




Love God
Love Others

Ramsgate Salvation Army

PENTECOST
JOURNEY WITH THE SPIRIT

Sunday 2nd July 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



You are enough so –
Go out, among the outcast and the grieving, and speak the word of life and hope.
Do not fear, but trust in God's word.
Watch for the Lord with eager expectation,
and be generous with all God has given you.
For you are enough.



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What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 2 nd June	10.00 Prayers 10.30 You are enough
(Carl & Heather are at daughter Rachel's farewell meeting in Sudbury)	
Sunday 2nd at 4pm Divisional Farewell to Cadets Tunbridge Wells.	
(Postponed)	
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am)	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group) Membership classes 6pm
Tuesday	Prayers 9.30am Food Parcel preparation The Well 10.30 – 12 Light Lunch 12 noon Bible study 1pm ZOOM bible study 7pm (8651865167)
Wednesday (from 11 am)	Friendship club and Lunch club Speak-Up using community hall. Kids Club Music Lessons Adult Music Practices (7pm-9pm)
Thursday	Forward Trust at Hall
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank Ukrainian Language Class 1.30pm Kids Club 6pm to 7.30pm
Saturday	Ukrainian Drop-in 11am to 1pm
Sunday 9 th July	10.30 Sunday Worship, Sunday School

Prize Giving Sunday 16th July – including family BBQ

Together 2023 Wholly Holy – Croydon 14-16 July

Ramsgate Carnival 30th July

Carl is very grateful for the support during his time away. He hopes to be able to return very soon.



Flowers this week are with thanks to our loving Lord.

Birthdays

Jonah Barrett Tuesday 4-July
Hayden Beerling Tuesday 4-July
Eliza Hollick Tuesday 4-July
Maria Brown Wednesday 5-July
Brenda Hall Wednesday 5-July
Miroslav Drobul Friday 7-July

Prayers for the families and friends of **Major Kathryn Blowers** and **Territorial Envoy Tony McClure** who were promoted to glory on respectively Friday and Saturday

Prayer for Pauline's daughter **Karen** who has been diagnosed with blood cancer.

And prayers for **Rebecca**, one of the Kid's club mums, a mum of three, who is waiting surgery in QEQM following a broken leg and ankle.

We thank God that **Doreen** is home and prayer for the surgery she required to help alleviate her pain.

We continue to remember in prayer **Michael Keller**, grandson of Cherie and Tom following a recent operation. We pray the surgery has been successful and Michael will know God's healing in his life.

We pray for Carl's mum, **Patricia**, who is now receiving care with Carl's sister in Ashford.

Our prayers continue for Marilena's father **Vasily** whose health has deteriorated
Prayers for Marilena as she is with her father and family in Romania.

Prayers for **Carol Pratt** as she has moved to Gordon Lodge, and also for **Claire Harden** as she recovers from her recent operation - this will take up to six weeks.

We remember in prayer Angela's sister **Teresa** whose health is still critical.

We pray for Nick's father, **John** who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

We thank God that **Douglas** has been able to return home. Prayers for his continued recovery and for Pauline as she provides the care he needs. And finally for our friend **Dennis**, who helps at Ukrainian hub, that he receives the treatment he needs and knows God's peace and plan for his life.



Catherine and William Booth

2 July is the birthday of The Salvation Army – 157 years ago in 1865, William and Catherine Booth founded The Salvation Army in East London.

To mark Founders' Day, let's look back to a message that William Booth sent to corps to be read in Sunday meetings.

May his words, now 114 years old, encourage you to have renewed faith in our loving God for the days that lie ahead.

19 April 1908

Religious faith is much the same as any other faith. The difference consists not in the faculty or ability to believe, but in

the greatness of the being who is its object and the importance of the blessings connected with its exercise.

You know what it is to have faith in your husband, wife or any other person; you trust them. Faith in God is the same kind of thing. You receive the word spoken or written by these dear ones as being true. That is exercising faith. But faith is more than believing in the spoken word. It signifies trust in an individual. It means confidence in the speaker.

Believe, in spite of things happening within or around you, that God is loving you all the time and that he is making all things work together for your good.

Faith in God implies belief in the words he has spoken. However hard they may be to receive or however people may deny them, we are to believe that every word he has spoken is true and that every promise he has made will be fulfilled. But faith in God implies more than belief of his word – it includes faith in God himself as a living person. You need to believe, in spite of things happening within or around you, that God is loving you all the time and that he is making all things work together for your good.

Many serious mistakes are made respecting faith. Let me point out two or three of them, and so try to guard you from them.

First, faith is not feeling. In striving to believe you must not depend on any emotion. This is a mistake into which many people fall.

Faith is quite a different thing from feeling.

The moment they start to seek any blessing that has been made to depend upon their faith, they begin to look within to see if any feeling corresponding to the blessing they are seeking has broken out in their hearts. Discouraged at not finding the expected emotion there, they too often give up trying to believe.

Faith is quite a different thing from feeling. It is true that it is often so closely associated with feelings or followed so quickly by them that it may be mistaken for the same thing, but it is not the same. Believing ever goes ahead of feeling and to expect feelings before the exercise of faith is to put the cart before the horse. First believe and then feel.

Neither must faith be confounded with sight. Believing with what we call sometimes a 'naked faith' – a faith that trusts God without the assistance of signs and wonders, whether great or small – will be the most effective and enduring. I remember a man once saying to me as a youth, 'Believe God in the dark, my son, and you will be most likely to trust him in the light.'

Believing that the thing is done or will be done is not the same as seeing the thing done or knowing it will be done. And yet how often we want to see the thing accomplished before we are willing to believe that it will come to pass!

When Elijah was praying for rain on Mount Carmel, he did not put off the exercise of faith until his servant told him of the cloud no bigger than a man's hand, which betokened the coming flood. Oh, dear no! Although the sky continued to be one vast glaring sea of brass and the servant reported again and again that he could not see any sign of the expected rain,

Elijah persisted in saying: 'The rain will come. Jehovah has heard and Jehovah will answer my prayer!' He had faith in God.

God is just as good and as faithful and as loving to you as he has described himself to be.

Faith is neither more nor less than believing that the promises God has given you will come to pass. You must accept it as a fact that, whether you can see it or not, he is just as good and as faithful and as loving to you as he has described himself to be. Take God at his word.

I invite you to lay yourselves at his feet. Ask him to forgive all the unbelief of the past and wash out the memory of all the doubts and fears that you have allowed to live in your hearts.

Nay, go further. Is there not some blessing that you need that depends upon the exercise of faith? Is it the forgiveness of your sins? Is it restoration from backsliding? Is it a more certain assurance of the divine favour in your soul? Is it a pure heart? Is it a burning love for souls? Is it comfort or deliverance in some particular sorrow or trial?

Whatever the blessing may be that you need, believe that God is willing to give it to you. Ask for it, resting in the assurance that God is willing and able to bestow it. And if, after all, it be for a time or wholly withheld, trust him still and believe that, in withholding it, he seeks your truest and highest good.

This year, there's a new way to think about how we celebrate our birthday.

On 2 July, The Salvation Army will celebrate 158 years since the day William and Catherine Booth began their ministry through The Christian Mission.

We want to focus on celebrating who we are – our vision, our people, our values. We want to celebrate how great it is to be The Salvation Army, and the massive force of good it is in today's world and should be in generations to come. It's amazing to think about all the incredible work that has been accomplished over these 158 years – how many lives have been changed for the better – thanks to the dedication and hard work of everyone involved, including you!

Things to be thankful for

More than 31,000 people worship at 625 corps across the UKI Territory each week.

86 Lifehouses provide 3,151 bed spaces every night of the year.

Employment Plus supports more than 13,000 people each year.

12 residential homes provide more than 400 beds for older people.

26 emergency response vehicles respond to at least 300 call-outs per year.

Corps and centres supported more than 2,250 refugees and asylum seekers last year.

....and much more besides.....

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Ephesians 1:3