
Herne Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 28th June 2026

Welcome to All Who Receive this Message of Gifts, Prayer & Hope

Let us take a moment to reflect, to be thankful & grateful that we can participate at church on Sundays and let us pray together for all those who are regularly unable to make it to church, for whatever reason. Let our prayers include Phyllis Web, Ann Carter, Pam Hatcher, Jane Smart, Edward & Sheila Holloway and all those who also miss out on regular Sunday morning fellowship, praise & devotion. Not just at our church but from all churches in our community.



Prayer: Dear Lord, we come before You with hearts full of compassion for those who are unable to attend church due to illness, accident or frailty. We ask that You wrap Your loving arms around them, bringing comfort and peace in their moments of solitude. May they feel Your presence beside them, reminding them that they are never alone. Lord, grant them strength in their weakness and hope in their despair. May Your healing touch be upon them,

restoring their bodies and spirits. Help us to reach out to them, providing support and love, so they may feel connected to our community. We pray for their faith to remain strong, even when they cannot gather with us (or their congregation). Let them find solace in Your Word and joy in prayer. May they know that their voices are still heard and their spirits uplifted in the unity of our hearts. In Your infinite grace, may they find healing and comfort, and may Your light shine brightly upon them, may Your face turn towards them and bring them peace. In Jesus' name we pray, in the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen & Amen.



The Men's Gathering



Please be praying for the Men going to The Gathering this weekend – most of whom

will be leaving Herne Bay with sad hearts & tears in their eyes - as they are prised away from their ever-loving wives, to sacrifice their precious time for the benefit of others. They / we will be devastated leaving and we will be sad throughout, thinking of time we could have spent with our dear wives. Here are some of the events which will no doubt be a poor substitute for such true love.



● Live comedy (we won't laugh at) ● cool cars (we have no interest in) ● 5-a-side tournament (though most of us can't run) ● bar (to drown our sorrows) ● live music (I can't sing to) ● huge inflatables (we can't climb on) ● bar games (to overcome the boredom) ● volleyball (we don't know how to play) ● axe throwing (we may regret) ● relevant Bible teaching (OK this will be consoling) ● great worship (but not as good as our band) ● great speakers (no comment) ● life stories (we have plenty of our own thanks) ● Scalextric (we stopped playing with, at age seven) ● bonfires (to singe our eyebrows) and loads more...(to cry over). So now you can understand the special sacrifice we make for you all.

P.S. We will bring back tissues for the women so they can dry their eyes too. 😊

Seriously, do pray that this will prove to be a blessed time away for the men. (And the women!)

Men's Gathering The Real Photos:



Paul & Fiona Hendley



What a blessed evening we had on Saturday as we welcomed Paul and Fiona Hendley into our community! Their awe-inspiring testimonies left us breathless and filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul and Fiona shared a powerful message about the Joy of the Lord, emphasising the profound difference between happiness and joy. Happiness may be fleeting, but the joy that comes from the Lord fills our hearts and sustains us during life's challenges.

They reflected on Psalm 139, & we were reminded that God has intricately knitted us together in our mother's womb. He knows our every step, has counted the hairs on our heads, and has written our names in the Book of Life. Our Creator, who made us in His image—created you as a true masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10 NLT)—& promises to be with us until the end of the age. Fiona reminded us that He has blessed us with fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These gifts dwell within us, empowering us to shine as our unique selves. Each of us brings something special to this world that no one else can!



Paul and Fiona proved to be remarkable communicators, bringing God's Word to life with eloquence and passion, truly anointed for such a time as this. We rejoiced together as one soul came forward to give their life to the Lord, a beautiful reminder of the transformative power of His love. Thank you so much Paul & Fiona.

Let us continue to celebrate the joy that the Lord provides and cherish the unique gifts He has placed within each of us.

The World Cup - & A God Given Gift

Messi says 'God has truly spoiled me' after Argentina's first World Cup victory

(Wed 17 Jun 2026 by Kelly Valencia)

Lionel Messi has thanked God after leading Argentina to a 3-0 win over Algeria in their opening match of the 2026 World Cup.

The 38-year-old scored a hat-trick as the defending champions began their tournament campaign, with Messi netting in the 17th minute, again just after the hour mark, and completing his treble with around 15 minutes remaining.

It was another landmark night for the Argentina captain, who continues to rewrite records at the highest level, including becoming the first player of his age to score a World Cup hat-trick.

Speaking to DSPORTS Argentina after the match, he said: "I can't ask for anything more than everything I've already received. As I've said many times, God has truly spoiled me. Everything that comes now is about enjoying it. I'm not focused on being first, second, third..." the Argentina captain said.

Messi added that being considered among the greatest players in football history was "an incredible compliment", saying he felt grateful for everything he has achieved in the game.

The Argentine star has previously spoken about his religious faith and the role he believes it has played in his career. In a 2024 interview, he said he believed **his ability was "a gift" from God**, adding: "It's very clear to me that I was born like this because God chose me."

He added at the time that he had tried to make the most of his talent, saying: "It was a gift he gave me. I tried to take advantage of it, I did everything possible to squeeze the most out of it."



Hundreds Gather for Beach Baptisms in Bournemouth

(Sun 21 Jun 2026 by Anna Rees Green)

Over 1,200 people gathered on Bournemouth Beach, to watch new believers from 14 churches be baptised in the sea.

Even larger crowds are expected for the second beach baptism Sunday, taking place next week. The event, now in its second year, has drawn crowds and believers from Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole. The BCP Church collective expanded the baptisms to two weekends this year, due to popular demand.



Thirty people were baptised (Praise the Lord) during Sunday's service on the sand, including local resident Val Simon. "When I learnt of the baptisms on the beach, I knew this was absolutely the right thing for me," she said. "I pray people will be inspired by this event, because it's never too late to commit and be baptised!" The inaugural beach baptism last July **saw 92 people baptised** in a single morning, with more than 1,300 in attendance. Tim Matthews, Senior Leader at Lovechurch, said: "In a time of such uncertainty, with so much bad news around, the beach baptisms are a **sign of great hope for everyone** in BCP. Many are finding new life through faith in Jesus. The Church in BCP is alive and kicking with joyful new life."

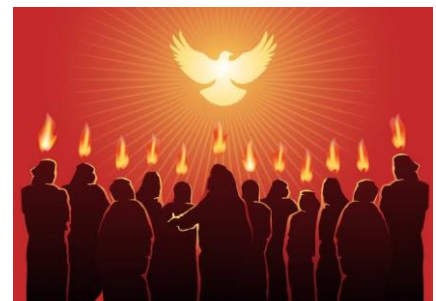
Peter Baker, Senior Minister at Lansdowne Church, delivered the sermons. "The beach baptisms are a public declaration," he told Premier Christian News. "We've got seven miles of golden sand. That's what baptism is all about. It's **a public demonstration of faith in Jesus**. It symbolises the forgiveness, the cleansing, the washing, the fresh start."



He added that **God is "on the march"** in a range of contexts. "We've got people getting baptised from refugee migrant backgrounds, people who have new age backgrounds. We've got young folks who have been open to the spirit of God, just in extraordinary ways."

As we reflect on the incredible power of the Holy Spirit, we recognise that it is through Him that the Fruits of the Spirit flourish in our lives, and the God-given gifts within us are unveiled. These divine gifts not only help to make us unique individuals but also stir a deep conviction in our souls, drawing us ever closer to Christ. As stated in 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NLT), "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."

Let us earnestly desire the Spirit of God, seeking His presence in all we do. May we also cultivate a spirit of appreciation for the gifts He has bestowed upon others, recognising that together, we reflect the beauty of His creation. Let us encourage one another, uplift one another, and walk in the fullness of His grace, as we are transformed by His love.



Appreciating His gifts in all of us.
Pastor Steve.

OUR VISION

We aspire to be a body of Christ that recognises & embraces its divinely given talents, to attract, enable & equip people to know & grow in Christ.
Aspiring to build a thriving and modernised church, to be an inspiring & generous people, investing in the future and determined to energise the emerging generation, & with a yearning to create an incredible legacy of hope.

Reaching Out – Drawing In – Building Up



PRAYER MINISTRY

If you wish to receive prayer after the morning service, please make your way to the prayer corner, where members of the prayer team are available every Sunday morning. Alternatively, ask those around you to pray for you. We are a priesthood of all believers.

HEARING AID LOOP

We have a loop system which can be accessed by turning to 'T' on hearing aids.



CRÈCHE

I am very grateful to all those who have volunteered to help as needed in crèche on a Sunday morning. However, in order to facilitate the rota we need someone who is willing to cover when I am unavailable, which would include getting the room ready, going out with the babies, and clearing up afterwards, on a rota basis. If you would like to know more, please come and speak to me.

Pam Banks



Website

Have you seen our website? It's worth checking out! You will find our recorded sermons, church calendar, details of our activities, our newsletters and much more.

We encourage those responsible for the various pages to keep them up to date and if you notice any errors, omissions or broken links, please let Ali know.

To access the website either search for 'Herne Bay Baptist Church' or follow any of the links below.

Website: <https://www.hernebaybaptist.org.uk/>

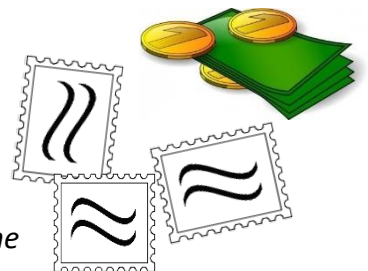
Sermons: <https://www.hernebaybaptist.org.uk/index.php/what-we-do/sermons>

Calendar: <https://www.hernebaybaptist.org.uk/index.php/calendar>

USED POSTAGE STAMPS ETC

Please remember to save your used stamps, with a 1cm envelope border, foreign notes and coins. The stamps will be passed to the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) and notes and coins will go to British Airways Flying Start charity. We also accept postcards, cigarette cards and tea cards which will be passed on to appropriate charities.

Please pass your stamps, coins etc to Alan Jordan or a member of our Welcome Team. Many thanks.



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If you would like to be kept informed of events and activities, please leave your contact details with Ali or our Church Office

CHURCH DIARY

Sunday 28 June 2026

8.00am – 9.00am	Prayer Meeting (Church)
10.30am	All Age Morning Worship with Communion
2.00pm – 6.00pm	The Beacon Church – Service @ 3.30pm

Monday 29 June 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm	Police Youth Hub (The Basement)
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Tuesday 30 June 2026

4.00pm – 5.00pm	Roots Youth Club - For 10, 11 & 12 Year Olds (The Basement & The Hall)
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Wednesday 1 July 2026

10.30am – 1.00pm	All Are Welcome! (Church)
6.15pm – 7.30pm	Christian Relaxation & Meditation Course (Church)
7.30pm	Private Booking: The Model Railway Club (Primary Room)

Thursday 2 July 2026

9.30am – 11.30am	Footprints Toddler Group (Church)
4.00pm – 6.00pm	Police Youth Hub (The Basement)
7.30pm	Fellowship & Bible Study (Church)

Friday 3 July 2026

10.30am	Reflections Coffee Shop (Church)
4.00pm – 6.00pm	Police Youth Hub (The Basement)
7.00pm	Worship Group Practice (Church)

Saturday 4 July 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm	Messy Church (Church & Hall) <i>Please can the Team arrive at <u>2:15pm</u> to help set up. For those attending with their families, the start time is <u>4:00pm</u>.</i>
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Sunday 5 July 2026

8.00am – 9.00am	Prayer Meeting (Church)
10.30am	Morning Worship
2.00pm – 6.00pm	The Beacon Church – Service @ 3.30pm

CHURCH FINANCES

All financial offerings are a “Spiritual Gift” to our Lord and Saviour...the gifts you give “are a fragrant offering, a sacrifice... pleasing to God.” - Phil 4:18

If you feel called to make a contribution, our bank details are as follows:-

Name: Herne Bay Baptist Church

Sort Code: 30-91-60 Account No: 02647731

Other ways include the card reader located at the back of the church, clicking this link <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QQF4OU5D> or scanning the barcode on the right.

