



Ramsgate Salvation Army

Sunday 31st October 2021

A warm welcome as we gather as the family of God today, especially if you are not normally with us on a Sunday. May we all feel the welcome of God and each other.

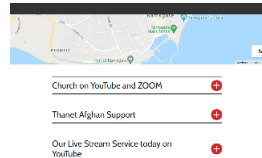
We meet at The Salvation Army Hall Sunday 10.30 am.

Also Sunday worship is livestreamed on  **YouTube**

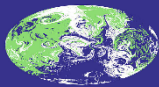
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click on the plus icon and it will take you to a link for today's service



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'God spoke: "Let us make human beings *in our image*, make them *reflecting our nature* So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

Genesis 1:26-27 (MSG)



COP 26

‘It becomes ever clearer that climate change is the greatest threat we and future generations face. A true horseman of the apocalypse.

-Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

“Listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, who suffer the most. The urgent need for interventions can no longer be postponed.”

-Pope Francis

“The future of the human race is now at stake.”

Rowan Williams, Former Archbishop of Canterbury

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17–18 (ESV)

A NEW Salvation Army International Positional Statement (IPS) on ‘Caring for the Environment’ sets out a strongly worded and compelling description of the many ways that God’s creation has suffered catastrophic damage from the actions of human beings. Pledging to foster a ‘culture of sustainability’, the statement calls for immediate action to be taken to address and combat ‘environmental degradation’.

The IPS, which has been approved by General Brian Peddle, says: ‘The Salvation Army recognises environmental degradation as one of the most pressing issues facing the world today ... Its effects fall disproportionately on the most vulnerable, particularly in terms of health, livelihood, shelter and the opportunity to make choices. The very survival of humanity depends on the health of the whole ecosystem.’

Committing The Salvation Army to sustainable environmental practices, the statement continues: ‘In addition to being compelled by the lived experience, The Salvation Army also accepts the scientific evidence that demands action on all levels.’

A PERSONAL CALL

In light of the new IPS, the General has made a personal call for Salvationists and friends to ‘make adjustments in lifestyle and comforts, for example:

Consider our use of heating and cooling – a 1.5° Celsius change is a good start;

Think twice about our ease of travel, choosing to walk or cycle where possible;

Make intentional choices of sustainable products when shopping;

Positively declare your part in the stewardship of the earth;

Move our thinking on from competing for more to collaborating and sharing’.

An IPS is an articulation, crafted with careful and prayerful thought, of the official viewpoint of The Salvation Army and is drafted by the International Moral and Social Issues Council, comprised of Salvation Army officers and soldiers. This international group has first-hand knowledge of the changes inflicted on the earth by environmental degradation including drought, food production difficulties and extreme weather conditions.

The General adds: ‘During the pandemic, the earth has taken a deep breath. Our skies cleared, cities refreshed themselves and birds sang. Striking the right balance between our needs and what is sustainable must catch the attention of every Salvationist.’

IMPACT

The ‘Background and Context’ section of the new IPS explores the ‘unprecedented and devastating levels of degradation’ which are leading to species extinction, pollution and land destruction. The over-reliance on and excessive use of carbon-based fuels is highlighted, although the statement stresses that ‘environmental degradation’ is about far more than energy issues, adding: ‘It also impacts factors such as food and water insecurity, poverty and migration.’

The scriptural basis for the position is laid out in detail, highlighting how God entrusted humanity with the task to care for the land and its plants and animals.

The IPS concludes with a series of suggested practical responses through which The Salvation Army ‘seeks to foster a culture of sustainability with a focus on long-term environmental solutions. These vary from raising awareness of the devastating impact humans are having on God’s earth and striving to enact sound environmental policies to smaller-scale but important efforts such as ‘encouraging Salvationists to consider a vocation in environmental science.’

What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Saturday 30 th	DON'T FORGET CLOCKS WENT BACK
Sunday 31 st (10.30 am)	Sunday Worship and Sunday School
	SONGS OF PRAISE
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only)
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am)	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group)
	Funeral of David Anderson
Monday 6pm	ACE Overcomers
Tuesday (12 noon)	Light Lunch
Tuesday (12.30 pm)	Prayers at hall.
Tuesday (1 pm)	Bible Study at hall – Revelation – week 8
Tuesday (6.45pm)	Bible Study & Prayers by ZOOM (8651865167)
Wednesday (11 am)	Friendship Club & Luncheon Club
Wednesday (7 pm and 8 pm)	Songster and Band practice
Thursday	Forward Trust using hall
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	War Cry Ministry Ramsgate
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank
Friday	Retired Officer's Fellowship
Friday (6pm)	NO KIDS Club this week
Saturday (9am)	Churches Together Prayer Breakfast – Centenary Hall Hardres Street
Saturday (10am)	Table Top sale at Salvation Army
Sunday 7 th (10.30 am)	Sunday Worship and Sunday School



Our next Saturday sale is on 6th November.

Why not book a stall (£6) or encourage a friend or neighbour to come and run a stall.

Make some cakes....and distribute some leaflets.

See Pauline for more details

Birthdays

Tara Miller 5th November



Prayers please for

For **Ben and Den, Kenny** and the rest of the family as they prepare for the funeral of **David Anderson**

For **David Miles** as he recovers at home from his surgery. Pray that he will receive good news for the second part of the operation.

For **David Richards** who is at last recovering at home.

For **Isobel** following her time in QEQM this week – thankfully now home. For **Archie** who has been unwell this week. Continue to pray for his and against the breathing complications he is suffering from

For **Jan Penfold** and **John McCairn** waiting for medical treatment.

For **Paul Wales** now being cared for by his sister Kim in South London

For **Paul**, friend of Douglas, diagnosed with a terminal illness.

For Jacqueline's friends **August** who has lost sight in one eye and has an ulcer in the other eye and **Sue** suffering respiratory problems.

For the daughter of Pauline's friend **Norah**, For Sue Layton's relation **Barry** battling with MND, For **Sandy** who has recently lost her husband, continued prayers for **Jean Mayton**. For **Paul** and **Sue Taylor**.

For all those suffering from **Long Covid** – which include some in our church family.

A prayer for COP 26

Father of Creation, God of Compassion

You created a world of wonder,

Of possibility and potential.

You declared it to be good.



For this, we give thanks.

To you be praise, honour and glory.

Father of Creation, God of Compassion,
This world is no longer as you intended it to be. Humanity has betrayed its
calling, to tend and keep,

Creation groans.

On our watch,
We reap what we have sown,

On our watch,
Sea levels rise,

On our watch,
Forests destroyed,

On our watch,
Locusts Swarm.

And so now with tears in our eyes we look to you,
With regret, With repentance,
Knowing the difficult decades that we face,
As temperatures rise, Extinctions increase,
As we come to terms with our existential plight.

For our children, Lord, have mercy.

For our grandchildren, Christ, have mercy.

For the world's most vulnerable, Christ, have mercy.

Father of Creation, God of Compassion, Wake us from our slumber

Prayer for Halloween

God of Laughter and Joy,

We turn to you in the way of our ancient ancestors,
grateful for the abundance of food and festivity
that surrounds us at this time of year.

Keep all children safe as they embark on
their Halloween revels.

Light their way through the dark night
and enfold them in your love.

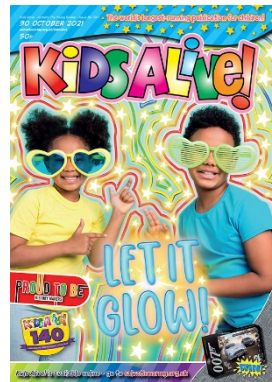
May the real treat in their lives be grace
that multiplies in depth and breadth as
they grow older.

We pray this with all the saints in heaven
Amen.



TRICK OR TREAT!!!!

Why not take some spare copies of KIDS ALIVE and offer good news (and sweets!) to any children who come knocking?



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