




Love God  
Love Others

# Ramsgate Salvation Army Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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  
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## What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October                      10.00 Prayers  
10.30 Follow Me – Enrolment Sunday  
11.45 Coffee and Discussion  
12.30 Sunday Dinner  
1.30 Celebration Praise

Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am) Breakfast Drop-in  
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am) Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group)  
ACES 1pm  
Alpha 5.30pm

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.

Tuesday                                      Prayers 9.30am  
Safe Mission Survey (Carl)  
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  
Kids Club Music Lessons  
Adult Music Practices (7pm-9pm)

Thursday                                      Forward Trust  
For one week starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November we will be joined week by **Cadet Adam Silcock** from William Booth College. The objective is for Adam to see a Salvation Army Corps in a normal week as part of his officer training

Friday (10am - 12 noon)                Food Bank  
Ukrainian Language Class 1.30pm  
Kids Club 6pm to 7.30pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 9am                         Prayer breakfast St Laurence  
Ukrainian Hub (11am to 1pm)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November                 Sunday Worship



We give thanks for the flowers to Joy and John.

**Birthdays**

Tara Miller

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

We continue to give thanks for the life of Major **Muriel** Beagley. Her funeral will be led by Carl on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Thanet Crematorium.

We pray for **Joyce** Hill who remains in hospital after her recent admission. Praying also for **Sheila** Parfitt who has spent some time in hospital with breathing difficulties. Also for **Vlodimir** one of our Ukrainian friends who has suffered a brain haemorrhage and is receiving care.

We ask God's hand of healing on **Fay** who is unwell at this time.

We continue to pray for **Stefan Costen's** full recovery. Please Uphold Cheryl's daughter **Sophie**. God take care of her. For **Andrew McMillan** who has health concerns and is 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. And uphold **Janet** herself in these difficult times. We pray for **Doreen**, that she will soon receive the surgery she requires to help alleviate her pain. We continue to miss **Josette** and ask for God's peace for **Jean** spearing. Continue to pray for Pauline's daughter **Karen** who has been diagnosed with blood cancer. 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.

**In the midst of such suffering, grief and devastation, we join with the Prophet Isaiah in looking toward the day that:**

He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,

nor will they train for war anymore

(Isaiah 2:4).

Jesus told His disciples, **“and whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”** We’re not worthy to claim His name if we’re not willing to follow Him, wherever that leads. Taking up our cross means denying ourselves daily in order to keep in step with Him.

Have you heard people talk about some pleasure they have experienced and laugh and say “Ah, that’s just my cross to bear.” But cross-bearing is serious business.

It’s more than a focus on a heavy burden we might carry every day for the rest of our lives, like a debilitating illness or struggles with poverty. Those hard circumstances may indeed burden our soul, but there’s a deeper truth in cross-bearing.

Jesus’ cross wasn’t about the cross itself; it was about what it symbolized. The cross under Roman rule was a shameful device of ridicule, humiliation and torturous death. Jesus came to die such a horrible death. He laid down his life for us. The cross is about submission to the Father’s will.

Followers are called to “die to self”—to crucify their flesh and yield over all they love for His sake. **Dying to self will always be hard if we love ourselves too much and Him too little.**

Jesus never said countless losses will happen to us if we follow Him, but the question might be asked—a question that reveals our heart—“Am I willing to face loss for Him, even terrible, gut-wrenching loss?”

Following Jesus is relatively easy when life is carefree and painless; but our commitment is shown during our deepest trials when discipleship is demanding and sacrificial. Our loyalty to Him is revealed when we are mocked, threatened and persecuted.

Following Jesus involves the choice to surrender our possessions, dreams, fondest hopes, most precious earthly loves and all else for the advancement of God’s purposes and glory. It involves following in the steps of our Saviour. Jesus expects that we will follow Him willingly, loyally, obediently and fully. And He has the right to expect this. Christ-followers do not belong to themselves, but live to honour the Holy One who bids us, “Follow Me.” (DW Crosswalk)