

Jesus often spoke in parables—simple stories with profound truth—inviting His listeners to see God’s kingdom at work in everyday life. Each story revealed something of His heart and His purpose.

In the same way, your life is a story God is writing—a living parable, shaped by His grace and truth. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 3:3:

“You show that you are a letter from Christ... written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

What story is your life telling this week?

Through your words, actions, and choices, others are reading the message of God’s love, hope, and redemption. You are a letter from God, written to the world around you—pointing others to Him and bringing Him glory.

Let’s live intentionally, letting the Author of Life write His story through us, so that every encounter becomes a glimpse of His grace.



Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice

Salvos will live, love and fight

Alongside others

To transform Australia one life at time

With the love of Jesus



Welcome!!! We're so happy to have you here. Here at BCT is a place to stay connected, be encouraged, and grow in faith together. Whether you're new or a longtime member, you belong here. Let's keep shining God's love in our lives and community. Blessings to you!

Following our meeting, please come and join us for morning tea for the 1st Sunday of each month

Seniors Moments

Where: Indooroopilly Library (top floor of the shopping centre, opposite the cinemas)
What: Brain Training – fun with technology, games, and quizzes

When: Wednesday 15th October
Meet at 10:15am

Activity runs 10:30am–12:00pm

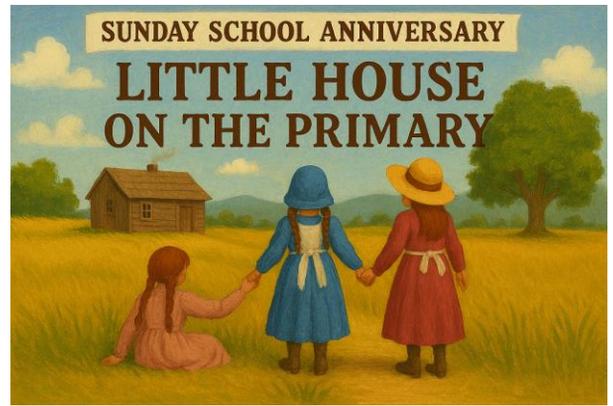
Cost: Free (specifically for seniors)

Afterwards: Optional lunch together in the food court (located directly under the library)

RSVP: Susan or Doug by Sunday 5th October (limited spaces available)



The Corps Officers will be away from 26th Oct – 23 Nov. Also CSM Judith will be away from 22nd Oct – 6th Dec. Paul Parkinson will be acting CSM while the COs are away. All Corps related issues, please contact Paul. All Community Service related issues, please See Nicole Collins



On Sunday 12th October, we celebrate Jesus through our young people of the corps (Primary and Kids Connect). Please join us for a great Sunday meeting



YP Anniversary–Lego Masters Event!

Join us for a fun-filled celebration of our YP Anniversary with a special Lego Masters event!

 **Saturday 11th October**

 **2:00 PM**

 **Brisbane City Temple (BCT)**

All ages are welcome—come ready to build, create, and celebrate together!



Sunday teaching Bible readings

Oct 5th Luke 14:7-11

Oct 12th Sunday School Anniversary

Oct 19th Parable

Oct 26th Led by Venables

PRAYER

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you Jeremiah 29:12

Dear Friends

After much reflection, we have become increasingly aware that our current Powerhouse Prayer gathering on Saturdays—whether it be the timing or the space—is not working well for many in our corps family.

Prayer is the foundation of all we do, and we long to see our corps united in coming before God, seeking His face, listening for His voice, and discerning His plan together. But we also recognise the busyness of life and the different seasons people are in.

We would love your input as we consider the way forward. What would work best for you in terms of corporate prayer? Perhaps a different time, format, or setting might help us as a corps family come together more intentionally to seek the Lord.

Please take a moment to send through your suggestions. We don't want to simply make a decision from the top down—we want to explore this together as a corps family.

Thank you for praying with us into this important matter. We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

The Powerhouse Prayer meeting on Saturdays will no longer occur

Praying for others

It is encouraging to know people are praying for you. During this month you are encouraged to bring the following people before God in your regular time of prayer

1 – 5 Oct

Gordon & Barbara Knowles, Eunice Leitch, Rebecca Lithgow, Zac Lithgow, Bevon & Marzley Luhrs, Coral Luhrs, Russell & Fiona Luhrs

6 - 12 Oct

Ron & Cheryl MacDonald, Heather Marshall, Ben McLeod, Merv Moore, Warren & Andrea Murray, Anna Murray

13 – 19 Oct

Sheila Neil, Heather Olm, Graham O'Neil, David & Bev Oates, Hans, Ellie & Nathan Park, Paul & Lois Parkinson

20 - 26 Oct

Jackson Rider, Pamela Roper, Margaret Saunders, Kevin Seymour, Norm and Evelyn Shey, Cleone Smith, Riley Stewart, Marshall & Joy Strong

27 - 31 Oct

Cel, Marielle & Ezekiel Tingzon, Damien, Marie-Claire, Lweis, Elenor, Joanna & Catalina Trebilco, Mathesis & Tanya Usmany



COMMUNITY NEWS

Another month has left us from 2025. It won't be long until the Christmas season is upon us. What have we been up to this month?

Brisbane City Temple is a busy little place. We have English classes, Emergency relief, Mainly Music, and the Brisbane City Watch House ventures just to name a few.

To all of the volunteers who help I would like to say thank you and let you know you are seen and appreciated.

We also have our Tuesday and Thursday concerts at the moment which are a great way to connect with our community and very successful. It is a great opportunity to inform people of what else goes on in this space.



Majors Ashley, Bronwyn and myself went on a little road trip to the Salvos Store at Indooroopilly this month. It is lovely to see the gratitude from the employees and volunteers to be seen and recognised for their hard work. These stores are a very important part of the Salvation Army and raise funds so that we may continue to carry out the work that we do.



If you have any further questions, please contact Nicole.

Email: Nicole.Collins@salvationarmy.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Salvos Sleepout was a huge success again this year raising over \$70,000.00 to assist those facing homelessness. It is a great initiative and I thank everyone who participated and donated.



Our Wednesdays look very different these days without Open House. We do however meet the needs of the vulnerable in our Community with the inclusion of other services being available on site at this time.

I had an interesting conversation with some people from our homelessness team and they shared that the people they were interacting with were very appreciative for the opportunity to interact with a real life person instead of just a telephone. Homelessness is a world-wide issue that does not have a solution at the moment. It makes my heart happy that we are able to give people some dignity and let them know that they are seen and heard. They have even been able to connect Community members with case workers etc to help them through this process.



GSA is still going strong. We really appreciate our volunteers that help to make this happen each week. It could not happen without them. We are very grateful to Street Level for allowing us to hold our meeting there once a month. It helps connect with the wider community a bit more.

As always if you would like to volunteer at anything that occurs at Brisbane City Temple please contact Major Ashley, Major Bronwyn or Nicole. You may have some ideas in other areas we may be able to connect with and we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

If you have any further questions, please contact Nicole.

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DID YOU KNOW?



The Salvation Army is known for its ministries throughout its 154 years of ministry. In 1890, one such ministry was an early example, when Captain Emma Bown organized the first Slum Sisters brigade.

The conditions in 1890s New York were deplorable with people crowded into tenements without heat or running water. There were very few toilets and most people shared cramped spaces with other families.

“The Slum Sisters recruited volunteers, oftentimes they were people who lived or worked with them.” The Sisters were sent into the worst of these places. Without uniform or fanfare, they sought out people who needed help. They bathed the sick, fed children, washed clothing, cleaned houses and cooked a lot of meals. They often faced opposition from proud housewives, but with their unassuming ways and hard work, they eventually gained the respect of the people.

“You can always tell that it’s a [Slum] Sister,” one observer intoned, “Their aprons and caps are always clean and white, and they are always on the move.” Often the Sisters were called out in the middle of the night to take care of children or a sick parent.

One of the benefits of a close working relationship was that the Slum Sisters recruited volunteers among the very people that they lived and worked with.

As housing conditions improved, the Slum Brigades faded into a memory. However, active slum workers refused to leave their work during World War II, including Captain Jessie North and Lieutenant Edith Stead who were killed in the bombing of London in 1940.

The Slum Sisters were recognized by civic leaders, presidents and kings for their work amongst the neediest and poorest in cities around the world. To this day, the work continues under different names and programs, but the need is still there.



BANDS IN THE ROUND BRISBANE

25 | OCTOBER 2025 | SAT
3:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Stafford Salvation Army
32/54 Hayward Street, Stafford 4053

FEATURING SPECIAL GUESTS ALEXANDRIA & MARCUS VENABLES

SALVATION ARMY BANDS PARTICIPATING:

- Brisbane City Temple Corps Band
- Bundamba Corps Band
- Carindale Corps Band
- Gold Coast Temple Band

TICKETS (Dinner included)

- \$25 Adults
- \$20 Students / Concession



Tickets available at Trybooking: www.trybooking.com/DFVWN or scan QR code

POP-UP SHOP (WORKWEAR GROUP) @ DHQ on Wednesday, 29th October 2025

As you will be aware, TSA recently commenced a partnership with the Workwear Group as its branded clothing supplier.

On Wednesday, 29th October 2025 we'll be having a Pop-Up Shop at DHQ which enable TSA personnel and corps members view the range and try garments on for size.



Brisbane City Temple
FREE LUNCHTIME
concert
Tuesday & Thursday
23 Sept to 14 Oct **12pm-1pm**
167 Ann Street, Brisbane City
Music Performances by:
Queensland Griffith Conservatorium
University of Queensland
Queensland University of Technology

Uni Lunch Time Concerts

Its on again this September and October at BCT.

If you are available to help welcome people between 11:45am – 1pm on a Tuesday and/or Thursday then please see Greg or Maj Ash & Bron. Sign up sheet is at the back of the church

Brisbane City Temple Corps



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What Happens

SUNDAY	
9:30am	Coffee
10am	Morning Worship
10:30am	Primary, Kids Connection & Junior Soldiers
4pm	God's Sports Arena
TUESDAY	
10am	English Conversation classes
6pm	Young Adults Connect Group Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
10am-12pm	Emergency relief
6pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
7.30pm	Band Rehearsal
THURSDAY	
10am	mainly music

Please note

- Office open Tuesday to Thursday.
- Corps Officers are contactable on Monday
- Office closed on Friday (Corps Officers day off)

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
 2 Corinthians 9:7

Online Giving - Tithe and Offerings

You can make a direct deposit into the corps account.



Bill Code: 439935

Ref: 1 000 9

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Weekday Parking

If you require a parking space during the week please ring the office, Ashley 0402781705 or Bronwyn 0402781693 to check availability.

There are various events or people requesting parking on different days and we need to know in advance available parking spots.

Sunday Parking Options

STREET PARKING

Pay by phone app (Cellopark AU)

KING GEORGE SQUARE CAR PARK

Vehicle entry is via Roma or Adelaide streets and exit is via Roma street.
 Cost is \$10 for 3 hours on a Sunday

WICKHAM TERRACE CAR PARK

Located between Wickham Terrace and Turbot street, Spring Hill
 Cost \$6 for four hours on a Sunday