
Herne Bay Baptist Church

Sunday 26th July 2026

Welcome

Welcome to a fresh start! There is something profoundly beautiful about the courage it takes to embrace a new beginning, and often, the most transformative journeys start by simply returning to the foundational truths of our faith. Whether you are seeking answers, looking for community, or simply ready to start the next chapter of your life, we are delighted to invite you to our upcoming Alpha course—a space designed to explore the heart of the Christian faith in an open, welcoming environment. As you step into this season, remember the promise of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" May this week be the start of a commitment to a renewed walk with God, built on the firm foundation of His unchanging love.

Alpha is Starting - Hallelujah

What is Alpha?



The Christian Alpha Course is an exhilarating journey designed to explore the fundamental questions of life, faith, and spirituality in a welcoming and engaging environment. Whether you are someone curious about Christianity, simply searching for meaning and connection, or a lifelong believer, Alpha invites you to embark on a transformative adventure that transcends barriers and ignites the spirit.

Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. We believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view - wherever they are in the world.

For more information visit the Alpha website @ <https://alpha.org.uk/try>



The Course starts on **Friday September 4th 2026 @ 4:00pm to 5:30 pm**

The course continues every Friday until November 27th 2026. It will be led by me (Pastor Steve). It is an inspiring yet relaxed course, designed to encourage questions, including the difficult questions, and it's ok to be completely honest about your opinions & perceptions.

We ponder on questions like, Is there more to life than this? How Can I have faith? Who is the Holy Spirit? How can I make the most of the rest of my life? Thought provoking video clips are used to spark interest and stimulate conversation. All questions, views & opinions are valued & welcomed, creating open & honest conversations with time to ponder the answers and reflect on life & the basic questions of Christian faith.



You are more than welcome to join us and see if you like the sessions! Feel free to come to as many or as few as you'd like—there's absolutely no pressure. If you arrive late or need to leave early, that's perfectly fine too; we believe that it's better to join for a bit, than not at all. We would love to see you there. Please feel free to invite a friend to accompany you.

Places are limited, so if you are interested let Ali know to avoid disappointment – 01227 367908
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Youth Worker (Youth Leader)



The Challenge:

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of children, young people and families? Do you have a heart for youth ministry, and are you excited to help youth grow in their faith? If so, we want to hear from you!

The Role:

You should be passionate, enthusiastic, spirit filled with a heart for youth, children & families work. Able to use your initiative to develop & expand the youth & families work in line with the vision of the church. You will create engaging, fun teaching, activities & events for young people, offering pastoral support, mentorship, and opportunities for them to know & grow in Christ.



What We're Looking For:

- A passionate, enthusiastic individual who can motivate and inspire young people.
- Have experience in engaging with children, youth, and families, with skills in organising and leading youth-focused events.
- Capacity to deliver impactful and engaging educational material to inspire young people and encourage their spiritual growth.
- A willingness to collaborate with other churches and organisations to engage the local community.
- You must be a practicing Christian with an evangelical leaning, & willing to share in our church's vision.
- Able to work under the guidance of the Minister & Leadership Team yet full of initiative & vision.



For further details please contact our administrator Ali – 01227 367908
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Unique Space for Hire at Herne Bay Baptist Church

Church Hall In The High Street: An impressive room measuring 42ft by 27ft with 13ft high ceiling beams and a viewing area of 27ft by 9ft. With a bit of imagination, this versatile space could potentially host a dance studio? a nursery school? a flourishing coffee shop? a small theatre? even a cinema room? or something unexpected...? What do you think...?



This room can be hired on a monthly basis during the regular working week (typically not on Sundays) but potentially offering flexibility to meet business needs. If you know anyone who might benefit from these unique facilities, please spread the word! We are eager to support our community and help fulfil their various needs. If you think you can help, let us know how we can assist you further



To arrange a viewing or to discuss booking this space, please contact our administrator Ali – 01227 367908 admin.hbbc@gmail.com

Let this season of renewal extend beyond our personal lives into the very heart of our community. Our church hall stands ready as a blank canvas, waiting for a new beginning—whether that is a creative business venture or a project that serves our neighbours. We are also prayerfully seeking an inspirational youth worker to step forward and spark our youth ministry into new life, inspiring the next generation to grow, develop & thrive. As we open these doors and hearts, we trust that our Alpha course will be a place of deep transformation for all who choose to encounter Christ in a life-changing way. Let us move forward with expectation, knowing that God is about to do new things in our midst.



Forever hopeful.
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

CHURCH DIARY

Sunday 26 July 2026

8.00am – 9.00am	Prayer Meeting (Church)
10.30am	Morning Worship
1.00pm	Church BBQ (The Manse)
2.00pm – 6.00pm	The Beacon Church – Service @ 3.30pm

Monday 27 July 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm	Police Youth Hub (The Basement)
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Tuesday 28 July 2026

2.00pm – 3.30pm	CAMEO – Come And Meet Each Other (Church) Who Do You Think You Are? Lucky Boy – Neville Hudson
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Wednesday 29 July 2026

7.30pm	Private Booking: The Model Railway Club (Primary Room)
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Thursday 30 July 2026

7.30pm	Fellowship & Bible Study (Church)
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Friday 31 July 2026

3.30pm – 4.30pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting (Friendship Centre)
4.00pm – 6.00pm	Police Youth Hub (The Basement)
7.00pm	Worship Group Practice (Church)

Sunday 2 August 2026

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

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.

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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