



Love God
Love Others

Ramsgate Salvation Army

Sunday 23rd April 2023

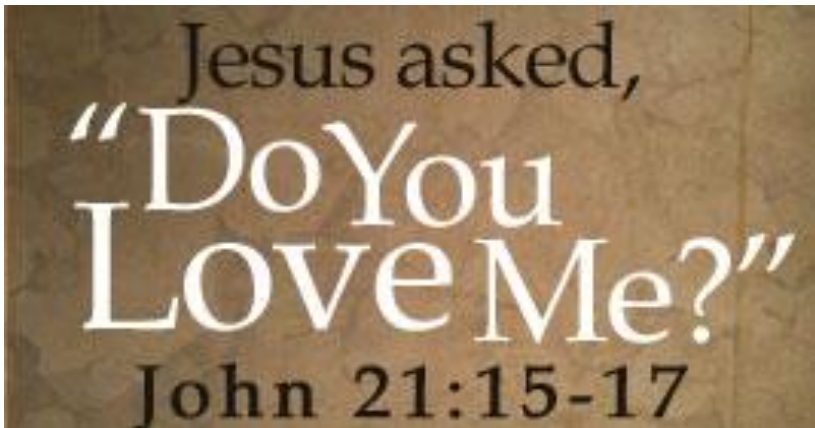
A warm welcome as we gather as the family of God today,
especially if you are not normally with us on a Sunday.
May we all feel the welcome of God and each other.

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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What is your reply?



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What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 23 rd April	10.00 Prayers 10.30 Sunday Worship & Sunday School. St George's Day Procession from St George's Church at 12 noon 6 pm – Youth Event
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am)	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group) ACEs this week Membership classes
Tuesday	Prayers (9.30am) Food Parcel preparation The Well – and warm welcome. Light Lunch (12 noon) Funeral of June James Thanet Crematorium 12.15 Bible study (1pm) ZOOM bible study 7pm (8651865167)
Wednesday (from 11 am)	Friendship club and Lunch club Speak-Up using community hall. From 5pm Kids Club Music Lessons From 7pm Music Practices
Thursday	Forward Trust at Hall
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank Ukrainian Language Class (1.30pm) Kids Club (6pm to 7.30pm)
Saturday	10am to 1pm Mini Market
Sunday 30 th	10.30 Sunday Worship

Advance Notice Corps Council Meeting Tuesday 18th May

Monday 1 May. Early May bank holiday,

Monday 8 May Coronation of King Charles III (Coronation Party Sunday at the hall)

Monday 29 May Spring bank holiday



Flowers this Sunday are thanks to Joyce Hill

Birthdays and Celebrations

Adrian Knight	Sunday 23-April
Kathleen Warner 100 YEARS OLD	Tuesday 25-April
Friends of Kathy's are welcome to see her at 4pm. Ask Carl for details.	
Mavis Blyth	Wednesday 26-April
Maggie Crump	Saturday 29-April

We continue to pray for Grant and Cheryl and the family and friends of June James . Carl will conduct her funeral on 25th April at 12.15pm

We continue to pray for the family and friends of **Chris Barton** from Ramsgate Town Council following his recent death. Chris was a great friend of the corps and provided much support and encouragement. His funeral is on 28th April at 10.45. Prayers for **Douglas** as he continues to battle with complex issues and is now in Canterbury Hospital. May God give Him healing, strength and wisdom he needs. Prayers for **Pauline** as she supports him.

Sheila Wilcox remains unwell at this time – pray for her recovery.

We pray for **David Miller** during his 7 day treatment programme.

Our prayers continue for **Major Kathryn Blowers** and for her family as they care for her.

We pray for Captain **Jan Penfold** that she might soon be back to full health.

We uphold **Kathryn** Bance and ask God to meet her needs. We pray too for Daniel. Pray for **Anastacia**, Nadia's daughter who is unwell and at QEQM waiting for treatment.

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.

Prayers for **Josette** whose recent fall has left her very weak and in much pain.

We pray for **Peter Ford** and **Cheryl Yates** who are both unwell.

We also uphold Janet's son **Richard**. We remember in prayer Angela's sister **Teresa**. We continue to remember **Sue Layton** who has been unwell the last few weeks and waiting for care. And for the recovery from Covid for **Chris, Mavis, Eileen** and **Alan and Brenda**.

Pray that the person God is guiding person to apply for the **youth worker** role will listen! Pray for positive news this week for the building project.

Do you love me more than these?"

Are we meant to measure our love for Jesus by comparing our love to others? Is it enough for us to say, I know I don't love Jesus as much as I could, but at least I love him more than this other person? Of course not. We are not meant to measure our love in this way. So why does Jesus ask this question of Peter?

Jesus asks Peter three times "do you love me?" Here is where the limitations of the English language hinder us. There is a dynamic in this conversation — a dance, if you will — where Peter not only moves toward Jesus but Jesus moves toward Peter.

Our English word love is used for so many things. We use it to describe our most intimate human relationships and how we feel about ice cream! In the original Greek there were multiple words for different types of love.

Jesus asks Peter twice "do you love me?" using the word *agape*, meaning a pure, unselfish, self-giving love. Peter responds by using the word *philia*, which refers to affection shared between friends. *Philia* is a wonderful kind of love, but it is less than *agape*. *Agape* is universal love; it is what we mean by the virtue of charity.

Peter knows he does not love Jesus with total, self-giving *agape*. But he wants Jesus. Despite his failures, he still wants Jesus. He wants to love him better than he does. **And that's enough for Jesus.**

Jesus does not reject Peter's offer of a lesser love. He accepts it. He tells Peter to "feed my sheep." Despite his inferior love, Jesus gives Peter a share in his role as the Good Shepherd, placing the entire flock of the Church into Peter's care.

And when Jesus asks Peter a third time, "do you love me?" he does not use the word *agape*. He uses the word *philia*, which is the love Peter was able to offer. He takes Peter's offering of a lesser love and he magnifies it.

The Love of Christ in Us

There is a lesson for us here. Christ meets us where we are. He offers us love and forgiveness for whatever our sins may be. However many times we have turned away from him, he offers us a way back. And he accepts the love we are able to offer, however feeble our love may be. If we are sincere in our efforts to love and serve him, he will magnify our love into something glorious.

Based on the words of Matthew Newsome