



Love God
Love Others

Ramsgate Salvation Army Christmas and New Year Edition

Sunday 24th and Sunday 31 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 24th December 10.00 Prayers
 10.30 Why Christmas?
 11.45 Coffee and Discussion
1 pm Prepare for Christmas day
- Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am) Breakfast Drop-in
- Monday 25th December 10am Morning Meeting – We celebrate the Christ Child- born to us today.

12 noon to 3pm Christmas Day Dinner

All other routine activities are suspended until the new year.

Carl and Heather are on holiday until 2nd January.

Normal activities restart week commencing 8th January.

- Sunday 31st December A service from Divisional Headquarters will be screened. The link to this will be available on our website if you want to watch instead from home.

- Saturday 6th January Celebration for the life of Cherie Neale at Ramsgate Salvation Army from 1pm.

- Sunday 7th January 10.30 am Covenant Sunday**



Thanks to Helen for the flowers.

Birthdays

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| Angela Miller | Thursday 28-December |
| Paul Letts | Friday 29-December |
| Hazel Toms | Tuesday 2-January |
| David Miller | Sunday 7-January |
| Janet Russell | Monday 8-January |
| Joyce Thorogood | Monday 8-January |
| Helen Harris | Wednesday 10-January |
| Joyce Hill | Friday 12-January |

We bring before the Lord, Michael son of **Muriel** Beckett, - who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

We continue to pray for Tom and family and friends of **Cherie Neale** who was recently promoted to glory. You are invited to give thanks for her life on Saturday 6th January from 1pm.

We pray for **Doreen**, who has 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 **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** 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. We continue to ask protection and hope for **Jess** as she has had to move out of area. Meet her needs Lord. Finally for Precious and her family as they have relocated to Bradford.

Christmas prayers

1. Gracious God, as we enter this season, help us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus, our Saviour, born to bring salvation and hope to the world.
2. God of peace, bring comfort and solace to those who may feel lonely or distressed during this season, surrounding them with Your loving embrace.
3. Lord, we pray for those who are grieving, that Your peace would gently ease their pain and bring them comfort.

4. Father, grant wisdom to our leaders and decision-makers, that they may act with compassion and justice, especially towards the marginalized.
5. God of hope, inspire us to share the message of Christ's birth, offering hope and encouragement to those who need it most.
6. Heavenly Father, instil in us a heart of gratitude for Your countless blessings, both seen and unseen, throughout this year.
7. Father, grant wisdom to parents as they teach their children the significance of Christmas beyond material gifts.
8. Prince of Peace, bring reconciliation and forgiveness in relationships that are strained or broken, fostering unity and love.
9. Lord, renew our faith and trust in You as we face uncertainties in the coming year, anchoring us in Your unchanging love.
10. God of comfort, be near to those who are experiencing emotional or mental distress, granting them peace and healing.
11. Sovereign Lord, bring an end to conflicts and unrest in the world, replacing them with Your peace that surpasses all understanding.
12. Divine Healer, bring physical healing and restoration to those who are battling illness or chronic conditions.
13. Lord of compassion, guide us to show empathy and support for refugees and those who are displaced, especially during this season.
14. Gracious Father, strengthen marriages and family relationships, fostering love, respect, and unity in homes.
15. Merciful God, bring justice and relief to those who are oppressed or experiencing injustice in their communities.
16. Compassionate Saviour, give comfort to those who have experienced loss this year, granting them peace and hope.
17. Almighty God, protect children worldwide, granting them safety and security, especially in areas of conflict or instability.
18. Heavenly Father, empower the Church to be a beacon of hope and love, shining Your light into a world in need.
19. Gracious God, as we celebrate Christmas, may our hearts overflow with gratitude for the ultimate gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the love He brings into our lives.

May these prayers bring peace, hope, and blessings to us and all around you during this Christmas season.