



# **Ramsgate Salvation Army**

# Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 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** You can find a link on the Ramsgate Salvation Army page

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate click on the plus icon and it will take you to a link for today's service



Or go to the Ramsgate Salvation Army YouTube page and click on the "live" link on the channel content. You can watch again at any time.

# WHENEVER YOU SEE SOMETHING ON THE HORIZON LIKE NEVER BEFORE, REMEMBER IT IS THE TIME FOR ADVENT OF THE LORD.

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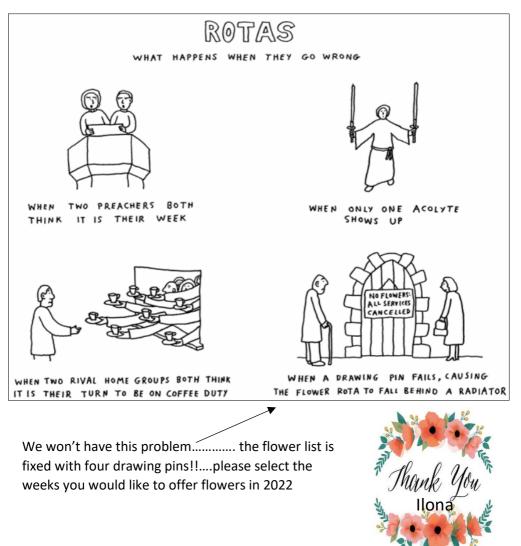
## What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> (10.30 am) Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am) Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am) Monday (6pm) Tuesday (9am to 12 noon) Tuesday (12 noon) Tuesday (12 noon) Tuesday (12.30 pm) Tuesday (1 pm) Tuesday (6.30pm) Wednesday (7.30pm) Wednesday (11 am)

Wednesday (7 pm and 8 pm)

Friday (10am - 12 noon) Friday (10am - 12 noon) Friday (6pm) Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> (10.30 am) Sunday Worship and Sunday School Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group) ACE Overcomers Food Parcel Preparation Light Lunch Pravers at hall. Bible Study at hall – Advert week 1 Bible Study & Prayers by ZOOM (8651865167) Corps Council by ZOOM (8651865167) Friendship Club & Luncheon Club Counselling at hall (2pm – 5pm) Songster and Band practice Forward Trust using hall. Thursday War Cry Ministry Ramsgate Food Bank KIDS Club -Prayer Breakfast – THE CORNER CAROLLING RAMSGATE HIGH STREET Sunday Worship – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ADVENT





## St John Chrysostom (374-407) wrote

Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken.

For this day paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed, error driven out, truth has been brought back, the speech of kindliness diffused and spread on every side - a heavenly way of life has been implanted on the earth, angels communicate with men without fear, and we now hold speech with angels.

Why is this? Because God is now on earth, and man in heaven; on every side all things commingle. He has come on earth, while being fully in heaven; and while complete in heaven, he is without diminution on earth. Though he was God, he became man, not denying himself to be God. Though being the unchanging Word, he became flesh that he might dwell amongst us.

What does this mean to you?

I would be glad to receive your comments and thoughts and we will share them over the next few weeks

### **Birthdays**

Rosie Stevens	29 November
Myiah Dowding	4 December

## Christmas 2021

#### Every Sunday at 10.30am and..... **Corps Carol Service** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 4pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 10-12 with bacon rolls Christingle Coffee Morning KIDZS Club Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 5.30 pm **Christingle Service Carols at Ellington Park** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 6pm Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am Christmas Day service CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER We must limit the numbers so please sign up early to book your place. Sign-up sheet now available. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December YOUTUBE ONLY Boxing Day New Year's Eve Still to be decided First Sunday in new Year Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 10.30am

## **Prayers please for**

For **Peter Ford** and Jean Mayton now recovering at home. For **Val**, transferred to Ashford from QEQM for further care. Also pray for Val's sister **Julie** who is gravely ill. We pray for Julie and for Val, Alice and Shirley her sisters.

For Natasha's sister Tamara whose husband **Kevin** died at the age of 43 leaving his wife and three young children. Natasha shared this tragic news with Jacqueline on Friday morning.

For **Archie** who continues to suffer from poor health – and waiting further tests.

For **David Miles, Jan Penfold** and **John McCairn** all waiting for medical treatment.

For **Jonny** – a toddler with a collapsed lung in Kings College Hospital and for **Rene** as she cares for her 3 grandchildren

For Sue Layton who is unwell at this time

For Sheila's friend **Marion** who is in great pain and very distressed. She has been told there are 60 people before her in the queue for her operation. God meet her needs. We thank you Lord that Sheila's sister **Linda** is making a good recovery,

For **Paul**, friend of Douglas, diagnosed with a terminal illness. And for another friend of Douglas very unwell at this time.

For Sue Layton's relation **Barry** battling with MND, continued prayers for **Paul** and **Sue Taylor** and for **Paul Wales**.

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

**Advent** is from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. It is the four week period ending on Christmas Eve and is a time for us to prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and to look forward to the time when He will come again.

## **Advent Candles**

The circle (symbolizing God with no beginning and no end) is made with sprigs of evergreen plants - a reminder that God does not change. There are also four red candles surrounding a white candle. The first red candle (representing **Hope**) is lit on the first Sunday of Advent then an additional one is lit each following Sunday (representing Peace, Love and Joy respectively). Having lit all four red candles, the centre white one - the Christ Candle representing the **purity** and the light of the world, is normally lit on Christmas Day.



### **Christmas is Coming**

Christmas is coming, the Church is glad to sing And let the advent candles brightly burn in a ring.

The first is for God's promise to put the wrong things right, And bring to earth's darkness the hope of love and light.

The second for the prophets, who said that Christ would come With good news for many and angry words for some.

The third is for the Baptist, who cried, 'Prepare the way, Be ready for Jesus, both this and every day.' The fourth is for the Virgin, who mothered God's own son and sang how God's justice was meant for everyone.

At last we light the candle kept new for Christmas day, This shines bright for Jesus, new-born, and here to stay.

Christ is among us. The candles in a ring, Remind us that our Saviour will light up everything.

John Bell

# Have you been RACKED

## .....are you going to RACK someone?

 $R_{\text{andom}}\,A_{\text{cts of}}\,C_{\text{hristmas}}\,K_{\text{indness}}$ 

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness

## Over the coming days here are some suggestions. You can try and do them all....or the same one many times

- Let someone go ahead of you in a queue
- Pay for someone else's coffee
- Donate food to your local foodbank
- Help a neighbour with a chore or an errand
- Give someone a Christmas WARCRY
- Give flowers to a stranger
- Pick up rubbish
- Give flowers to a stranger
- Donate toys to our toy appeal
- Bring breakfast/coffee for your teachers
- Smile at everyone you see
- Compliment a stranger
- Tape change to a vending machine or parking meter for a stranger
- Invite a stranger to our Christmas services
- Hold the door open for people
- Come collecting during Christmas Carolling
- Write a note to a friend thanking them for their friendship
- Offer your seat on the bus/ train to another person
- Give handmade Christmas cards to your neighbours
- Leave water out for birds
- Tell someone why Christmas is so special to you
- Write a letter (or draw a picture) for a friend telling you love them
- Leave a friendly note in a library book
- Look in the mirror and give yourself a compliment
- Leave a pound in a shopping trolley for the next shopper to find
- Offer to wash your neighbour's car
- Make a bird feeder
- Give a local small business you have enjoyed a glowing online review
- Pay for the person behind you in a fast-food drive-through
- Volunteer as a charity gift-wrapper.
- Say "good morning" and "hello" to people as you walk along the street