




Love God
Love Others

Ramsgate Salvation Army

PENTECOST
JOURNEY WITH THE SPIRIT

Sunday 27th August 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

Praying for tomorrow's walk and 'work'

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

Jesus seems to think that we shouldn't be too confident about our own ability to keep going as disciples. There's an enemy who wants to seduce us away from the ways of the Kingdom, and so times of testing will come and here we are called to pray for protection and deliverance. We don't go onto our frontlines alone but the powerful, protecting, life-giving presence of God is with us.



Serving God on our frontlines is not about 'trying harder'. It's about learning to allow the resurrection power of God to work in and through our lives as we embrace the things that God has asked us to do. But it begins with a clear sense of our identity.



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What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 27th August 10.00 Prayers
10.30 WHOEVER WE ARE. FRONTLINE 4

Summer Programme Continues

Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am) Breakfast Drop-in
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am) NO Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group)
NO Membership classes 6pm
Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
Food Parcel preparation
NO The Well 10.30 – 12
NO Light Lunch 12 noon
NO Bible study 1pm
NO ZOOM bible study 7pm (8651865167)
Wednesday (from 11 am) NO Friendship club and Lunch club
Wednesday Hall preparation Day
Speak-Up using community hall.
NO Kids Club Music Lessons
NO Adult Music Practices (7pm-9pm)
Thursday

Funeral and Thanksgiving for Meg Standley
Service from Crematorium lived streamed at hall 1pm
Thanksgiving service at hall 3pm

(No Forward Trust)

Friday (10am - 12 noon) Food Bank
NO Ukrainian Language Class 1.30pm
NO Kids Club 6pm to 7.30pm
Saturday 2nd September Prayer Breakfast St George's 9am
Ukrainian Drop-In 11am to 1pm
Sunday 3rd September 10.30 am FRONTLINE week 5



Flowers this week with thanks to Helen

Birthdays

John Horn	Sunday 27-August
Patricia Turner	Wednesday 30-August
Clive Carter	Saturday 2 September

As a church family we join the grief of Nigel, Mavis and Peter and Leah and her family and David and Sandra at the very unexpected death of **Claire Harden** on Tuesday. Claire had celebrated her 33rd birthday two Sundays ago but was taken ill on Tuesday and died that evening. We pray that in their grief they may find the comfort of God.

Our prayers continue for the family and friends of **Meg Standley**. Meg's funeral will be on Thursday 31st August. Thanet Crematorium at 1pm and a thanksgiving at Ramsgate Salvation Army at 3pm

Continue to pray for Pauline's daughter **Karen** who has been diagnosed with blood cancer.

We have been upholding **Ray Field**, a friend of Janet Ellis, in our prayers. He has been united with His Lord. We give thanks for his life of faith.

Prayers for Janet's brother **Graham** who starts his cancer treatment at the end of this month.

We pray for **Doreen**, who although home is still very unwell. Pray that she will soon receive the surgery she requires to help alleviate her pain.

Our prayers continue for Marilena's father **Vasily** with his on-going health concerns. The situation was dramatically worsened last week with a fire in the family home. Pray for Marilena as she seeks the best way to care for her family.

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

We pray for a Ukrainian friend **Andrii**, receiving cancer care. And a resolution for the health concerns for Emma's daughter, **Sasha**.

For our friend **Dennis**, who helps at Ukrainian hub, that he receives the treatment he needs and knows God's peace for his life.

Praying for our part in the Father's business

Hallowed be your name

When we become Christians, we can act as though we've enlisted God for our lives: our concerns and causes. However, when we begin to pray this prayer, we're reminded that what's actually happened is that God, through Jesus Christ, has co-opted us into his purposes. We align ourselves with his cause and his way of doing things and so glorify him. And of course, his 'family business' embraces all things – it's global, it's redemptive, it's liberating – and it includes us and our daily contexts.

Praying for regime change

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

Change can be challenging. Safety, security, and comfort can seem very attractive. But followers of Jesus are called to pray for regime change – that God's will would be done, here and now. This Kingdom clashes with alternative ways of life. When Jesus first taught this prayer there was an all-powerful empire. The Jewish people were working out what it meant to be the people of God under these difficult conditions. Some believed they should concentrate on personal piety, some thought that they should accommodate the political powers around them, some took to the desert to withdraw completely, whilst most ordinary people just tried to get on with life. But Jesus came and declared that the Kingdom of God had arrived in and through him. We join in that prayer for our times and places.

Praying for today's needs

Give us today our daily bread

Praying for today's bread suggests an attitude of constant reliance on our heavenly Father. It's a description of our relationship with him and affirms our significance to him. This can present a challenge to those of us who like to feel in control.

Praying for yesterday's mistakes

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

This is a prayer that Jesus gave the disciples when they asked him to teach them to pray. Jesus recognised that there would be some things that would need to be dealt with regularly – we would need to be forgiven and we would need to forgive. We're not as good as we think we are and people around us are not as good as we wish they were. Jesus breaks the cycles of failure with forgiveness: between us and God, and between each other.