




Love God
Love Others

Ramsgate Salvation Army Sunday 15th October 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



Anti-Slavery Day – 18 October

Provides an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery and to pray and work to see an end to problem.



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What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 15th October 10.00 Prayers
10.30 Worship & 11.00 Sunday School
11.45 Coffee and Discussion
Herne Bay Salvation Army 14.00 – 16.00

Invitation to join the conversation.

Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am) Breakfast Drop-in
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group)
ACES 1pm

Fellowship for **all** planning for Alpha
(From 5.30pm starting with sausage and mash!)

Tuesday Prayers 9.30am
PAT TESTING AT HALL ALL DAY (& finance meeting)
Food Parcel preparation
The Well 10.30 – 12
Light Lunch 12 noon
Bible study 1pm
ZOOM bible study 7pm (8651865167)

Carl and Heather at Salvation Army Officers Councils (W-F)

Wednesday (from 11 am) Friendship club and Lunch club
Kids Club Music Lessons
Adult Music Practices (7pm-9pm)

Thursday Forward Trust

Friday (10am - 12 noon) Food Bank
Ukrainian Language Class 1.30pm

Saturday 21st NO Kids Club 6pm to 7.30pm
Ukrainian Hub 11am

Saturday 21st 5pm Harvest Quiz and Supper

Sunday 22nd HARVEST Songs of Praise – ALL AGE WORSHIP

Sunday 29th Enrolment of new members

Monday 30th October 5.30pm START OF ALPHA.

Alpha is a global phenomenon. More than 28 million people have attended the course worldwide, nearly five million in the UK, and many have become Christians as a result. And it's happening here, in Ramsgate, at our hall. **This is your chance to invite someone.** Take an invitation card. Pray. Use it!



We give thanks for the flowers to Javid and Shakeela.

Birthdays

Lindsay	Dowding	Sunday 15-Oct
Claire	Craig	Thursday 19-Oct
Nigel	Harden	Thursday 19-Oct
Dean	Fitzpatrick	Friday 20-Oct
Wendy	Wilkening	Saturday 21-Oct

This week we give thanks for the lives of many friends who have joined their Lord. Major Muriel Beagley, Barry Davies, Lee McInnelly, and Kevin Borlaise. Pray for all who loved them and grieve.

We pray for Joyce Hill who was admitted to hospital yesterday and for Vlodimir one of our Ukrainian friends who has suffered a brain haemorrhage and is receiving care.

We thank God for **Stefan Costen's** is home and we pray for his recovery. Uphold Cheryl's daughter **Sophie**. God take care of her. For **Andrew McMillan** who has health concerns and awaiting tests to determine the treatment he needs.

Prayers for Janet's brother **Graham** who continues his cancer treatment and her son **Richard** who is also struggling with health issues.

Uphold Nicole's father **Ali** who is receiving on-going care following a fall.

We pray for **Doreen**, that she will soon receive the surgery she requires to help alleviate her pain. Pray for **Raushan** who is suffering from severe head pain.

Continue to pray for Pauline's daughter **Karen** who has been diagnosed with blood cancer. **John McCairn** has recently received heart surgery in WHH and recovering slowly at home. God be his strength. For **Natasha's** mum whose health continues to be a concern. Pray too for **Natasha** as she seeks how best to care for her.

Our prayers continue for Marilena's father **Vasily** with his on-going health concerns and for Marilena herself who has had poor health the last few weeks.

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

Prayers for Jacqueline's friend **August** who awaits surgery at St Thomas Hospital London. Please remember in prayer Tracey's dad and Isaiah's granddad, **Ivor** who is struggling with many health issues at this time.

We pray for a Ukrainian friend **Andrii**, receiving cancer care.

A Prayer for Freedom

People experiencing human trafficking are being controlled by the trafficker through the use of threats and/or the use of violence – whether that is physical or psychological. Their freedom is completely stripped away from them. The

trafficker will exert control over every aspect of their lives – their identities, relationships, choices, movement – to the point that the individuals experiencing this injustice truly believe and feel like they don't have any power or the ability to change their situation.

Scripture: **'During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning' (Exodus 2:23-24 NIV).**

- Pray for the safety and freedom of those who are experiencing human trafficking both at home and around the globe.
- Pray that God will grip the heart and lives of traffickers resulting in the end of their involvement with this injustice, their involvement in restorative justice and healing in their lives.
- Pray that the demand side of modern slavery and human trafficking is ended.

A Prayer for Healing

Modern slavery and human trafficking have devastating effects on a person's physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual well-being. Those who have lived experience have endured inconceivable abuses that can affect them holistically both in the short- and long-term. Each must work through the unique trauma they have experienced as they work to rebuild their lives.

The good news is that there is HOPE. There is VALUE in every person that is indestructible. No matter how devalued a person has been made to feel, **God's value of a person never diminishes.**

God valued his people so much that he sent his Son Jesus as a sacrifice on the cross. Through this precious sacrifice, healing and new life is available to all. In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for justice is '**mishpat**'. This biblical concept is based upon the idea that when things have gone wrong with God's original vision of **shalom** for his people and creation, and because of injustice invading our world, then the action of setting things right and bringing restoration to the situation is needed.

Mishpat/justice is about wanting to see a world in which all people and creation are treated rightly and are given what they need to be able to flourish. It is a vision of abundant life rather than the scarcity, disorder and oppression that come out of injustice. Human trafficking and modern slavery are a violation of human rights where people are exploited, used, abused and treated unjustly. We are called to be the mediators of God's justice on earth. As mediators, we are called to partner and ally with people who have lived experience to seek God's justice of seeing them treated rightly, to flourish and to live an abundant life.