This Sunday is Mother's Day. I have three precious boys (Zac, Luca and Corey), and so I am really looking forward to spending the day with them, no matter what it holds, as long as we are together.

There are some mother's Days where I have not looked forward to them, and it has in the past been a day I would have given anything to be able to stay in bed and hide from the world.

This weekend as we celebrate and remember the important women in our lives, I want to acknowledge that this day comes with a variety of emotions, for a variety of reasons. There is a reading I have shared in every appointment over the last 12 years, and I want to share it now with the wider CVS family. It is called 'The Wide Spectrum of Mothering', written by Amy Young.

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year-we mourn with you

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stain-we appreciate you

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment—we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is To those who are foster mums, mentor mums, and spiritual mums—we need you

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children-we celebrate with you

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children-we sit with you

To those who lost their mothers this year–we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother-we acknowledge your experience

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood–we are better for having you in our midst.

To those who have aborted children-we remember them and you on this day

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children—we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who stepparent–we walk with you on these complex paths

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be-we grieve with you

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year–we grieve and rejoice with you

To those who placed children up for adoption—we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising—we anticipate with you This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you, each and every one, on this day.

Capt. Amy Jones



Red Shield Appeal









May 10 - June 2 2024

You can make a positive difference for people who are doing life tough by helping collect for this year's Red Shield Appeal. All funds we collect will come back directly to the Bendigo region.

To register for an online collection page please go to

https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org. au/greater-bendigo-salvos

To register to collect please email

corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au or speak to one of the officer team.

We need collectors for the following dates:

- Intersection Saturday May 25
- Shopping Centres May 13 to June 1
- Doorknock Sunday May 26





We are looking for volunteers for RSA collecting at Maldon, Castlemaine Maxi IGA and Castlemaine Newsagency. If interested could people contact Captain Amy Jones as soon as possible

Monday May 13 - Saturday May 18

Eaglehawk IGA

Coles City

Aldi Kangaroo Flat

Monday May 20 - Saturday May 25

IGA Long Gully

Woolworths Golden Square

Saturday May 25

Intersection collection

Sunday May 26

Girton doorknock day

Monday May 27 - Saturday June 1

Lansell Square

Bendigo Marketplace

Friday May 31 - Sunday June 2

Bendigo Indoor Caravan Leisure Roadshow at the showgrounds

Red Shield Fundraiser

Escape to the Chateau
Wednesday 26th June - 6.30pm
\$20 entry

Venue - 55 Evergreen Bvd, Jackass Flat All money raised is going to Red Shield





Red Shield Appeal



Maryborough



We are looking for volunteers for RSA collecting at Aldi and IGA. if you can help for a couple of hours please fill out the roster on reception desk.





STAFF PROFILE -Sharna Calabro - Castlemaine Admin & Families Ministry Team

If you could live in someone else's shoes for a day, who would you pick and why: My daughter Mia, because I could be without mum responsibilities for a

What's your favourite kind of flower: Peonies Favourite Colour: Yellow

Out of all the holidays, which one is your favourite? I like Easter because I like chocolate. And without Easter, hello, could we have been saved??

Favourite bible verse what is it? Isaiah 43:3-4 What type of animal are you most excited to see when you go to the zoo: Gorillas





What kind of coat can only be put on when it's wet?

No number before 1,000 contains the letter A.



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

This week we had 6 people from Central Vic Salvos commit two day to learning and being trained in mental health first aid. It was an experience gifted to us by one of our local councils who received a grant to train trainers and as part of that training they needed to train some participants.

Mental Health First Aid is akin to physical first aid, but for mental health crises. It equips individuals with the skills to recognise signs of mental health struggles and offer initial support until professional help is obtained. This training fosters empathy, understanding, and practical intervention strategies, reducing stigma and promoting mental well-being.

Overall, Mental Health First Aid promotes a more compassionate and supportive society where mental well-being is prioritised and everyone feels empowered to contribute to the mental health journey.

If this is training you may be interested in please feel free to chat to any of those in the below picture to ask any questions you might have.

Blessings, Ronald





Central Vic Salvos



"It is written," he said to them "My house will be called a house of prayer" Matt 21:13

"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise" James 5:13

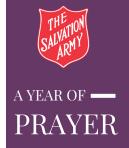
Please pray for:

- For people to start following Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- Those who are unwell physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally
- This week we are praying for Brisbane South and Brisbane West. Logan City and Ipswich City are experiencing rapid growth; each are expected to reach a population of 500,000 in 20-30 years. With significant cultural and economic diversity there is unlimited scope for the mission. The Area Officers responsible for leading mission in this area are Majors David and Michele Terracini.
- For all the corps, programs & services in Central Vic Salvos Bendigo, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk, Maryborough, Avoca and St. Arnaud.
- Our leaders National, State, Local (Government, Community & Salvo)
- CVS programs & services

Praise God for:

- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services
- People making decisions to follow Jesus! (15)
- Answers to prayer
- For His Holy Spirit
- Community





Isaiah 32:4

The fearful heart will know and understand, and the stammering tongue will be fluent and clear.







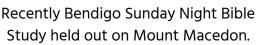
Bendigo

MELBOURNE STAFF SONGSTERS

June 15 & 16 Bendigo. More info to come.









Eaglehawk

RED SUNDAY

Sunday 19 May Can everyone please wear something RED Eaglehawk

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 18th May 2024
Salvation Army Eaglehawk
9am-11am \$5
Guest Speaker
Mark Wagland – Prison Chaplain

TRIVIA NIGHT FOR MEN'S SHED

Postponed

BIBLE STUDY DATES

Friday's 17 May, 31 May

Castlemaine



SUNDAY APRIL 21 AT 10:30

JOIN US AS WE SHARE FOOD, FUN AND FAITH TOGETHER! BRING THE FAMILY!!



Maryborough

RED SUNDAY

Sunday 19 May
Can everyone please wear something **RED**This is the same day as our bible study
Method Church Please bring a plate of food
to share (the food can be red coloured too)



THE SALVATION SALVATION

Weekly Programs/Thrift Shops



BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square Ph: 03 5441 7608

Open Hours:

9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday 9am-2pm Saturday

BENDIGO CBD THRIFT SHOP

18 Pall Mall, Bendigo Ph: 03 5459 0509

Open Hours:

9:30am-4:00pm Monday to Saturday

EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark Ph: 03 5446 7928

Open Hours:

9:30am-5pm Monday to Friday 9:30am-4pm Saturday

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine Ph: 03 5470 5636

Open Hours:

10am-4pm Monday to Friday 10am-3pm Saturday

ST ARNAUD THRIFT SHOP

70-72 Napier Street, St Arnaud Ph: 03 5459 0503

Open Hours:

9:30am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday 10am-2pm Saturday

AVOCA THRIFT SHOP

114 High Street, Avoca Ph: 03 5459 0502

Open Hours:

10:00am - 3:30pm Mon, Wed, Fri

EAGLEHAWK WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays 10.00am - Celebration Service

THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community 4:30 pm - Prayer meeting Contact Pauline and Eddie Anderson 0427 812 866

FRIDAY

1.30pm - Bible Study (fortnightly)

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

BENDIGO
WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES
THURSDAY

11.15am - Chapel

12.00pm - Community Meal

1.00pm - Art Space

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

4.00pm - Bible Study

MARYBOROUGH WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MONDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways 10:30am - Women's Bible Study*

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways

THURSDAY

10:30am - Mainly Music (0-5years)* 2.00pm - Indoor Bowls 4.00pm - Kids Club (Primary school)* 5:15pm - Junior Soldiers*

FRIDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways 5.00pm - Youth Life Group (High school)* 6.00pm - Youth (High school)*

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting 10.00am - Celebration Service (Pancake church 1st sunday, Bible Discussion and corps lunch 3rd Sunday) 27 Wills St, Maryborough

CASTLEMAINE

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Monday

9.30am - 11.00am Maine Minis* 3.45pm - 5.00pm Just Brass*

Wednesday

9.30am - 12.30pm Doorways 3.45pm - 5.00pm Junior Soldiers*

Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm Doorways

Sunday

10.15am - Band Rehearsal 10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine *School terms only



THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

Corps Officers: Maj. Andrew Walker Capt. Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir 65 – 71 Mundy Street, Bendigo | 03 5440 8431 corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

EAGLEHAWK

Corps Contact: Maj. Karen Armstrong
51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | (03) 5446 8135
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CASTLEMAINE

Corps Officer: Capt. Amy Jones 47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine | 03 5470 5389 corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au

MARYBOROUGH

Corps Officers: Capt. Amy & Ronald Stobie 27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500 corpsofficer.maryborough@salvationarmy.org.au

Bendigo Banking Details

Account Name: The Salvation Army BSB: 033-688 Acc No: 811 119

Eaglehawk Banking Details

Account Name: The Salvation Army BSB: 033-688 Number: 803 234



Doorways is our Community Support program. It is the entryway through which those experiencing hardship and/or disadvantage can take proactive steps to find the support they need to overcome life's challenges and find long-term solutions. We offer a range of services from emergency relief to case management and more.

If you are experiencing hardship or financial difficulties, please call the Salvos Phone Assistance Line (PAL) on <u>03 8873 5288</u>.

This service operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Please be aware no assistance interviews will be conducted from our local sites. Community members presenting to any of our Central Vic Salvos sites will be invited to contact Salvos PAL.



The Salvation Army Central Victoria acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future. We value and include people of all cultures, languages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and intersex status. We are committed to providing programs that are fully inclusive. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of people of all ages, particularly children.