
Herne Bay Baptist Church

Sundays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd August 2026

Welcome – It was Splendid!

What a truly resplendent afternoon we shared together at the Manse this year! Our annual BBQ was nothing short of a triumph, a beautiful tapestry of community, laughter, and shared joy that reminded us all of the strength of our bonds. The atmosphere was electric, with 70–80 of our dearest friends, family, neighbours, and our cherished church family gathering together. The air was filled with the hum of uplifting conversation, and it was heartening to see so many familiar faces connecting and celebrating under the open sky.



A monumental thank you must go to Jane, who performed an absolute miracle in keeping 70–80 people perfectly fed and watered. Her dedication and hard work were the heartbeat of the event, and the food was, quite simply, remarkable. We were treated to a little bit of drama from the heavens, as the rains threatened to pour throughout the day, yet, as if by design, they held off entirely—

hallelujah! Our clever setup of marquees, gazebos, and sails served as the perfect sanctuary, acting as elegant parasols that kept everyone shaded, cool, and comfortable throughout the festivities.



Of course, an event of this scale is only possible through the selfless efforts of many. To everyone who arrived early to set up, spent hours in the kitchen, worked the grills, managed the cleanup, and stayed late to pack down and wash up: you are the unsung heroes who made this day possible. A particular debt of gratitude is owed to Denise, Alice, Ann and Keith, Tony, Marilyn & Kevin, for their tireless

contributions, alongside the many others whose helping hands ensured everything ran like clockwork.





Thank you all for helping to make it such a wonderful, memorable afternoon. We are already looking forward to next year with great anticipation!

The pictures paint a thousand words.



Ecclesiastes 3:12–13: "I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever

you do, do it all for the glory of God." So many people, so much fun, so let's do it again.

Alpha is Starting – Praise the Lord



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're 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.

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

The Course starts on **Friday September 4th 2026 @ 4:00pm to 5:30pm** and continues every Friday until November 27th 2026. It will be led by Pastor Steve. It is an inspiring yet relaxed course, designed to encourage questions, including the difficult ones, and it's ok to be completely honest about your opinions & perceptions.

Places are limited, so if you are interested let Ali know to avoid disappointment. For further details please contact our administrator Ali – 01227 367908 admin.hbbc@gmail.com



Cliff As If

Unfortunately I missed the event, though I have been given plenty of incredible feedback from so many, especially at the BBQ on Sunday afternoon.

What a night we had at HBBC. We were absolutely "Wired for Sound" (sorry if he didn't play this one, I'm just guessing he did) as our Cliff Richard tribute artist, Will, took to the stage and delivered a performance that was truly a "Summer Holiday" of joy for all of us.

It was incredible to hear how 86 tickets sold & the hall was buzzing with energy (confirmed by the video clips I was sent). Seeing so many of you "Move It" on the dance floor was a highlight of the evening; I'm sure "The Young Ones" were in the room, no matter your age! Will apparently treated you all to a fantastic setlist of classics, including "Congratulations," "Bachelor Boy," "Devil Woman," and so many more, (I'm guessing).

Ali said she *"Was so saddened to know Rev. Steve couldn't be there in person, she was so glad he could catch the magic through video clips sent to him, & that would mean he wouldn't need a refund, as he had now actually seen the performance"* Smile that was only a joke.



The blessing continued into Sunday, as Will stayed on to share a powerful message with the congregation. The feedback has been wonderful, and it was a privilege to have him speak. We are so grateful for his ministry and his music.

Our prayer is that our next outreach event

carries this same momentum and is just as successful. It was a night to remember, and we truly offer our "Congratulations" to everyone who made it possible. Thank you all.

Our God transforms minds, people & lives. Praise the Lord.

Transformed people transform people. Go be transformative.

Rom 10:14-16 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells



them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Blessings.

Rev 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.



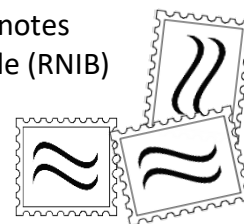
HEARING AID LOOP

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

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.



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.



HBBC CONTACT DETAILS

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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

ANNUAL LEAVE

Our Pastor, Rev Steve Kirk-Smith, is on annual leave from Saturday 15th August to Sunday 23rd August inclusive. During this time, for any urgent matters, please contact a member of our Leadership Team or the Church Office.

Please continue to remember Steve, Jane and their family in your prayers.



LEN BANKS

A service of Celebration of the Life of Leonard Edward Banks will be held on Monday 3rd August 2026, 10.30am at Herne Bay Crematorium.

All are welcome.

Please wear colourful clothes unless you are more comfortable in black.

Family flowers only please.

Donations, if desired, to Smile Train UK.



The family would love to see you after the service at The Gate Inn, Church Lane, Marshside, Canterbury, CT3 4EB for refreshments.

COASTING

Marilyn Budd & her friend Sharon Crawford are two very different but complimentary artists of work on a theme.

They are holding an exhibition from Friday 14th to Thursday 20th August 2026, 10am to 4pm daily, except Sunday 16th, at Gallery Spaces, Beach House, Beach Street, Herne Bay CT6 5PT.

There will be a Private Viewing (to which you are invited) on Friday 14th August from 7pm - 9pm.



BILL'S BIRTHDAY BBQ IS BACK IN BUSINESS !!
Saturday 22 August 14.00-17.00 @ Bill's Home.

Please bring a friend, a seat, some drink and a smile for the camera--also pray for fine weather on the day (but room inside if wet). Some help would be appreciated to allow mingling to take place, please.

Also, can I have an idea of names and numbers on the sheet at the back of the church.

Thank you
Bill

BIRTHDAY
BBQ

CHURCH DIARY

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

Monday 3 August 2026

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

Tuesday 4 August 2026

1.00pm – 2.00pm Leadership Team Prayer Meeting (Friendship Centre)

Wednesday 5 August 2026

7.30pm Private Booking: The Model Railway Club (Primary Room)

Thursday 6 August 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)

Friday 7 August 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)
7.00pm Worship Group Practice (Church)

Saturday 8 August 2026

2.30pm An Afternoon of popular songs from Martin Farbrother, also known as The Herne Bay Crooner. (Doors Open 2pm) (Church)
This is a free event. Part of the Herne Bay Festival. No need to book.

Sunday 9 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

Monday 10 August 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)
7.00pm – 9.00pm Pray For The Bay (Pettman House)

Tuesday 11 August 2026

5.00pm – 7.30pm Private Booking (Church)

Wednesday 12 August 2026

10.00am – 4.00pm Herne Bay Photographic Club Annual Exhibition (Church)
12.00pm – 2.00pm The Gathering For Indian (Men's Ministry) (Spiced Bay)
All men welcome, see Steve.
7.30pm Private Booking: The Model Railway Club (Primary Room)

CHURCH DIARY continued

Thursday 13 August 2026

10.00am – 4.00pm Herne Bay Photographic Club Annual Exhibition (Church)

Friday 14 August 2026

10.00am – 4.00pm Herne Bay Photographic Club Annual Exhibition (Church)

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)

7.00pm Worship Group Practice (Church)

Saturday 15 August 2026

10.00am – 4.00pm Herne Bay Photographic Club Annual Exhibition (Church)

Sunday 16 August 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 17 August 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)

Wednesday 19 August 2026

9.00am – 10.00am Leadership Team Prayer Meeting (Friendship Centre)

7.30pm Private Booking: The Model Railway Club (Primary Room)

Friday 21 August 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)

7.00pm Worship Group Practice (Church)

Sunday 23 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

Monday 24 August 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)

Wednesday 26 August 2026

7.00pm Leadership Team Meeting (Friendship Centre)

7.30pm Private Booking: The Model Railway Club (Primary Room)

Friday 28 August 2026

4.00pm – 6.00pm Police Youth Hub (The Basement)

7.00pm Worship Group Practice (Church)

Sunday 30 August 2026

8.00am – 9.00am Prayer Meeting (Church)

10.30am All Age Morning Worship