



Ramsgate Salvation Army

19th January 2025

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.

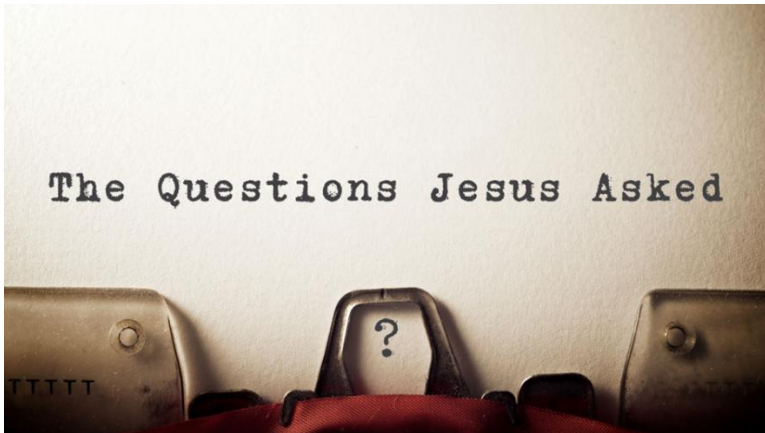
May we all feel the welcome of God and each other.

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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We start a new series looking at
the questions Jesus asked



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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 19 January

Prayers (10.00am)

Sunday Worship – The Questions(10.30)

Children and Youth Church (11.00am)

Coffee Fellowship (11.45)

Thanet United in Worship – MINSTER 4.30pm

Heather is at William Booth College from Sunday afternoon until Friday.

Monday to Friday

Breakfast Drop-in (6.30am-9am)

Monday

Carl Prison Chaplaincy (am)

Little Fishes (P&T group) (9.30 am – 11.30 am)

No 10:10 (The new ACES)

Tuesday

Time with God from 10am

We start a new rhythm to our spiritual lives for 2025. From 10am we will spend time in **prayer**, in sung **worship**, we start our new 2025 **bible study** and there will be **prayer stations**, and as the sessions develop, opportunities to connect with God through various **art forms**.

Ukrainian support Drop-in (12noon – 2pm)

No Piano lessons or Youth Music (5pm)

Friendship club and Lunch club (from 11am)

Kids Club Music Lessons (5.00pm)

No singing group practice (7.30pm)

Wednesday

Carl & Heather Sabbath Day – Unavailable

Forward Trust (from 9am all day)

Drumming Workshop (5.30pm)

Thursday

Friday

Community Drop-In with Food Bank and The Well (10 am to 2pm)

Ukrainian Language Class & Choir (1.15pm)

Kids Club (5.30pm)



Youth Fellowship (7.30pm)

Saturday 25th
Sunday 26th

Ukrainian Community Hub (10am to 1pm)
Sunday Worship



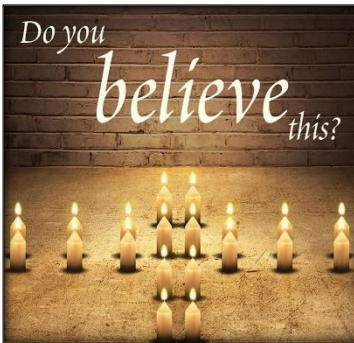
Thanet
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The Salvation Army

United in Worship

Sunday 19th
January 4.30pm
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9:38
Prayer Challenge



Do you
believe
this?



**Week of prayer for
Christian Unity**

Hardres Street Church
9.00-9.30 am
27th Jan – 31st Jan

Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 1st Feb
(Hardres Street Centenary Hall)


Holocaust Memorial Day Service
Organised by: Ramsgate Town Council

Location: **St Laurence Church**, High Street St Lawrence,
Ramsgate, CT11 0QW

Date: **Monday 27th January 2025**

Time: **2:30 PM**

The Mayor of Ramsgate invites members of the community to attend a special multi faith memorial service to remember the victims of genocide, both past and present.



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

Birthdays:

Thelma Brook
Paula Wellard
Russell Canning

Tuesday 21-Jan
Wednesday 22-Jan
Friday 24-Jan

Flowers: With thanks to our bounteous God.

¹⁶ Rejoice always, **¹⁷ pray** without ceasing, **¹⁸ give thanks** in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹ Thessalonians 5:16-18

We continue to give thanks for the life of Peter Faulkner and appreciation for all that Tara did to help him on his final day.

For Douglas, who has been in QEQM for over a week and received many tests with no explanation for his illness. For Pauline who is so tired and anxious for him.

We pray for Maggie who broke her ankle and is now recovering at home. We continue to pray for the recovery of Sheila P who has returned home after a long stay in QEQM.

Fay, whose breathing has worsened and is due to have more tests next week. Prayers for Peter as he provides much needed care.

We continue to pray for Anne's brother.

Prayers for Maxine, friend of Tara Lipinski, receiving treatment for cancer.

We continue to pray for Kate and ask again you will bring complete healing – in your time. Our prayer focus is for her left hand.

For Adina, friend of Oksana Volia, young mother of 2, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Lord, please heal and restore.

We for pray for Lindsay as she waits for her operation in March. Prayers too for Nicole's family.

For Russell as he waits for test results.

For our great friend Gary V who is receiving palliative care at home and for Jaynie as she supports him.

Prayers too for Rosie Carpe who is receiving cancer treatment.

For Jean Spearing who has been very unwell and awaiting medical appointments.

We continue to uphold Pauline's daughter Karen.

For Natasha’s mum Debra, and for Nick’s father, John and wisdom in care and housing matters. We continue to ask protection and hope for Jess. Meet her needs, Lord.

Suzie, and her mother, Janine. Irene’s mother who is very unwell in Estonia.

And for Helen’s friend Rob, who great grand child has been recently diagnosed with a serious condition. Uphold the family Lord.

A prayer for The United States of America

Heavenly Father,

On the eve of the presidential inauguration, let peace settle on those who feel discouraged, and humility on those who celebrate.

May the federal, state, and local leaders, whether newly elected or returning to office, be guided by integrity, righteousness, and a desire to serve as one who is in authority as “God’s servant” (Romans 13:4).

Grant to them wisdom and discernment that they may govern with justice and righteousness. Guide their decisions and actions, so they may lead with humility, care, and an understanding that God alone has established their authority.

Father, bless their land with peace, harmony, and spiritual renewal.

Strengthen their communities, heal the wounds of conflict, and inspire them to serve one another with Christian love and kindness.

“May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness” (Psalm 72:3).

We humbly ask for Your divine blessing on every person, family, and institution, knowing that blessing only comes when people are humbled, pray, seek your face, and turn from their wicked ways. (1 Chronicles 7:14). Amen.

Questions Jesus Asked – The Power of Questions



Toby our grandson is always asking questions.

“What’s your favourite big cat? What’s your favourite dinner? What’s your favourite drink? What is the biggest number? When Zoe is 5, how old will I be? How do jellyfish see?”

Children are keen question-askers. And maybe we think that by the time we grow up, we should have the answers to all those questions.

Maybe we think that when it comes to conversations about faith and Christianity too. When we’re speaking to people about belief in God, do we feel a pressure to have answers to their questions?

Isidor Rabi – who won the Nobel prize for Science for his work – which is used still today whenever someone has an MRI. A friend once asked him how he became a scientist. Rabi replied that every day after school his mother would talk to him about his school day. She wasn’t so much interested in what he had learned that day, but she always inquired, **“Did you ask a good question today?”** “Asking good questions,” Rabi said, “made me become a scientist.”

Our daughter-in-law, Emily, is always asking good questions. You're talking away, about not much at all – nothing very deep or significant, and she'll ask this great question that suddenly transforms the conversation like: 'What's the most enjoyable thing in your life at the moment?' or 'Do you think God calls everyone to a specific job?' And it does something remarkable – it makes me, the person being asked the question feel really valued, and listened to. It invites me to be honest and vulnerable and curious about life and the world. And it connects me to Emily – I know her a bit better and she knows me a bit better.

Over the course of a number of Sundays, we're going to look at questions Jesus asked. Because, surprisingly, for the man that you'd think would have *all the answers*, Jesus was a great question-asker. In fact, Jesus is recorded as asking 307 questions in the Gospels. And instead - he directly answers only three of the 183 questions he is asked. Just three. And on at least one occasion he does not know the answer to a question addressed to him (Mark 13:4a and 32).

Yet – as his followers – I think we find it tempting to be the answer-givers, even to questions no one is asking! I think I'm so keen to show people that Jesus is *the* answer – that I jump in with my answers!

Which means we can miss what's actually going on around us and jump to our own conclusions! But Jesus' approach is radically different. Jesus uses questions – giving dignity to people, initiating conversations, pushing chat beyond small talk – inviting people to a deeper knowledge – of God, the world, others, and themselves!

This morning, we'll take a look at Jesus, the question-asker, and discover what we learn about Him and ourselves from the questions he asks. But also - if we are to be authentic disciples of Jesus, asking questions seems like an important practice to develop. Jesus is modelling for us this different way – a humbler way – listening before speaking.

So – how can we be like Jesus – the question-asker? Are you good at asking the questions in conversations? Could you try? How might that change your conversations this week?

Voltaire - French philosopher – ‘Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers.’

Abraham J. Heschel – Jewish theologian – ‘We are closer to God when we are asking questions than when we think we have the answers.’

On asking the wrong questions –

Clouseau: Does your dog bite?

Hotel Clerk: No.

Clouseau: [bowing down to pet the dog]

Nice doggie. [Dog barks and bites Clouseau on the hand]

Clouseau: I thought you said your dog did not bite!

Hotel Clerk: That is not my dog.

What is a question you want to ask Jesus when you see him face-to-face?

1. JESUS ASKED CURIOSITY QUESTIONS.
2. JESUS ASKED OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS.
3. JESUS ASKED CHALLENGING QUESTIONS.
4. JESUS DIDN'T ASK WHEN QUESTIONS...



And over these next week, will you listen to the questions He asks you?