

# Ramsgate Salvation Army 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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

You can find a link on the Ramsgate Salvation Army Web page.

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How does our worship affect our language – the words we use?

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### What's happening at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

## Sunday worship each week at 10.30am We have a different timetable for August.

Throughout the month there will be a range of activities for all ages – make sure you sign up so we can cater accordingly.

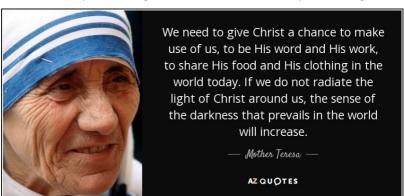
The hall will be open most days over the Summer, but there are Kids Club and Youth activities where the hall will be closed so, please phone or text if you want to drop in and say hello.

Little Fishes	starts 9 <sup>th</sup> September
ACES	starts 16 <sup>th</sup> September
The Well	starts 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Light Lunch and Bible Study	starts 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Friendship and Lunch Club	starts 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Kids and Youth	starts 13 <sup>th</sup> September

Breakfast and food bank operate as normal, expect for week commencing 26 August when they are cancelled (for volunteer rest and Kids Club holiday club)

#### **Birthdays**

Sandra Miles Tuesday 13th - August, Kate Barrett Saturday 17th - August



Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.

For Maggie who has been unwell for several weeks. Lord God will you bring relief and medical help.

For Tracy following the death of her father Ivor. Lord be close to his family and friends as they mourn their loss.

Prayers for Lindsay. The results of her recent tests were not good and she now waits an operation.

Simon, Peter's brother who has been diagnosed with cancer of the kidneys and possible secondary cancer in his lungs we pray for treatment.

Rosemary who has been diagnosed with cancer. Lord may you be the healer that she needs. For Stephen and Linda's daughter-in-law who is unwell at this time.

We continue to pray for Kate and ask again you will bring complete healing – in your time. Pray for Al, Jonah, Jasper, Dave and Sandra.

For Isobel who is receiving care in Herne Bay after her fall. We lift to you Sue Layton. Be her healer Lord. For Debbie's friend Margaret following a heart attack. For Douglas, and a full return to health. For Jean Spearing.

We pray for Mick, Angela's brother-in-law diagnosed with a tumour.

We continue to uphold Pauline's daughter Karen.

For Natasha's mum Debra, and for Nick's father, John. We continue to ask protection and hope for Jess. Meet her needs, Lord.

We pray for Emma. For the treatment she has received. Meet her needs, Lord.

Suzie, and her mother, Sylvia need our prayers this week.

Irene's mother who is very unwell in Estonia.

Pray for our young people's activities – Chessington, Sleep-Over, our Kids Club Holiday week, and the Ukrainian youth adventure week.

Congratulations to Jessy who has received her exam results and will be starting studies at Canterbury University in September.

We pray for peace across God's world, with particular concern for our own towns where rioting has been occurring, Ukraine, Gaza and Israel and the wider Middle East.



### **RAMSGATE SALVATION ARMY**

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## SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST Family Worship 10:30 am

## **ALL WELCOME**

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How did a Taylor Swift dance party tragedy in Southport degenerate into some members of ethnic minorities across the UK being too scared to leave their homes?

The news of rioting across the country has been hot in the headlines this last week. After the horrific stabbing of three young girls, thousands of men and women took to the streets. The targeting of hotels, homes, and businesses believed to be owned or occupied by asylum seekers and refugees is parasitic upon Southport's pain, opportunistically seeking to drive an anti-immigration agenda.

We've witnessed old and young threatening police, smashing windows, and setting streets alight, courtesy of this angry mob of destruction. All driven by fear and loathing of those who are perceived as 'other' – those the rioters believe do not belong. This resort to violence is so painfully wrong. What does it look like for us as Christians to support the bereaved and fight for justice?

Jesus, in his teachings in Mark 12:28–34, gives us a very clear commandment. In fact, it's one of the two greatest commandments, which is 'to love our neighbours as ourselves'. To love both the grieving families, friends of the young girls who died, and the marginalised who have consequentially got a target on their backs.

Immigration concerns and policy aside, the people we live alongside are our neighbours. Of course, we should engage in dialogue about the legality of and legislation around asylum seeking. But, when we are faced with the person in front of us, what should our first and ultimate response be? Jesus says it is to love – to unconditionally commit to work for their welfare.

You might not live anywhere near Southport or where these uprisings occurred. But your loving response doesn't have to directly impact the northwest coast. This isn't a wishy-washy posture or a virtue-signalling exercise; it's a radical ministry that feels awkward. It goes against our individualistic instincts and shapes the culture of our communities.

Love in action could be volunteering to sweep up debris, helping a couple translate the food store price labels (true story), or baking a cake for those in mourning. Perhaps even leaning in and listening to those who resonate with the rioting, for they are neighbours, too. Whatever it is and wherever you are, Jesus said we should love our neighbours. How could you be loving yours?

# **Ramsgate Salvation Army** THE SIA Holiday KidzClub children aged 5-11 years 10am - 12noon **Tuesday 27th August** Wednesday 28th August **Thursday 29th August** Friday 30th August Games, Crafts, Bible Storie and more .... RAMSGATE SALVATION ARMY, 167 HIGH STREET, CT11 9TT 07900497326 or 07747004950 Registered Charity No.214779 and in Scotland SC009359

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Event	Date	Approx cost and journey time (Minibus cost & entry cost
	Time	where applicable)
Games evening Table Football, Table Tennis, Air Hocket. Pool, board games, film. With Fish & Chip	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August From 5pm	£2.50 (food)
Hythe	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August Leave 10am	£2.50 (minibus) 1 hour travel time
BBQ at the Salvation Army house	PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!! TUESDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> August 12 noon	£0 5 minutes

And support our Ukrainian family as they mark Independence day on **Saturday 24 August 10-2pm** at our hall, and **1pm to 6pm on Ellington Park** – including contributions from their choir, Chervona Kalyna.