



Ramsgate Salvation Army

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

QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED



The questions Jesus asked about compassion



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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 9 February	Prayers (10.00am) Sunday Worship – The Questions (10.30) Children and Youth Church (11.00am) Coffee Fellowship (11.45)
Monday to Friday	Breakfast Drop-in (6.30am-9am)
Monday	Little Fishes (P&T group) (9.30 am – 11.30 am) No 10:10 (The new ACES)
Tuesday	Time with God from 10am Citizens Advice (10am-2.00pm) Ukrainian support Drop-in (12noon – 2pm)
Tuesday	Piano lessons and Youth Music (from 3pm)
Wednesday	Friendship club and Lunch club (from 11am)
Wednesday	Kids Club Music Lessons (5.00pm) Singing group practice (7.30pm)
Thursday	Carl & Heather Sabbath Day – Unavailable Forward Trust (from 9am all day) Drumming Workshop (5.30pm)
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 15 th	Ukrainian Community Hub (10am-1pm)
Sunday 16 th	Sunday Worship. Questions Jesus Asked

Birthdays:

Jennifer Smith

Wednesday 12 February

We pray for Kathy Warner. Many of you will not remember Kathy (101 years old) as she has been unable to come join with us for many years. She is receiving end of life care.

Please pray for Sue Layton on Monday. Pray that the cardiologist will be successful removing occluded stents and safely replace them. Sue writes if my wings and harp are not ready I will be back with you all. Lord return Sue to us.

We pray for our Ukrainian friends Viktoriia and Mark. Their home in Ukraine was bombed on Sunday. Whilst Viktoriia's husband and mother are unharmed, many flats in the block were destroyed and 6 people were killed including one child. This happened on the same day as they received an aid parcel that Viktoriia had sent them (delivered by local Ramsgate business man, Kevin)

We join with Jan and Ruthie and Rachel (daughter) and Sophie (granddaughter) in their grief at the tragic death of Pat Soppitt. Details about her thanksgiving and funeral to follow.

We pray for Daniel Mursell who is experiencing health challenges at the moment.

We uphold Cheryl Winspear's grandson who has suffered a stroke.

We give thanks for Douglas' recovery and pray this will continue. We give thanks for Pauline as she cares.

We pray for Maggie who broke her ankle and is now recovering at home.

We uphold Fay, who after much waiting has received medical information concerning her condition. Fay will need much care in the future and will need to isolate to avoid infections which will be very dangerous for her. Prayers for Peter as he provides much needed care.

We ask that we continue to keep Kate in our prayers. We rejoice that the wet room project will start very soon* yet in our thanksgiving recognise that Kate's health remains a key focus for our intercession. We plead for healing. For restoration. For relief. Lord hear our prayers. We give thanks for the care that Al and Jasper and Sandra provide. Give them the strength they need. We

also give thanks for the support from Jonah and David and the wider family.
Give them hope Lord.

*(There is still an opportunity to make a financial contribution to this – please see Carl)

We give thanks that at last we have seen Josette. Be her strength, Lord.
Likewise, we ask that Helen will know of your love. We miss her too.

We ask for healing, health and joy for Benjamin, son of Debbie who supports
our homeless breakfast.

We continue to pray for Anne's brother Terry.

With think of Barbra who is facing challenging times and Sharon who has

Prayers for Maxine, friend of Tara Lipinski, receiving treatment for cancer.
And prayers for Tara as well as she is affected by her friends condition.

Uphold a friend of Jack Freeston who had a massive heart attack last week.

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

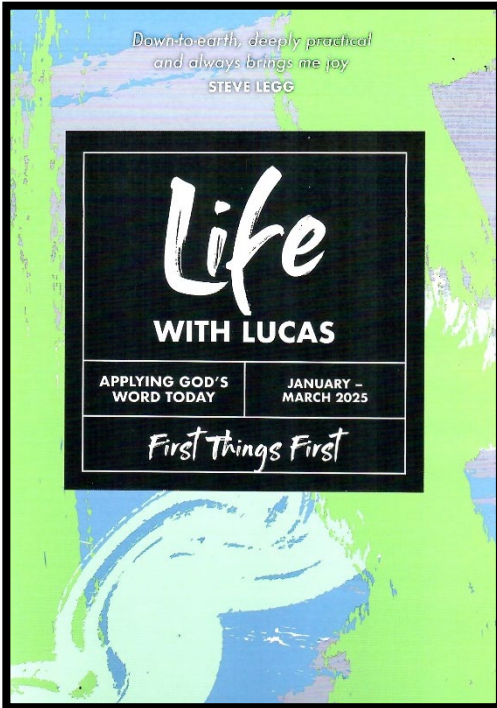
We for pray for Lindsay as she waits for her operation in March.

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

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.

**Finally, please consider signing the Parliamentary Petition to allow a debate
on future path to settlement of Ukrainians seeking safety in United
Kingdom. A laptop (with help) will be available.**

This year I have started new daily reading plan. (I'm still reading Our Daily Bread so I can share observations with you)



I'm using Life with Lucas, (I'm not on commission!) which is thoughtful and uplifting.

It is also challenging. Such as today.

Jeff writes

It's not about me

It's one aspect of the Christmas season that I'm not keen on (last year's is now a fading memory): those annual newsletters that often arrive with a Christmas card. I welcome the news from friends

and family, but occasionally feel rather intimidated as they talk about the best parts of their lives. Their careers are thriving, their churches blossoming, and their small children speak fluent Hebrew and Greek and have mastered countless musical instruments... It's not that I don't want them to flourish and be blessed - but sometimes I wonder if they are editing out the challenges.

As we walk through Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus, we will notice there are no personal updates and information about Paul. That comes as a surprise, especially as he asks for prayer - but how might they best pray for him, if they don't know how he is doing? And then we discover, at the end of the Letter, that Paul was sending a friend and colleague, Tychicus, to give

them his personal news. In the meantime, Paul wants to focus on talking to the Ephesians about the Lord. That's his priority.

We can all fall into the trap of self- preoccupation. Perhaps we've all experienced friendships where, whatever we share about ourselves, the other person quickly turns the focus back to them. In our conversations, let's act differently: diligently listen, celebrate Jesus more, and resist the temptation to grab the conversational spotlight.

To ponder: Would we dare ask our closest friends if we are good at listening to and focusing on them in conversation?

READ

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 1:1

Final Greetings

Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. Ephesians 6:21-22 (NIV)

If you change the way
you look at things,
the things you look at
change.

Refugees by Brian Bilson

They have no need of our help

So do not tell me

These haggard faces could belong to you or I

Should life have dealt a different hand

We need to see them for who they really are

Chancers and scroungers

Layabouts and loungers

With bombs up their sleeves

Cut-throats and thieves

They are not

Welcome here

We should make them

Go back to where they came from

They cannot

Share our food

Share our homes

Share our countries

Instead let us

Build a wall to keep them out

It is not okay to say

These are people just like us

A place should only belong to those who are born there

Do not be so stupid to think that

The world can be looked at another way

(Now read from bottom to top)