




Love God
Love Others

Ramsgate Salvation Army Sunday 4th February 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
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We launch Self-Denial Today



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What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 4 th February	10.00 Prayers 10.30 Sunday worship – Small groups 11.45 Coffee and Discussion 4pm Heart of Worship - Maidstone SA
Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am)	Breakfast Drop-in
Monday	South East Division Lent Retreat (C&H)
Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am)	Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group) ACES (new course starts soon) Alpha 5.30pm
Tuesday	Prayers 9.30am Food Parcel preparation The Well 10.30 – 12 Light Lunch 12 noon Ukrainian Community Hub 12 noon Bible study 1pm NO ZOOM bible study 7pm (8651865167) Corps Council 7pm
Wednesday (from 11 am)	Friendship club and Lunch club (Speak-Up using community Hall from 10am) Kids Club Music Lessons Adult Music Practices (7pm-9pm)
Thursday	Forward Trust 4pm Funeral of Joyce Hill (Thanet Crematorium) Reception to follow at our hall
Friday (10am - 12 noon)	Food Bank Ukrainian Language Class 1.30pm Kids Club 5.30 to 7.00pm, Youth Fellowship from 7.30pm
Saturday 10 th February	Ukrainian Valentines Charity Sale (10 – 1)
Sunday 11 th	Sunday worship and Sunday School Café Church (4pm)

Advance Notice Central Southern Area Fellowship Band (Ken Clark) and Ladies Chorus (Karen Todd) 11/12 May 2024



Thanks to Sheila for the flowers.

CAN YOU OFFER TO PROVIDE FLOWERS?

Birthdays

Annie Lade	Sunday 4-Feb
Michal Olby	Wednesday 7-Feb
Sharon Cairns	Sunday 11-Feb

We give thanks for the life of Joyce Hill who was Promoted to Glory last Sunday. We pray for her niece Annette as well as other family members and friends. Her funeral is at 4pm on Thursday 8th February with a reception at the hall to follow.

Pray for Debbie as she prepares herself for her scan on Monday 12th February. We ask that God would give her courage as she both waits for, and then undergoes this important procedure.

We pray for Matthew Baldwin a friend of Bridget, who underwent major heart surgery at St Thomas Hospital two weeks ago.

We bring before the Lord, Michael son of Muriel Beckett, - who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. We thank God that Muriel was back with us this week.

We pray for Doreen, who has still not been for tests to determine what care she needs and now has to wait even longer because her appointment was cancelled.

We continue to uphold Pauline's daughter Rebecca who was hit recently by a car and is still in pain and has not yet recovered. We seek your healing and grace for Pauline's daughter Karen, as she lives with her recent cancer diagnosis. And now we pray for Karen's newly married friend's husband Nick, who has been given six months to live. Lord heal. We pray also for Pauline's sister Doreen who is experiencing undiagnosed health concerns. Finally for Douglas who has not been in the best of health these last few weeks.

And our prayers continue to go to Marilena who has travelled home to care for family, while she herself remains unwell. Remember Carol Pratt who is suffering at this time. And a friend of Kate experiencing tragedy.

We do not forget prayers for Janet's brother Graham, her son Richard and Janet herself. For Natasha's and for Nick's father, John. We continue to ask protection and hope for Jess as she has had to move out of area. Meet her needs Lord.

Pray for Nicole's mum Hadda and dad Ali and also her brother Abdel who is very poorly following two back surgeries' complications and serious respiratory problems.

We pray for Danielle and her 4 children as they are expecting to return home Monday. Pray they will receive healing from their trauma. Finally we pray for Babak, arrested for his Christian faith, in prison in Iran. We thank the Lord that Somayyeh and Barad, his wife and son have been provided with emergency housing and ask that they will be led to a loving church.

Nabal was a wealthy landowner who **found it difficult to give freely to God.**

Do you think it is more or less difficult to be generous in our giving if we have more to give?

What was David's motivation for guarding Nabal's property? Is it OK to give, expecting something in return? If so, why/why not?

How does David's initial request list differ from what Abigail provided?

Why do you suppose that Abigail chose to give as she did?

What kind of difficulties can arise within partnerships where one person has a different attitude to giving from the other? (Hopefully they are not on the same scale as Abigail and Nabal!).

Abigail spoke words of wisdom into a heated situation. **Is** God prompting you to speak wisdom into a challenging situation in your family, community or this church?

When it comes to giving our time, gifts, talents, and finances we can all demonstrate the characteristics of Nabal, David and Abigail:

We have moments where we see our wealth as our own and struggle to give generously.

We have moments where we are overwhelmed with frustration as others sit back and give little. We have moments where we recognise God's blessings in our life and give abundantly to others. **In those moment we see that it is God who gave us everything in the first place.**

PRAYER

Father, forgive us for the times when we forget that you are the one who provides for us.

Forgive us for the moments when we want to keep hold of our wealth and refuse to share it with others.

Thank you for your faithfulness and wisdom. Thank you that we are yours. May we always remember that, as we live for you each day. Amen.