



Love God  
Love Others



## Ramsgate Salvation Army

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 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](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate)



...as we  
follow  
Jesus

Membership classes start

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** from 6pm



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## Lazarus

What is there that can  
diminish the sorrow of loss  
when one whom we've loved dies?  
Sorrow, oh sorrow deep!  
Our brother, Lazarus is dead!

Emptiness has entered the house.  
There is only the sound of wailing.  
The rooms are redolent  
with frankincense and myrrh.

We pray the Kaddish,  
make the preparations for the meal  
that will be served to those  
who come to help us bury him.

"If only his friend had been here,  
He would not have died,"  
We say to one another.  
If only...If only...  
Is our desperate prayer.

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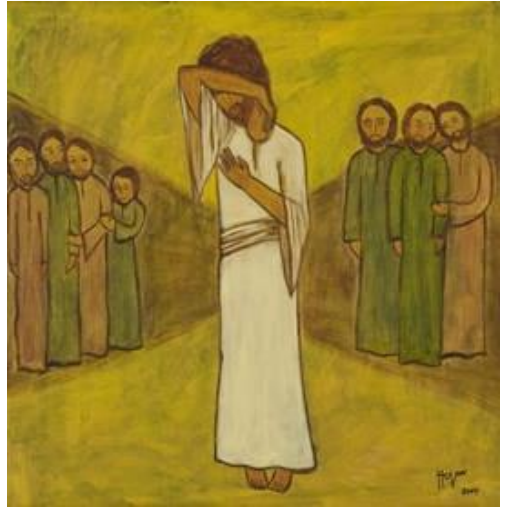
"Rabbi, If you had been here  
my brother would not have died."  
"Martha, he will rise again."  
"Yes, I know this, Rabbi.  
At the Resurrection."  
"I am the one who raises the dead.  
Do you believe me, Martha?"

“Yes, Master. Oh, yes, I believe. I know you and with all my heart I believe in you.” Then, Jesus wept.

### III

The crowd gathered before the tomb  
desperate with terrible grief and loss.

Then they heard Martha and Mary’s friend,  
the one they called, Jesus,  
ordering some of the men to remove  
the heavy stone that had been placed  
at the entrance to the sepulcher some days ago.  
Confused and wary they rolled it back.  
The dark heart of the death-ditch  
was then revealed to us all.  
Some of us fell back for fear of the stench  
we thought would emanate from the grave,  
but a fresh breeze wafted out instead.  
A breathless silence fell over us.  
Then, with a voice full of authority,  
Jesus spoke, and everything came alive around us...  
“Lazarus, come out!”



As if one, we sucked in a surprised  
breath.  
There, standing in the cave's dark maw,  
was the grave-wrapped Lazarus  
strait, tall, his face still covered in cloth.  
"Remove his bindings. Set him free."

A young man stepped forward  
awkwardly  
and nervously took the wrappings away  
then stumbled back and we all could  
see...

The look in Lazarus' eyes  
wide with wonder,  
struck all of us dumb.  
There he was!  
Life breathing in him,  
The spirit-spark in his eyes.



We rushed to him,  
our faces streaming tears.

In the days that followed  
we talked excitedly about this miracle  
that we had all been witness to.  
And, still, many could not believe  
in their weary and frightened hearts  
that this son of an old carpenter from Nazareth,  
this wandering rabbi, Jesus,  
might be the one we have been waiting for  
since the time of Moses and the prophets.

But some of us knew that this Jesus,  
who had come so gently,  
yet so powerfully among us,  
was, indeed, the Messiah of God  
and we began to tell everyone we met  
what we had seen him do for Lazarus, our friend.  
Lazarus lived on for many years  
and never tired of telling the story.  
in hushed and awe-filled tones.

And we never tired of listening.  
Lazarus was a man of gentle knowledge,  
of abiding faith, and of quiet strength.  
He told us over and over again  
that we were loved by one  
who knows our hearts, and who  
despises not our petitions,  
and that we would never be alone.

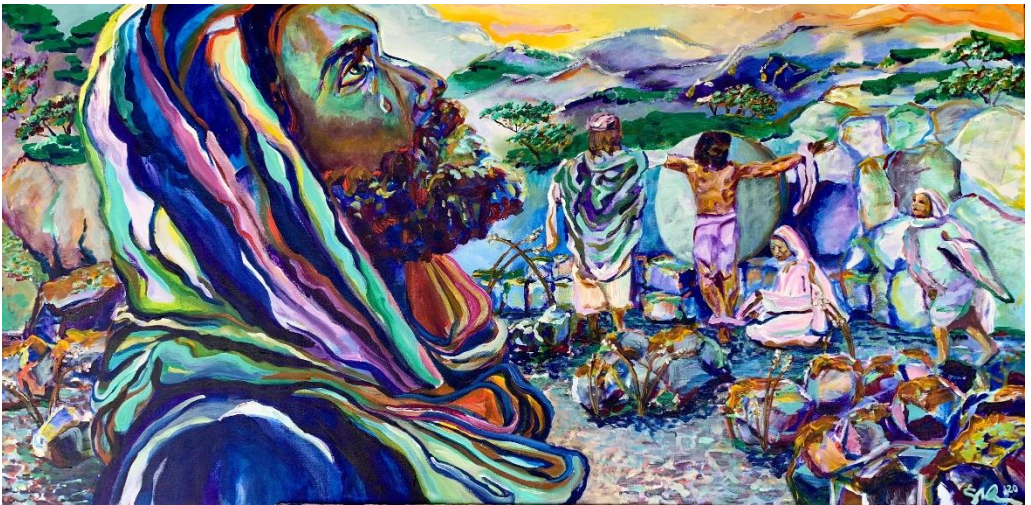
We began going to the synagogue differently.  
We listened to the words the Rabbi read  
from the ancient prophets more closely

and we were moved in our hearts and minds.

At long last, Lazarus died  
and we wept for sorrow again.  
But we knew in our depths  
that he was not dead,  
that the Resurrection  
promised by the prophets is real,  
that death no longer holds sway  
over our simple lives,  
and that we will see each other again  
in the world to come.

Amen

Dan Doyle



God who created all things can release us from anything that keeps us in bondage. The raising of Lazarus from the grave invites us to put our faith in Jesus our resurrection and our life.

## What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00 Prayers, 10.30 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - Lazarus 11.00 Sunday school 6pm Youth Gathering QRBC
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in
<b>Soup run for the street homeless each evening.</b>	
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am)	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group) ACE overcomers course continues. <b>MEMBERSHIP CLASSES START</b>
Tuesday	Prayers (9.30am) Food Parcel preparation (from 9.30am) 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 Carl at Elmley (postponed from last week) Community Music from 5.30pm
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank
Friday	War Cry Sales Ukrainian Language Class (1.30pm) Kids Club (6pm to 7.30pm)
Saturday 9am	<b>CTiR Prayer Breakfast at Salvation Army</b> Ukrainian Drop-In (11am to 1pm)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am Palm Sunday 4.30pm Café Church

**Holy Week reflections start Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**





## Flowers this Sunday are thanks to Sandra and David

### Birthdays and Celebrations

Sandra and David Emerald Wedding Anniversary	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
Lana Pearce	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Philip Coles	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
Ben Sebolao	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April



Jude, Lindsay's son, is taking part in Cancer Research's fund raising campaign – Cold water Challenge during March. Each day he has to immerse himself in cold water!! If you want to sponsor Jude, Lindsay will help.

**June James**, Grant's and Cheryl's mum and nan of Sam, Rebecca and Georgina after her prolonged illness died last night. Our prayers are with all the family and friends.

We think and pray for the family of **Sue Shilling**, Carl will conduct her funeral on 12 April. Our prayers continue for **Major Kathryn Blowers** and for her family as they care for her.

We pray for Captain **Jan Penfold**. She is making some improvement from a surgical infection which led her being readmitted to QEQM. She is now at home. We continue to pray for **John McCairn**. John's recent procedure was not successful and he is waiting for an appointment at Kings College Hospital.

We pray for **David Miles, Peter Ford and Cheryl Yates** who are all unwell. Prayers for **Douglas** as he continues to battle with complex issues. May God give Him healing, strength and wisdom he needs.

We continue to pray for **Isobel**. We hope to see her soon. We also uphold Janet's son **Richard**. We remember in prayer Angela's sister **Teresa**.

## **SELF-DENIAL 2023 APPEAL**



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We thank God for your incredible generosity. We are able to send **£2773** for this year's appeal.