



Love God
Love Others



Ramsgate Salvation Army

Sunday 5th February 2023

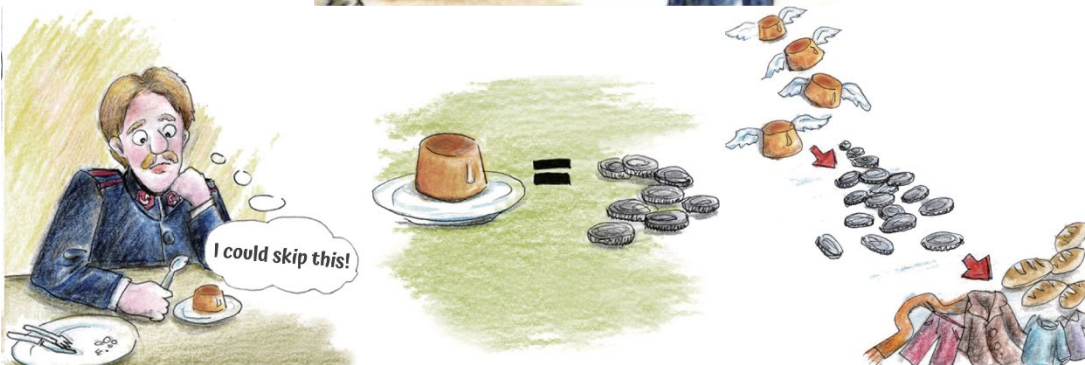
A warm welcome as we gather as the family of God today,
especially if you are not normally with us on a Sunday.
May we all feel the welcome of God and each other.

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

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate



Go without something to support the work of the international Salvation Army.

Together with Salvationists from around the world, you can help more young people find confidence and ambition, and thrive. Money raised by our territory will be redistributed by International Headquarters to the countries and projects that need it most.

What will you give up?

Deny yourself something for a month and give the money it would have cost to the Self-Denial Appeal instead.

Here are some ideas:

1. A daily offering

Give up something that you do every day. For example, instead of paying to take the bus you could walk or cycle. Or you could cut out a simple treat like a takeaway coffee or a chocolate bar.

2. A specific sacrifice

Go without a specific treat or luxury. It could be a trip to the cinema or a meal out, or perhaps a new pair of trainers or clothes you don't really need.

3. One week's salary

Some people feel called to give back to the Lord in thanks to what he has given them. To donate in this special way, please talk to your corps officer or treasurer to find the simplest way to do so.

Your self-denial spreads hope

Growing up in today's world can be tough. It can be even harder if you endure discrimination, live in a country devastated by conflict or disaster, or in a world full of uncertainty. That's why we're asking you to support our powerful and inspirational work overseas with young people, in our Self-Denial Appeal 2023.

What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 5 th February	10.00 Prayers 10.30 God's promises week 4 Launch of 2023 Self Denial Appeal 11.00 Sunday school 4.30 pm Café Church
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)
Tuesday	Food Parcel preparation (from 09.30) The Well (10.30am) Light Lunch (12 noon) Bible study (1 pm) PCC/Census Board 7pm
Wednesday (from 11 am)	Friendship club and Lunch club Speak-Up using community hall
Wednesday (7pm)	Music practices
Thursday	Carl at Elmley (TBC) Forward Trust at Hall Community Music from 5.30pm
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank
Friday (10.30am)	War Cry Sales Ukrainian Language Class (1.30pm) Kids Club (6pm to 7.30pm)
Saturday	Ukrainian Drop-In (11am to 1pm) Supper and Film Night from 5pm
Sunday 12 th	Sunday worship 10.30am – Sunday school from 11am.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Prayer Gathering 15th February – More news next week



Flowers this Sunday are thanks to Joyce Hill

There are lots of gaps on the flower list. We love to see them each week, so why not sign up and provide some – maybe in memory or thanks to a loved one – or simply to bless each other.

Birthdays

Sharon Cairns Saturday 11th Feb

Jennifer Smith Sunday 12th Feb

We continue to pray for our Divisional Leader, **Major Linda Herbert** following her surgery to remove a tumour. We pray for a full recovery. Our prayers also extend to **Major Katherine Blowers** who is unwell and for her family as they care for her.

We pray for For Lindsay's nan Linda involved in a road accident and still remaining in a London hospital. She hopes to be home soon but will need care.

We thank God that Isobel is making a recovery. We hope to see her soon. We continue to pray for Dan Barker who has been moved to temporary accommodation in Graveend. Prayers too for Shirley Vick after her recent stroke.

Pauline's daughter Rebecca has received great news. Her tests show she is clear from cancer and will now only need annual monitoring. We thank God for answered prayer We continue to pray Janet's son Richard.

We pray for Paul, a friend of Douglas as he continues experimental new treatment. We uphold in prayer Angela's sister Teresa and give thanks that Claire has found work. We pray for Paul and we remember Douglas in our devotions who has much work pressure at the moment



Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this continued crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

Father, we thank You for our brothers and sisters in the
Ukrainian church who are standing in prayer, seeking You in
the midst of this crisis and serving others in need around
them.

Please fill them with the Holy Spirit and strengthen their
faith in You as they worship and proclaim the truth of Your
Word. In Christ's name. Amen.



If we are to better the future we
must disturb the present.

~ Catherine Booth

At prayer breakfast on Saturday we shared the following prayer which challenged me deeply

Dear Lord, make me a channel of disturbance.
Where there is apathy, let me provoke,
where there is compliance, let me bring questioning,
where there is silence, may I be a voice.
Where there is too much comfort
and too little action, grant disruption.
Where there are doors closed and hearts locked,
grant me the willingness to listen.
When laws dictate and pain is overlooked..
when tradition speaks louder than need...
grant that I may seek rather to do justice
than to talk about it.
Disturb us, O Lord,
to be with, as well as for the alienated;
to love the unloved as well as the lovely,
Lord make me a channel of disturbance.

(Author unknown)

Our week of prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer we have shared as churches across Ramsgate has focused on injustice in this world. We looked at the words from Isaiah (40:1-11 MSG) as he sought to awaken the conscience of the people to the reality of their situation.

Instead of honouring their religious expression as a blessing, he sees it as a sacrilege. Isaiah denounces the political, social and religious structures which encourage the hypocrisy of offering sacrifices whilst oppressing the poor. He speaks out vigorously against corrupt leaders and in favour of the disadvantaged.

Isaiah teaches that God requires righteousness and justice from all people, all the time, in all spheres of life.

I see you there,

You – blessed ones,

You – poor in spirit,

You – mourners, meek ones and merciful ones.

I hear your stomachs rumble with hunger.

Is righteousness enough to satiate your thirst, like rain upon the earth?

You have had your fill of the schemes of crafty ones, been force fed so-called wisdom by the wily.

With pure and undivided hearts you train your eyes upon God's cause – to lift high the perceived lowly, to bring to safety any who are in danger of being trampled by pride-filled footsteps of trespassers, or stabbed by weaponised words hell-bent on cutting down and dehumanising.

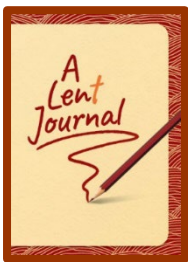
Shut the mouth of injustice, God, tear down the strongholds of the power-hungry and give us the desire and the strength to rebuild a realm where all who are wounded are brought comfort, where the inheritance is shared by all, where swords and shields are beaten into tools for sowing peace and reconciliation, where healing abounds and mouths open to sing stories of shared blessing and hope.



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In more recent days, Lent has become a time that many people give up chocolate, in preparation for a haul of milk chocolate eggs! But it is important to recognise the importance of Lent as a period of reflection and growth which draws us towards Easter.

Traditionally Lent is a period of penitential preparation and fasting which mirrors those 40 days and nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11).

This Salvation Army journal contains a 'Day by day through Lent' 40-day Bible reading plan, 40 song lyrics for reflection and a Bible reading for the day, alongside a page for your own journaling – be that doodles, drawings, prayers or notes.

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