



Ramsgate Salvation Army

Sunday 26th April 2026

Love God
Love Others

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**

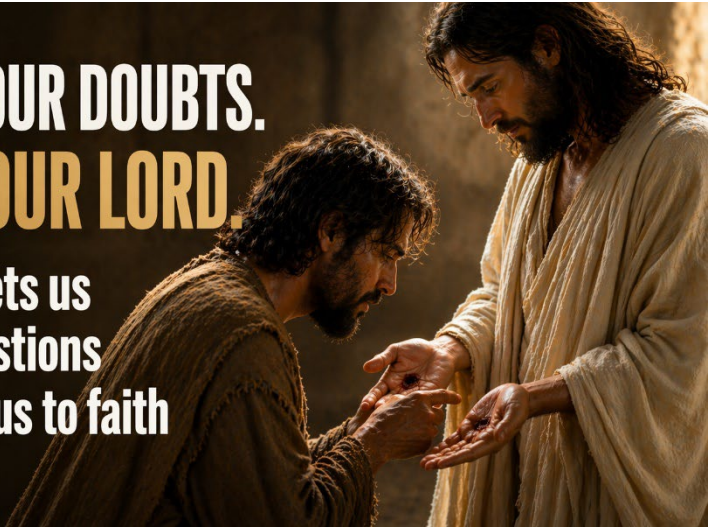
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*Tell us if you DO NOT want to be seen in the live stream broadcast.

**BRING YOUR DOUBTS.
FIND YOUR LORD.**

**Jesus meets us
in our questions
and leads us to faith**



Resurrection people John 20:24–29



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What's happening this week at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

9.38 – Daily Prayer Challenge –The harvest is plentiful –pray for workers

Sunday 26th April

Prayers (10 am)
Worship service (10.30am)
Sunday School and Youth Cell (11.10am)
Coffee (and tea) fellowship
Corps Council meeting 2pm

Daily Homeless Breakfast 6.30am to 8.30am

Monday 27th April

Little Fishes (9.30 am – 11.30 am)
Drumming Lessons. (from 6pm)

Tuesday

Prayers (from 10am) – No bible study/Lunch.
Carl and Heather at training (morning only)
No Food Parcel preparation (from 9 am)
Ukrainian Drop-In (from 12 noon)
Cell group TBC (7pm)

Wednesday

PAT testing at hall (all day)
Friendship club & Lunch club (from 11am)
CTiR leaders meeting at hall (2pm)
Piano lessons (from 3pm)
Ukrainian craft club (from 5pm)
Singing group practice (7.30pm)

Thursday

Forward Trust (from 9am) Drumming Workshop (5.30pm)
Carl conducting the funeral of Derek Kenton,
a former soldier at the corps and a relative of
Joy.

Friday

Food bank (10am to 12 noon)
English classes (12.30pm)
Ukrainian Rado school (from 4pm)
Children and youth activities (from 5.30pm_

Saturday 2nd May

Ukrainian RadoSchool (10am)

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CTiR Prayer Breakfast (9am)

Sunday 3rd May

Ukrainian community Drop-in (11am to 1pm)
Sunday Worship (10.30am)

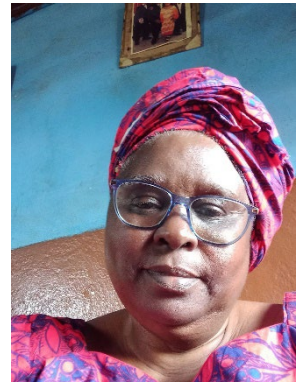
We pray for Marilena's father as she has returned to Romania to be with him. We think of Gaynor and Stephen as they visit Gaynor's father who will move to a nursing home this week. Prayers continue for Peter's brother **Simon**. And also today for Peter who is unwell.

We pray for **Josette** who has had further falls and remains unwell. We pray for **Sean** Johnson who is waiting for surgery. For **Kay** Tocci who has been experiencing back pain. We give thanks that the chemo that Lance (Pat's son) is receiving has shrunk the throat tumour and he is able to eat within a tube. Lord, continue the healing we pray. For baby **Olive** one of our kid's club families. Prayers for **Peter** Ford who remains in hospital and for **Bruce** as he recovers from surgery. We keep **Kate** and her family in our prayers. We do not lose hope and plea for a breakthrough in her healing. We continue to pray for **John** Horn receiving cancer care. And we do not forget **Pauline** and long to see her worshipping again with us soon.

We give thanks for Elizabeths' safe journey to Sierra Leone last week. She has again sent voice messages thanking us for our support. The recording was incredible because in the background was the sound of many tropical birds.

We remember each other on our **birthdays**

Mavis Blyth **Sunday 26 April**
Graham Miller **Monday 27 April**
Maggie Crump **Wednesday 29 April**



Some of you will have met Ray over the last few months as he has been volunteering at activities in the hall. Yesterday Ray completed the **Camino de Santiago pilgrimage**. He walked to raise money for Ramsgate Salvation Army. If you would like to support Ray – and raise money for the corps this is the last week we will receive your gifts.

A reflection on *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

“Faith, in the sense in which I am here using the word, is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods... That is why Faith is such a necessary virtue: unless you teach your moods ‘where they get off’, you can never be either a sound Christian or even a sound atheist (p. 140-141).” *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis

We often talk about faith and doubt as if they are mainly religious problems, but they’re not. Everyone wrestles with doubt at times. Whenever you make a big life decision—career, marriage, where to live—you will likely question it, especially when things get hard. Doubt is a normal part of being human, not a failure of belief.

Today, our culture tends to treat doubt as a strength and steady faith as something narrow or naïve. But that hasn’t always been the case. In other times, giving up your beliefs too quickly was seen as weakness. Lewis’s point in *Mere Christianity* is simple: faith—holding on to what you once had good reason to believe, even when your feelings shift—is something everyone needs, not just religious people.

There are two main reasons for this. First, life is complicated and often painful. The hardest questions we face rarely have simple answers. When something hurts deeply, it’s usually tied to many factors—other people’s choices, our circumstances, and our own personalities. Easy explanations don’t hold up in real life. In those moments, faith becomes less about having perfect answers and more about trust—often trust in a person, not just an idea.

Second, we are living in the middle of the story, not at the end. Like watching a film halfway through, we don’t yet see how everything fits together. We don’t know how our lives will turn out or how history itself will be resolved. That uncertainty naturally creates doubt.

So we are like children on holiday, and we love asking, “Are we there yet?” with no reference point for the mileage or hours about which we ask. Like children we often doubt whether the vacation will be worth the trip. We doubt. But, as with the complex-broken world issue, the solution to doubt is relationship. The more the children trust the parent driving the car, the less they doubt (although they still doubt). Likewise, in the middle of our story-journey, we grow in our trust-affection for our Father in order to maintain faith.