with other human beings for weeks on end. Pray that God will show us how to reach them.
Wednesday 29 January	Pray for the future of our planet and for those scientists and leaders who continue to try to raise awareness of the damage we are doing to our air, our oceans and our lands. May governments across the world not just resort to rhetoric but take action now.
Thursday 30 January	We pray for the countries of Europe and pray that agreement over Brexit will at last be resolved. We humbly ask for peaceful, wise discussions on all sides and that God will watch over the future of all nations involved. Pray for peace for us all.
Friday 31 January	Pray for unity in our government as they seek to make decisions which affect us all. Pray that help for those with issues of poor health and poverty will be a priority.

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