




Love God  
Love Others

# Ramsgate Salvation Army Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
[www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate)



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## What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00 Prayers 10.30 Why Christmas? 11.45 Coffee and Discussion
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
Tuesday	Prayers 9.30am 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 Ukrainian over 50s club (12 noon) Kids Club Music Lessons Adult Music Practices (7pm-9pm)
Thursday	Forward Trust
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank Ukrainian Language Class 1.30pm Kids Club 6pm to 7.30pm, Youth Fellowship from 7.30pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Carolling – See Sheet 9.30am – 2pm Ukrainian St Nicolas Party
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent 4.30 Carols by Candlelight

### Christmas Card 2023

**We are, again, going to produce a Christmas Card which we will give to everyone in the corps – as well as to our friends and supporters over this special time.**

**If you would like your name in the card, please sign on the sheet this morning and make a donation of £1.**



Thanks to Helen for the flowers.

#### Birthdays

Myiah Dowding	Monday 4-December
Natasha Atkins	Friday 8-December
Sheila Parfitt	Friday 8-December
Vena Styles	Sunday 9-December

We pray for **Doreen**, who has returned from hospital 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 last week and is in great pain. 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 for **Fay** as she remains unwell despite many tests and examinations. Please bring healing. 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** father Ali whose health is causing the family great concern. Comfort Nicole until she is able to join him.

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 received a partial diagnosis but cannot commence treatment until a further complication is resolved.

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. 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 and receiving medical care. Also, for **Vladimir** one of our Ukrainian friends who has suffered a brain haemorrhage and is receiving care. Finally we ask protection and hope for **Jess** as she has had to move out of area. Meet her needs Lord.

**Lord as we come before you today on this First Sunday of Advent we ask you to prepare us for your coming, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith and we bring before you today the needs of the Church and the world**

**Lord prepare us for your coming – in the church.**

**We pray for your church today, gathering all around the world in tiny churches and great cathedrals to praise you and to hear your Holy Word. Give us a sense of expectation as we come and inspiration as we go. Help us to put our differences behind us and to unite instead behind the great commission of Jesus to make disciples of all nations and all people.**

### **Of the Father's heart begotten**

- 1        Of the Father's heart begotten,  
ere the world from chaos rose,  
he is Alpha: from that fountain  
all that is and hath been flows;  
he is Omega, of all things,  
yet to come the mystic close,  
evermore and evermore.
  
- 2        By his word was all created;  
he commanded and 'twas done;  
earth and sky and boundless ocean,  
universe of three in one,  
all that sees the moon's soft radiance,  
all that breathes beneath the sun,  
evermore and evermore.
  
- 3        He assumed this mortal body,  
frail and feeble, doomed to die,  
that the race from dust created,  
might not perish utterly,  
which the dreadful law had sentenced  
in the depths of hell to lie,  
evermore and evermore.
  
- 4        Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises;  
angels and archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,  
let your joyous anthems ring,  
every tongue his name confessing,  
countless voices answering,  
evermore and evermore.

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-c.410) translated by Robert Furley Davis (1866-1937) based on John 3 v16.

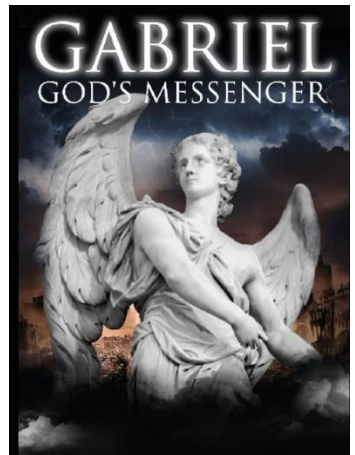
## Gabriel's' messenger

The angel Gabriel from heaven came  
His wings as drifted snow  
His eyes as flame  
"All hail" said he "thou lowly maiden Mary  
Most highly favoured lady, " Gloria, Gloria

"For known a blessed mother thou shalt be  
All generations laud and honour thee  
Thy Son shall be Emanuel  
By seers foretold  
Most highly favoured maid, " Gloria, Gloria

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head  
"To me be as it pleaseth God, " she said,  
"My soul shall laud and magnify His holy name."  
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria, Gloria

Sabine Baring-Gould



## Light of the World

The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on Earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

And can you hear the angels singing

Glory to the light of the world  
Glory, the light of the world is here

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother  
A baby's cry is the sound of love

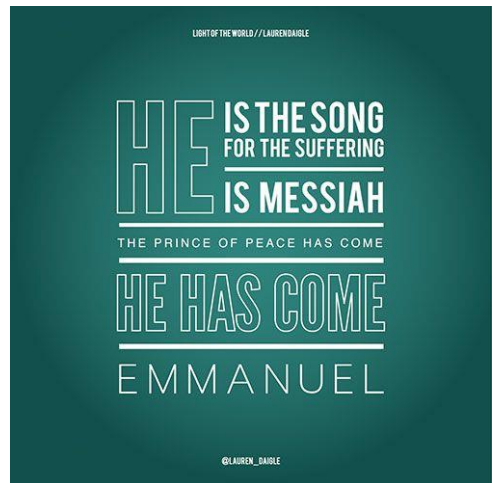
Come down, come down, Emmanuel  
He is the song for the suffering  
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come  
He has come, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world  
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Glory to the light of the world  
For all who wait  
For all who hunger  
For all who've prayed  
For all who wonder  
Behold your King  
Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Glo-glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Behold your King  
Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

The world waits for the miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come Emmanuel

Songwriters: Lauren Daigle  
Paul Duncan / Paul Mabury



# Christmas at The Salvation Army

## Christmas Worship in December

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.30	Why Christmas – introduction
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 10.30	Why Christmas – How it changes us
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 4.30pm	Corps Carol Service
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Why Christmas – How it changes others
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 6.00pm	Ellington Park Carols
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Why Christmas – How we share the Good News
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> 10.30	Why Christmas – Because Christ has come

Bible study on Tuesday at 1pm and 7pm

## Carolling and Fund Raising

Where you can, please join with us as we shine our light

Jesus also used the symbol of light to describe the witness of his followers: 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house' (Matthew 5:14 and 15). So, 'shine your light' could also be a call to the Church to go out into the world and give light to everyone.



That's the thought behind Shine Your Light. One of the organisers, Dr Jonathan Oloyede from the National Day of Prayer and Worship, says: 'The vision for Shine Your Light is that the whole Church across England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic stands united to share the gospel to the whole of society this Christmas. Every local church and believer are being encouraged to be a light to shine to brighten up the whole country like a Christmas tree.'

Salvation Army corps shouldn't need any encouragement to spread the Christmas message. Yet we need to take the opportunity that happens as the band plays. This December, let's pray 'shine your light' and respond to the invitation to do so ourselves.

When	Where	Collectors needed
Saturday 9	Carols Ramsgate High Street 10-12(B)	Yes
Sunday 10	Homefleet House	No
Wednesday 13	Carols in the Streets (B)	No
Thursday 14	Carols at Tesco Westwood Cross	No
Friday 15	Collecting Sainsbury	Yes
Saturday 16	Carols Broadstairs High Street 10-12 (B)	Yes
Sunday 17	Carols in Ellington Park (B)	No
Monday 18	Collecting Tesco Manston Road	Yes
Monday 19	Collecting Tesco Manston Road	Yes
Tuesday 19	Carols Dickens Court 3pm	No
Wednesday 20	Carols Elmley HMP (B)	No
Thursday 21	Carols in the Streets (B)	Yes
Friday 22	Collecting Sainsbury	Yes
Saturday 23	Carols Ramsgate High Street 10-12 (B)	Yes

### **Christmas Dinner**

Please sign up if you would like to join us for dinner on Christmas Day. Also let us know if you can help with preparation, cooking, serving, and clearing up (!). We also need drivers to transport guests and deliver food.

### **Pantomime Time - Sleeping Beauty**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Donations (between £5 to £10) Please sign up

Kids Club Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm

(For families with children) Please sign up

