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# Ramsgate Salvation Army Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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?

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	1pm. Thanksgiving for the life of Cherie Neale
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 Prayers 10.30 Commitment Sunday 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) No ACES (new course starts in February) No Alpha 5.30pm
Tuesday	Prayers 9.30am Food Parcel preparation The Well 10.30 – 12 No Light Lunch 12 noon (starts next week) No Bible study 1pm (starts next week) Ukrainian Drop-In 1pm (community hall) No ZOOM bible study 7pm (8651865167)
Wednesday (from 11 am)	Friendship club and Lunch club (Speak-Up using community Hall from 10am) 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 5.30 to 7.00pm, Youth Fellowship from 7.30pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	11am Ukrainian Hub
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday worship and Sunday School 4.30 Praise and Worship



Thanks to Helen and Maggie for the flowers.

### Birthdays

David Miller	Sunday 07-Jan
Janet Russell	Monday 08-Jan
Joyce Thorogood	Monday 08-Jan
Helen Harris	Wednesday 10-Jan
Joyce Hill	Friday 12-Jan
Rebecca James	Sunday 14-Jan
Jan Penfold	Sunday 14-Jan

We bring before the Lord, Michael son of Muriel Beckett, - who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. We pray for Muriel who will undergo eye surgery on Wednesday.

Carl and Heather ask that you remember their dear friend Rita – they led her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration last year. Rita had a fall just before Christmas, was admitted to hospital and contracted covid which has developed into pneumonia.

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.

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 Vlodimir 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.



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## Our International Mission

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church.

Our message is based on the Bible.

Our ministry is motivated by the love of God.

Our mission is to **preach** the gospel of Jesus Christ and to **meet** human needs in his name without discrimination. We will **serve** with the unconditional love and grace of God as the pattern for our behaviour, with a bias to the poor and marginalised.

We will bring our best selves, our God-given energies and our convictions to our work, service and learning, whether as officers, members, employees or volunteers;

## Our five mission priorities

1. Share the good news,
2. Seek justice and reconciliation,
3. Nurture disciples of Jesus,
4. Serve others without discrimination,
5. Care for creation;

Think about the mission of Ramsgate Salvation Army. Where did you see us fulfilling these priorities in 2023?

(In each box write down activities that happen at the Salvation Army or that you do in your mission field (remember “gathered and scattered” teaching from last Summer) that are undertaken during the week

Share the good news	Seek justice and reconciliation
Nurture disciples of Jesus	Serve others without discrimination
Care for creation	

NOW, think about what God has been saying to you about new dreams, new prayers , new activities; things that we might look to do in 2024.

This is NEW for 2024. Again, using the mission priorities write down where you think God might be leading us for 2024 and beyond.

<p>Share the good news – What we are praying for in 2024</p>	<p>Seek justice and reconciliation What we are praying for in 2024</p>
<p>Nurture disciples of Jesus What we are praying for in 2024</p>	<p>Serve others without discrimination What we are praying for in 2024</p>
<p>Care for creation What we are praying for in 2024</p>	

Before we look ahead and think about the coming year, it is helpful for us to remind ourselves of who God is and what he is capable of. This allows us to build a firm foundation on which we can lay our hopes and expectations for the year ahead.

Declare the following truths out loud:

- God is in control: 'In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.' (Job 12:10)
- God never changes: 'I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.' (Malachi 3:6)
- God is good: 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures for ever.' (Psalm 136:1)
- God is faithful and keeps all of his promises: 'Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.' (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- God is our refuge and strength: 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.' (Psalm 46:1)
- Nothing can separate us from the love of God: 'No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans 8:39 NLT)
- God is with us and for us: 'The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you.' (Zephaniah 3:17)

- God cares for us: ‘Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.’ (1 Peter 5:7)

Spend some time thinking about these attributes. Write down the times when God has shown you these, for example through answered prayer. Once you’ve done this, bring the list to God in thanksgiving for how he has moved in your life. You may want to play some worship music as you do this.

Now, firmly rooted in the truth of who God is, let us look ahead with anticipation over what the new year could bring.

Let us bring before God our hopes and dreams. Begin by thinking about yourself, and then move on to your family and friends, your church, your neighbourhood and then the world.

Don’t rush away – listen to God as he responds to your petitions. Maybe he will have a word or picture for you, or one for you to share to encourage a friend.

By rooting ourselves in prayer, and sharing our all with God, we are able to stand firm through life’s challenges, as well as share in the goodness too – and bring all the glory back to God.

(Rachael Adams, Tearfund) <https://www.tearfund.org/stories/2021/01/a-prayer-reboot-for-new-year>



## A covenant with God

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing,  
put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you,  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you,  
or brought low for you;  
let me be full,  
let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven.'

The Methodist Covenant Prayer