



Sunday 2nd May 2021



We meet at The Salvation Army Hall Sunday 10.00 am

Also Sunday worship on is on  YouTube

The easiest way to find the link to the YouTube meeting each Sunday is to find the link on the Corps web page. Type.....

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate and select **Church on YouTube**

AND at 11.15 on ZOOM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8651865167>

Ramsgate ZOOM 8651865167

AND DVDs of the service are available for those who would like them



What's happening next week at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 2 nd 10.00 am	Worship at the Ramsgate hall
Sunday 2 nd 11.15 am	ZOOM fellowship
Sunday 2 nd 12 noon	ZOOM Youth Group
Sunday 2 nd 4.30 pm	ZOOM Children's Church Kids Club (up to 11 years)
Monday 3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY – HALL CLOSED
Tuesday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only)
Tuesday 4 th 7pm	Bible study
Wednesday 5 th 7pm	Safe and Sound 2 for Leaders Part 1 (You know who you are) 7pm – 9pm. We will send out zoom code when we know it!
Thursday 6 th	LOCAL ELECTIONS TODAY
	
Friday 7 th (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank
Friday 7 th 7pm	Youth Group

And the following week

Monday 10 th	  Little Fishes	Little Fishes Toddler Group 9.30am – 11am
Monday 10 th	APEST 7.30pm	
Tuesday 11 th	Safe and Sound 2 for Leaders Part 2 7pm - 9pm	
Wednesday 12 th	Corps Council 7pm	
Thursday 13 th	ZOOM ASCENSION DAY Meditation – Launch of Thy Kingdom Come	
Friday 14 th	DHQ Youth	



There is a full day of activities on Fortress Radio.



<https://www.fortressradio.online/listen-now.html>

And don't forget Songs of Praise Sunday at 13.15pm

Maggie is available with the constant prayer line where you can call or

text for prayer. You can contact her on 07840 753 603

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full

worship services from the Church of England at the end of a

telephone line.



Birthdays

Debbie Coles	3-May
Rose Hyam	5-May
Angel Akpofure	7-May
Daniel Goldfinch	8 May

Prayers please for

David Miller following the unexpected death of his wife Karen

Nick Freeston following the death of a good friend

Sheila Parfitt, Jean Mayton, Peter Ford, for **Chris**, a friend of Gay. For **Sam**, step mum to Hollie. For **Tanya**, the niece of Janet. We continue to pray for **Grant** and **Al** and **David** and **John** McCairn all waiting for medical treatment. For Tracy's dad **Ivan** and her family. For **Archie**, Lisa and Scott.

We give thanks that **Paul**, Hazel's son, has received news that he is free from Cancer. PRAISE GOD – and thanks for answered prayer.

LOCAL ELECTIONS 6th May

Take a moment to give thanks and praise God that we live in a country where we have the right to vote. Loving Lord, we give you thanks that we live in a democracy. We pray for a fantastic voter turnout during this election and that many will be encouraged to vote. Amen.

Thoughts from Major John

I've started, so I'll finish!

Mastermind was noteworthy on Monday evening on two counts, it was John Humphrys final show after eighteen years as the inquisitor, and the winner of the grand final was the youngest ever to be crowned Mastermind Champion at 24 years of age. The winner, Jonathan Gibson, a PhD student, chose the comedy music duo Flanders and Swann as his specialist subject in the final and got every question right. He also scored seventeen points in the general knowledge round. Those who saw him in the earlier rounds giving his quickfire answers to John Humphrys equally quickfire questions were perhaps not surprised to see him win the Mastermind cut glass vase, which is presented to the champion.

John Gibson knew a lot of things about his specialist subjects and knew an amazing lot of general knowledge.

When I was thinking about this , for some strange reason, a line from a chorus came to mind, 'This one thing I know!' It's from a song by Sidney Edward Cox (871SASB), the first verse reads...

Jesus came to save me
By his precious blood,
Purchased my salvation,
Brought me home to God;
Cleansed my heart as white as snow:
This one thing I know!

We might not all be masterminds, but like the writer we can know we are saved and forgiven when we accept Jesus as our Saviour, and like Sidney Cox declare...

This one thing I know!
His one thing I know!
God in great mercy pardoned me,
Snapped sin's fetters and set me free:
Once I was blind but now I see:
This one thing I know!

Time to Smile

A local preacher arriving to conduct the morning service was asked what he was going to preach about. 'About Peter cutting off the high priest's servant ear' he replied. He was then asked: 'Could you preach from a different text? It's our harvest festival today.' The preacher thought for a few minutes and then said: 'I've thought of a different text – 'First the blade and then the ear.'

A small boy attended a service for the first time with his grandmother. When the collection plate was passed along, grandmother put some coins in it. The little boy piped up: 'I'm not five yet gran – you don't have to pay for me.'

Why did they cross a homing pigeon with a parrot?
So if it got lost it could ask for directions!

If horses wear shoes, what do camels wear? Desert Boots.

How do you stop an elephant from smelling?
Tie a knot in his trunk.

Quiz

1. Which Island lies in the Bay of Naples?
2. How is the painting La Gioconda also known?
3. Which of these is the furthest south – Bath, Bristol, Southampton?
4. Who was the most famous inhabitant of the fictional village St Mary Mead?
5. In the song 'Country Roads', which place is described as 'almost heaven'?

Music: Classics

1. 'Morning' comes from which piece of music by Grieg?
2. Rachmaninov wrote a 'Rhapsody' on whose theme?
3. What range of voice did Kathleen Ferrier have?
4. What goes with 'Peasant' in the overture by Suppe?
5. 'Nimrod' is from which Elgar composition?

Anagram What is the only English anagram of DIAMETRIC?

The only English anagram of DIAMETRIC is MATRICIDE
1. Peer Gynt 2. Paganini! 3. Conratto 4. Poet 5. Enigma Variations
1. Capri 2. Mona Lisa 3. Southampton 4. Miss Marple 5. West Virginia

THIS month was the coldest April for almost a century, UK weather experts have said. (In fact, the average temperature in April was the lowest seen in Britain since 1922). Although Maggie told me that it snowed on her birthday (which was 29th April.....I think!)

But, asks David Richards, who can remember the **Big Freeze of 1963?**

Those who lived through it will never forget the bitter cold which lasted two months. At times the temperatures dropped to minus 18 degrees Fahrenheit. From Minnis Bay to Sandwich, Thanet's coast resembled the freezing wastes of the Arctic north; ice extended two miles out to sea. Ramsgate and Margate harbours were an extraordinary sight.

The ice and snow led to chaotic train services. One journey from Herne Bay to Margate took three hours. The Ramsgate stationmaster said that trains were almost at a standstill. Engines were getting no further than Margate.

The bus service ground to a halt and there were numerous accidents on the roads.

There was a tragedy on the Westcliff at Ramsgate when police followed a set _ of footprints in the snow to discover the body of a 54 year old woman who had perished in the cold.

There was disruption to the mail and problems with phones and electricity supplies.





Sunday Worship 2nd May 2021



Jesus in the garden, newly risen from the dead,
who stood by weeping Mary, and who heard the words she said
as if you were the gardener, till at last your shepherd's voice
called her 'Mary' and with one word gave her reason to rejoice,
Jesus in the garden, ever new but still the same,
help me recognise you in the speaking of my name.

Jesus on the journey, fellow traveller on the road,
who met two sad disciples, walking with them as you showed
the meaning of the scriptures that predicted you would rise,
but only when you blessed the meal could they believe their eyes.
Jesus on the journey, meet me where my hopes have fled,
help me recognise you in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus in the locked room, breaking through despair and doubt,
who comforted your friends when they had shut the whole world out,
who came again for Thomas, and revealed your hands and side
so that he could touch and know you as alive, though you had died.
Jesus in the locked room, breaking through our self-built bars,
help me recognise you in the touching of your scars.

Jesus on the shoreline, cooking breakfast for your friends,
who offered guilty Peter one more chance to make amends,
who filled a net with fish for him, and helped him to recall

the first catch that convinced him to respond to your first call. Jesus on the shoreline, know my best, forgive my worst, help me recognise you in the way I met you first.

Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish (John 21:1-15)

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.[a] It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.[c] When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

So we have heard the story – and been reminded of yet another miraculous appearance from Jesus – and it ends with breakfast



Ideally I would have caught my own fish, lit a fire and eaten it – but it seems I need a licence to do this – which presumably was never a problem for Jesus – and mores the point – where did he get the fish from anyway.

Why did Jesus serve breakfast? – because the fisherman were cold and hungry – he wanted to talk with them – to tell them about the job he had for them – the time for the sermon – but before he could do that he wanted to meet their needs – make them feel comfortable – show them practical love

William Booth said you cannot tell a man that Jesus loves them if he has cold feet or an empty stomach – when he spoke of Soup soap and salvation – it was simply that he thought that was the way Jesus us taught us to do church – show people they matter

‘Come and have breakfast’ How simply and sensitively Jesus deals with us! He knows our needs and our hunger. He knows too that we can only manage the revelations of the divine in small portions. I could do well before my daily breakfast to listen to the Lord speaking my name and saying ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Imagine him serving me, if not with bread and fish, perhaps with a muffin and coffee! I begin to notice that through the day he continues to serve me what I need.

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Time for a quiz

We missed the quiz this week so here is a quick replacement

Choose the job each of these bible characters did

Moses, David, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

How well did you do?

Here are the final two questions

How many of Jesus’ disciples were shepherds?

I can hear you shouting at your screen – none – there were no shepherds –

How many fishermen ...we think about 7 (Andrew, Peter, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, worked as fishermen. Matthew 4:18-22. Thomas, Nathaniel and Philip were fishing when Jesus appeared to them in John 21:2-8.)

And the change from shepherd to fishermen shouldn't really be a surprise. If you want church members who are strong, willing to face danger, able to work night and day, put up with harsh conditions then you choose shepherds.....if you want church members who are strong, willing to face danger, able to work night and day, put up with harsh conditions and are always looking for more fishthen you choose fishermen

Jesus was setting up a world wide church – He was no longer shepherd just to the flock of Israel – but now to the whole world.....and he needed followers, disciples, who would never stop looking for new people to join the family – a never ending ministry to bring new people to know the love of Jesus.
So he choose mostly fishermen

Sing Song Number 695

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you

And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show;
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

John L. Bell and Graham Maule

Prayer (inspired by John 21: 1-19)

Lord, save us from ourselves.

We continue to do the same things over and over,

expecting different results.

Lord, save us from doing too much.

We go fishing every day,

not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach.

Lord, save us from doing too little.

We say we love you,

and yet so often we neglect your sheep.

Lord, save us from ourselves.

Help us to hear and respond when you say, "Follow Me."

So he choose mostly fishermen

And we meet the 7 fishermen again - possibly two weeks after Easter.

Jesus has appeared to Mary, to Cleopas to the disciples as they were locked away and then again to the disciples and to Thomas.

Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they did.....John 21:4-6

Do you think there is anything odd about this passage?

So they did, So they did

Very strange. Let's see why

As an expert I can tell you that casting the nets – in shallow water - in the morning would be a waste of time
Because the fish would be too far under the water

In the day time. Fish go deep so not caught by birds and fishermen.

In the winter it is fine to fish during the day – the water is turbid – it is not clear – and the fish are happy to swim and feed near the surface – as the weather gets warmer – the water becomes more clear and the fish swim deep during day time – so they cannot be seen

So as the summer comes – this time of year – three weeks after Easter – the fishing will be done at night because otherwise you will catch nothing
I wonder how the 7 fisherman must have felt?
Devastated I expect

You would always expect to catch something – to spend all night and catch nothing would – well be a sort of peculiar miracle – which I think it was Jesus was setting the scene to make a very important point.

But just to pause – have there been times when you have attempted to do something – and it goes completely wrong – you are caught by surprise – because you know you were bound to succeed – but you did it in your own strength – and God taught you a lesson

Sing Song Number 682

Thou hast called me from the byway
To proclaim thy wondrous love;
Thou hast placed me on the highway
That to all men I may prove
There is mission in my living,
There is meaning in my word;
Saviour, in my daily striving
May this message yet be heard.

For thy mission make me holy,
For thy glory make me thine,
Sanctify each moment fully,
Fill my life with love divine.

2 Have I lost the sense of mission
That inspired my early zeal,
When the fire of thy commission
Did my dedication seal?
Let me hear thy tender pleading,
Let me see thy beckoning hand,

Let me feel thee gently leading
As I bow to thy command.

3 Lord, release that latent passion
Which in me has dormant lain;
Recreate a deep compassion
That will care and care again.
Needy souls are still my mission,
Sinners yet demand my love;
This must be my life's ambition,
This alone my heart shall move.

Brindley Boon (1913-2009)

So here are the seven – angry, confused, tired and wondering how they would make end meet – as they have nothing to show for their hard work.
So as you come back to the harbour you see a man standing on the shore. You don't know who he is but he says – “you haven't caught anything have you”
I think they will be a little annoyed. And then this stranger – who is he – what does he do – tells you to put your net on the other side
What good will that do? You have been out all night and caught nothing. It is now day time and you are almost at the shore. It is shallow – the water is so clear you can see the bottom - There will be no fish – it is a ridiculous thing to suggest – who is the man – a shepherda carpenter.....a rabbi – certainly not a fisherman.
But they do and what happens.....
So what was happening?
It is a very strange episode because the writer John tells us that they do not recognise Jesus until after they have cast the nets and after they have caught the fish. Only then do they realise it is Him
Because it is a miracle – and because it reminds them of the first time that they meet Jesus - in exactly the same way
But I want to think for just a few minutes about the net and why it was necessary to be put on the right side

We have already said that this was a crazy suggestion
But Jesus was simply showing the disciples that they needed to rely upon him.
Jesus said without me you can do nothing.
Three years ago you were good fishermen – you did a good job – were successful – yesterday you thought you would go back and try to live your old life again – return to the safety and comfort of your old life – but I need to show you something – the future will be different and it will only work if you trust me –

says' Jesus – trust me for everything. You cannot find the support and comfort from your old ways, your old habits – without me you can do nothing

You see if Jesus just wanted to get breakfast – for the disciples to get a good catch then he could have got the fish to swim under the boat and fill the net where it was – or even better got the fish to jump into the boat – finding 153 fish in shallow water was a miracle anyway – why make it difficult
Simply because they had to learn

The message is clear for me – if I am going to be useful for God I must rely upon him and not myself.

And maybe God is saying the same to you – you may have spent a long time being able to get by, using your knowledge, skills, enthusiasm – but maybe god wants you to rely fully on him

A night of futile fishing leaves empty nets and empty hearts. Jesus takes the initiative and meets them in the early morning light. He invites them to eat: 'Breakfast is ready!' There is an abundant table ready - of fish, food, love, warmth, and great joy. Here, fractured relationships are healed.

Jesus, you meet me at the water's edge of my ordinary life. You accept me lovingly, you encourage me, you invite me to abundance. Nourished by the food of your word, warmed by the fire of your unfailing love, may I in turn nourish, heal and love those I meet today.

Song Number 1011

They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God;
Both the rich and the poor, the despised, the distressed,
They'll sit down in the Kingdom of God.
And none will ask what they have been
Provided that their robes are clean;
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God.

2 They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God;
To be met by their Father and welcomed and blessed,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God.

The black, the white, the dark, the fair,
Your colour will not matter there;
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God.

3 They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God;
Out of great tribulation to triumph and rest
They'll sit down in the Kingdom of God.
From every tribe and every race,
All men as brothers shall embrace;
They shall come from the east, they shall come from the west,
And sit down in the Kingdom of God. John Gowans (1934-2012)

But what about the 153?

A miracle – some commentators suggest that is ½ tonne – which is why the explanation that the net is unbroken is fascinating
And other people have said it represents all the countries of the world – or every major species of fish – reminding us that Jesus came for all nations and for all people
Maybe it also reminds us that there are many people who need to know they are loved, they are special, for whom there is a place in God's family – in this family
And where are they.....maybe just around us.....maybe way can almost reach out and touch them
What will it take for us – as this church – to tell the people around each of us that there is hope?
We cast the net – or as we have seen – we rely upon God

Sing Song Number 933

The world for God! The world for God!
There's nothing else will meet the hunger of my soul.
I see forsaken children, I see the tears that fall
From women's eyes, once merry, now never laugh at all;
I see the sins and sorrows of those who sit in darkness;
I see in lands far distant, the hungry and oppressed.
But behold! On a hill, Calvary! Calvary!
The world for God! The world for God!

I give my heart! I'll do my part!
The world for God! The world for God!
I give my heart! I will do my part!

2 The world for God! The world for God!
I call to arms the soldiers of the blood and fire:
Go with the Holy Bible. Its words are peace and life
To multitudes who struggle with crime and want and strife.
Go with your songs of mercy, show Christ in loving kindness,
Make known the sufferings of the cross, the sacrifice of God;
For behold! On a hill, Calvary! Calvary!
3 The world for God! The world for God!
For this, dear Lord, give to my soul consuming fire.
Give fire that makes men heroes, turns weakness into might,
The fire that gives the courage to suffer for the fight,
The fire that changes fearing to pentecostal daring,
The fire that makes me willing for Christ to live or die;
For behold! On a hill, Calvary! Calvary!

Evangeline Booth (1865-1950)

**Father, forgive me for my failures, sins, and moments of
unfaithfulness.**

**Restore me to your service, renew me in my passion for holiness, and
rekindle me with your Spirit.**

I want to honour and serve you always. In Jesus' name. Amen.



Miraculous Draught of Fishes, Goldsmith John Reilly (1928-2010), Oil on canvas.

John Reilly, who painted today's canvas, frequently based his works on a central circle (the sun here) from which facets of colour emanate, like ripples on the surface of water... like ripples on the Sea of Tiberias mentioned in today's reading. The overall composition consists of these kaleidoscopic facets making up the overall patterning of the painting. The circles here link Christ to the right, with the apostles on the left, through the sun and the fishes. The fishes are most prominent and don't just make for an interesting composition, but they are actually part of the bodily compositions of the apostles and Christ.

Fish are of course very central to Scripture. Fish in the seas represent people that have yet to be 'brought ashore' to receive the 'breath of life' and encounter Christ, depicted standing on the shore. Today's reading tells us they caught 153 fish. The number 153 is the total of all numbers from 1 through to 17. $1+2+3+...+16+17=153!$ The number 17 is also the symbolic prime number representing the Messiah. It is also believed that, at the time John wrote his Gospel, there were 153 nations in existence. So, coming to the point of all these numbers, it shows that Christ came to unite ALL people and all nations... but this can only be achieved through the process of one-to-one discipling... fish by fish... And just as Jesus did in today's passage, so we can stand at the water's edge of people's lives to try and bring them (back) to God.

The Amazing Breakfast

Z F J O H N G S I M O N P E T E R
N B R P M J E B R B R E A D D S H
D U I B Q V A I Q Y B L J K N E K
B F G U Q E R O N R P S N W A L S
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Galilee
John
Nathanael
right
third

boat
disciples
fish
James
miraculous
nets
shore
Thomas



DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED

for the

LORD

your

God

WILL BE

with you

wherever you go

JOSHUA 1:9

