



Love God
Love Others



Ramsgate Salvation Army

Sunday 26th February 2023

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 Web page

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Christ in the Wilderness by Ivan Kramskoy (1872)

The haunting depiction is radical and, some may say, shocking. Kramskoy offers us an image of Christ that is very different from the usual sterile submissions of the past.

Jesus is seated on a boulder in a barren and dry wilderness. He is hunched over and has a dishevelled appearance. It depicts Christ sitting in a state of profound dejection and indecision, hands clasped due to tension not prayer.

We see the suffering of Jesus as he endures life in the barren arid wilderness. He has his back to the rising sun as he sits hunched forward on a boulder. Mentally he looks anxious.

Maybe he is contemplating the forty-day exile and whether he should or is able to continue despite all the temptations.

Physically, he looks dishevelled. He looks tired and his face is gaunt and there can be no doubt that he is suffering.

We can empathize with his hunger and thirst and through Kramskoy's realist depiction we are able to sense Jesus' loneliness during this period of haunting isolation. Leo Tolstoy described it as the best Christ he had ever seen.

Have you been there? – Are you there today?

Our wilderness

You will end up in the wilderness more than once in your life. And when you do, I pray you find comfort in knowing that the wilderness is the place where God speaks.

The wilderness is a place in which mercy can grow, if you let it.

In the wilderness, you're given the opportunity to be sustained by the God who will go all the way with you, no matter how hungry you get, no matter how weak, how frail, or how lost. It's the place where you learn you're not all that impressive, and you don't need to be. **It's the place where you learn the ordinary you is enough.** The wilderness offers you a chance to be restored by God, if you will stay there long enough.

What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 26 th February	10.00 Prayers, 10.30 God's LENT WEEK 1 11.00 Sunday school 4.30 pm Worship. 6.00 pm The EVENT for youth at CCR
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in
Soup run for the street homeless each evening.	
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am)	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group) New ACE overcomers course continues
Tuesday	Prayers (9.30am) Food Parcel preparation (from 09.30) The Well (10.30am) Light Lunch (12 noon) Bible study (1 pm) and ZOOM (7pm)
Wednesday (from 11 am)	Friendship club and Lunch club Speak-Up using community hall Music Practices 7pm -9pm
Thursday	Forward Trust at Hall Community Music from 5.30pm
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank
Friday (10am)	World Day of Prayer – Hardres Street
Friday	War Cry Sales Ukrainian Language Class (1.30pm) Kids Club (6pm to 7.30pm)
Saturday	Mini Market 10 to 1pm Ukrainian Drop-In (11am to 1pm) Piano by the Sea (3pm £10)
Carl and Heather are away Saturday leading a 100 th birthday celebration for their dear friend Rita in Ashford.	
Sunday 5 th	Sunday worship – ALTAR SERVICE – Sunday school from 11am. 4.30pm TEATIME SPECIAL

