
Herne Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 5th July 2026

Iron Sharpens Iron

In our journey of faith together, we are reminded of the powerful truth found in Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another". This scripture highlights the importance of fellowship & mutual encouragement. Together we grow stronger, inspire one another, and deepen our commitment to living out our faith together.

BBQ at the Manse

Steve & Jane cordially invite you to the Herne Bay Baptist BBQ at the Manse.

Everyone is welcome, indeed encouraged, to come, be with friends, chat, eat & drink together.

The BBQ will be on **Sunday 26th July at 1:00pm onwards**. Please don't come early – as we will be at church & or preparing the food & festivities until then. The Manse, 30 Spenser Road, Herne Bay CT6 5QL

To help us make it a good afternoon you will have to bring some things... a smile, empty hands & encouragement for others. That's all folks!!



Knitted Together as One Body

The beauty of unity is described in Psalm 133:1: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" This unity is not merely about agreement; it is about being knitted together as one body. As 1 Corinthians 12 reminds us, we are many parts, but one body, each essential to the other's growth and well-being.

True fellowship requires us to be present in each other's lives. Hebrews 10:24-25 urges us: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another." When we meet, we do more than just share space; we share burdens, celebrate joys, and sharpen one another.



The Gathering of Brothers

In Herne Bay, the call was clear,
A weekend of faith, a time to draw near.
With hearts ablaze, we gathered as one,
Under the watchful eye of the Father's Son.

A sacred space, bathed in light.
Fifteen hundred men, diverse and bold,
Gathered together, their stories unfold.

With arrows soaring and laughter bright,
Rock climbing heights, an exhilarating sight.
Tug of war strength, a football match's cheer,
In fellowship's spirit, we all drew near.

Tony, Ian, and Roger led the way,
While Don, Brian, Wally, and Chris chose to play.
Olly, Steve, Steve and Geoff joined in the fun,
While Paul & Grant brought the spirit, our hearts
all as one.

Marquees stood tall, where worship would rise,
Songs of devotion, lifting us high.
In moments of prayer, with tears in our eyes,
We knelt at the cross, where our Saviour
replies.

The Holy Spirit moved, binding us tight,
In communion's embrace, we shared sacred light.
A brotherhood forged in laughter and grace,
Manly banter igniting each space.

Through struggles and joys, we found solace anew,
In vulnerability's warmth, our spirits grew.
Together we stood, in faith's steady embrace,
United in purpose, we ran this great race.

So let us remember this time that we shared,
The power of Christ, and how deeply He cared.
With Holy Spirit guiding us, strong and alive,
In the Body of Christ, together we thrive.

The Gathering was not just an event; it was a transformative experience for all who attended. The atmosphere was charged with anticipation and camaraderie, as men from diverse backgrounds came together with a singular purpose: to worship and grow in faith.





Throughout the weekend, the schedule was filled with a blend of activities that fostered both fun and fellowship. The thrill of archery and rock climbing was complemented by the friendly competition of tug of war and football, encouraging teamwork and camaraderie. Each game and activity served as a reminder of the strength found in unity, reflecting the very essence of the body of Christ.

The intimacy of communal prayer was profound. Men gathered in small groups, sharing their struggles and joys, praying for one another, and finding solace in vulnerability. The act of kneeling together at the foot of the cross embodied the essence of Christian brotherhood, where burdens were lifted and hearts were healed.



Communion served as a poignant reminder of Christ's sacrifice, deepening the connection among the participants. Each shared moment of reflection brought a sense of belonging and reaffirmed the commitment to walk together in faith.

The laughter and banter that filled the spaces between worship and prayer highlighted the beauty of fellowship. These light-hearted exchanges fostered a brotherly bond, allowing men to support one another in both serious and joyful times.



In essence, The Gathering exemplified the unifying work of Christ and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. It was a weekend that not only strengthened individual faith but also solidified the bonds within the body of Christ, reminding all that they are part of a larger family, called to uplift and encourage one another in their journey of faith.

If you want to be part of this amazing event, The Gathering 2027 will be on Friday 25th to Sunday 27th June 2027 and tickets are available now. Speak to Tony or any of the other men who attended if you want to know more.

As the song says "Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with Love".

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

ANNE CARTER

It is with a sad heart I inform the congregation that Anne Carter, a long-time member of our church, passed on to glory on Monday 29th June 2026.

As we reflect on the sad news, let us find comfort in knowing that she is now celebrating with the great cloud of witnesses in heaven, in the presence of our Lord Jesus.

Details of funeral arrangements will be made known in due course.

As we reflect on this loss, let us remember the promise found in Isaiah 41:10:

"So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Rev Steve



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

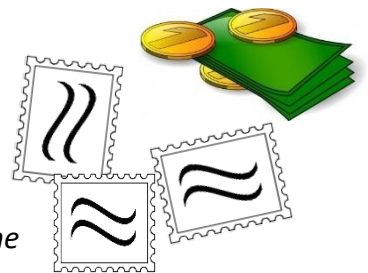
We have a loop system which can be accessed by turning to 'T' on hearing aids.



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 5 July 2026

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

Monday 6 July 2026

2.00pm – 4.00pm	LAB (Looking Ahead Beyond Bereavement) (Riverside Café, Chestfield)
4.00pm – 6.00pm	Police Youth Hub (The Basement)

Tuesday 7 July 2026

1.00pm	Leadership Team Meeting (Friendship Centre)
4.00pm – 5.00pm	Roots Youth Club - For 10, 11 & 12 Year Olds (The Basement & The Hall)
7.30pm – 9.00pm	Messy Church Core Leaders Team Meeting (Off-Site)

Wednesday 8 July 2026

10.30am – 1.00pm	All Are Welcome! (Church)
2.00pm – 3.30pm	Finance Group Meeting (Friendship Centre)
6.15pm – 7.30pm	Christian Relaxation & Meditation Course (Church)
7.30pm	Private Booking: The Model Railway Club (Primary Room)

Thursday 9 July 2026

9.30am – 11.30am	Footprints Toddler Group (Church)
7.30pm	Fellowship & Bible Study (Church)

Friday 10 July 2026

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

Saturday 11 July 2026

9:00am – 4.45pm	First Aid Course (Hall)
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Sunday 12 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.





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Herne Bay**

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Tickets are £10 to include light refreshments

Book early as seats are limited -contact

Church Office - 01227 367908

email admin.hbbc@gmail.com

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