

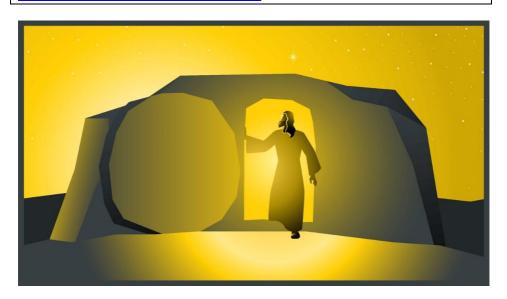
Ramsgate Salvation Army Sunday 31st March 2024

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



Christ is risen, He is risen indeed, Hallelujah

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What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 31st March 9.00 Easter Breakfast

10.00 Prayers

10.30 Sunday worship — Easter Sunday.

Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am) Breakfast Drop-in

Monday (9.30 am – 11.30 am) No Little Fishes (Parent & Toddler group)

No ACES No Alpha

Tuesday No Prayer Meeting 9.30am (Upper Room)

No Food Parcel preparation No The Well 10.30 – 12 No Light Lunch 12 noon

No Ukrainian Community Hub 12 noon

No Bible study 1pm

No ZOOM bible study 7pm (8651865167)

(No Marriage Preparation Classes)

Wednesday (from 11 am) No Friendship club and Lunch club

No Kids Club Music Lessons

No Adult Music Practices (7pm-9pm)

Thursday Forward Trust

Drumming Workshop

Friday Carl conducting the funeral of Sheila Hyde

Food Bank

Ukrainian Language Class 1.30pm No Kids Club 5.30 to 7.00pm, No Youth Fellowship from 7.30pm

Saturday 7 April CTiR Prayer Breakfast

Ukrainian

Sunday 8th April Sunday Worship 10.30am

Café Church – Cameo Appearances

4.30pm

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



Thanks to Helen for the flowers. Birthdays this week

Lana Pearce Monday 1-Apr Philip Coles Tuesday 2-Apr Ben Sebolao Tuesday 2-Apr John McCairn Wednesday 3-Apr **Bernard Perkins** Saturday 6-Apr Jacqueline Freeston Sunday 7-Apr **David Miles** Sunday 7-Apr **David Richards** Sunday 7-Apr



We welcome Elsie Craig born Friday to Claire and Phillip. Dear God surround this beautiful family with your love. We pray for Peter Harden.

We uphold Lynda in our prayers as she recovers from her operation.

We pray for Annie who had a bad fall and spent some time in hospital.

We pray for Mick, Angela's brother-in-law diagnosed with a tumour. Angela lost her sister, Teresa, Mick's wife, last year.

We continue to plead for Amie (a good friend of Ellie's) who is 29 weeks pregnant and has been allowed home for Easter after many weeks in hospital.

Uphold Sue Layton in prayer as her angina is causing her concern. For David Robertson after his recent cancer surgery.

We pray for Doreen, as she recovers at home after her surgery last week in St Thomas's hospital.

We continue to uphold Pauline's daughters Karen and Rebecca. Rebecca is still experiencing back pain after the accident. Lord may treatment come soon. Pauline's sister Doreen and family friend Nick who is very unwell. Be near dear Lord.

We do not forget prayers for Janet's brother Graham, her son Richard and Janet herself. For Natasha's mum Deborah, 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.

We pray for Emma. For the tests she requires and for your protection on her life.

Bring peace to the hearts responsible for war. Especially in Ukraine and Gaza.

The empty tomb is the central reason for our Easter celebrations. Its vacancy shook the people who made their way through the garden to the place where the Christ had been buried – and it shakes us still. It all seems too good to be true.

The account tells us that the angel rolled back the stone and sat upon it with a kind of cheerful insolence. 'He's not here!' said the divine messenger. 'Have a look!' It seemed important that the world should see just how empty the place was.

The message must have become crystal-clear to his staggered disciples. The Master whom they thought was done for was up and about again – as ready as ever to comfort, to guide, to direct and correct, to help and to heal.

Love was liberated. The rocky walls of his 'container' could not contain him. What can one say 'Hallelujah!' Our world needs to know about this. Every Christian ought to stand by the door of Christ's empty tomb and whisper or shout as may be appropriate: 'He is not here!'

Ever since the Christ moved out of his grave, people have been trying to get him back inside. They have attempted to imprison him afresh – in history, in literature, in tradition – but in each case the cry rings out 'He isn't here!'

They try to wrap him up in the shroud of regimented religion, and the angels must laugh as they sing out, 'He isn't here either!'

Regular attempts have been made to bury him in the past but he is more modern that the latest revelation of man's way-out technology. Don't look for him among the dead things. You won't find him there.

'Then where is he?' you ask. The simple answer is, 'Everywhere!' His presence is totally unrestricted, as his disciples soon found out.

He seemed to be everywhere at once and still is. He is here with the fellow setting out for university and the girl going to her first job. He is here with the new mother cuddling her contented child. He is at the bedside of the seriously ill and on the road beside the recently redundant. He is here with the lonely and the depressed and especially the bereaved, and a simple prayer will make this living, powerful presence felt. He is our Christ of the human road. That's why we wish each other 'Happy Easter!' **John Gowans**