



Love God
Love Others

Ramsgate Salvation Army

Sunday 17th December 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 17 th December	10.00 Prayers 10.30 Why Christmas? 11.45 Coffee and Discussion 2.30pm Pantomime 6.00pm Carols in Ellington Park
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am)	No Little Fishes (PAT) Toy distribution Collecting at Tesco (all day) No ACES (New course starts in January) No Alpha 5.30pm (Continue January)
Tuesday	Collecting at Tesco (all day) Toy distribution 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
Wednesday (from 11 am)	Friendship club and Lunch club Ukrainian over 50s club (12 noon) No Kids Club Music Lessons Elmley Prison
Thursday	Forward Trust Carols on the streets from 5.30pm
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank Collecting at Sainsbury's – all day No Ukrainian Language Class No Kids Club No Youth Fellowship
Saturday 23 rd December	Carolling – Ramsgate
Sunday 24 th December	4 th Sunday in Advent
Monday 25 th December	Christmas day Worship NOTE TIME 10am Christmas Dinner 12.30pm



Thanks to the Lord for the flowers.

Birthdays

Ella	Sunday 17-December
Josey	Saturday 23-December
Angela	Thursday 28-December
Paul	Friday 29-December

We continue to pray for Tom and family and friends of **Cherie Neale** who was promoted to glory on last Saturday morning after a very short time in hospital. Time for us to give thanks for her life in the new year will be announced soon.

We pray for **Doreen**, who has yet still has not been for tests to determine what care she needs. We continue to uphold **Pauline's** daughter Rebecca who was hit by a car three weeks ago and has not yet recovered. We seek your healing and grace for **Pauline's** daughter Karen as she lives with her recent cancer diagnosis.

We pray for **Gay** as she recovers from her recent operation and return to our prayers for **Fay** as she is again experiencing poor health. We pray for **Joyce** Hill, Although Joyce is at home we ask that she will know God's comforting presence. Joyce is in need of much care.

We pray for **Nicole's** as she cares for her family.

Our prayers go to Marilena who has experienced challenging weeks due to poor health.

Please Uphold Cheryl's daughter **Sophie**. God take care of her. For **Andrew McMillan** who has received a partial diagnosis but cannot commence treatment until a further complication is resolved.

Prayers for Janet's brother **Graham**. His cancer treatment has completed and he is now waiting to see how effective it has been. and her son **Richard** who is also struggling with health issues. And uphold **Janet** herself in these difficult times. For **Natasha's** mum whose health continues to be a concern. Pray too for **Natasha** as she seeks how best to care for her.

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

We give thanks for the wellbeing of a Ukrainian friend **Andrii**, who has completed his cancer treatment. We pray for his daughter who is still finding adjustment to her life away from her home country difficult. Also, for **Vladimir** one of our Ukrainian friends who has suffered a brain haemorrhage and is receiving care. Finally we continue to ask protection and hope for **Jess** as she has had to move out of area. Meet her needs Lord.

Lord at this time will you bring peace to our hearts – and peace to the hearts of all who want to make war.

Why Christmas? – Why Shepherds?

Because they ACTED – Do we?

When God speaks it is important that we take appropriate action. The message of Christmas calls us to action. For some, God calls you to the most basic and essential action . . . to give your life to Him. He's not looking for your admiration. He's not calling for your approval. He wants your heart and life. He wants it so much that He came to earth to reach you. He went to the cross to set you free from the sin and stupidity of your past. He rose from the dead to show you that He was telling the truth and to give you a glimpse of what lies ahead for everyone who will follow Him. Are you one of those people?

Are you one of those who has kept faith on the periphery of your life? Are you content to give God a nod every now and again in the hope that you will be on good terms with Him . . . if He's really up there? Christmas is for you! The message of salvation is offered to you free of charge. Will you come to Him or will you continue to run in a hundred other directions?

How does one come to Christ? It starts by being honest. You have to be honest about the way you have lived in the past and honest about the fact that you cannot make it on your own. You must recognise Jesus as the only one who has the right to rule your life. And then you tell God that you want to follow Him.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;

There is room in my heart for thee.

(Chorus from song 153)

But let me caution you . . . there is nothing in the words themselves . . . they must come from your heart. And if they come from your heart, the words are secondary.