

## Central Vic Salvos

27th April 2025

#### FELLOWSHIP - WHAT IS FELLOWSHIP?

The Bible says that 'together we are Christ's Body' (1 Cor. 12:27) that 'together, we are His House', that 'we are carefully joined together, in Him'. (Eph. 2:20,21) that 'He makes the whole body fit together perfectly.' (Eph. 4:16) that 'He holds the whole body together with its joints and ligaments, and it grows as God nourishes it'. (Col. 2:19) and if we are still alive when Jesus returns then it is 'together – that we will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.' (1Thess. 4:17)

Everything we do, we should be doing together – we are not separate anymore, our life is not our own, we really do belong to each other. We read in the book of Acts that 'all the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper) and to prayer......and all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had......and each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.' (Acts 2: 42-47)

Can you imagine what their fellowship was like? Biblical fellowship is so much more than what most of us (if not all of us, these days) experience. It's not our casual conversations that we might have after church, it's not our social outings where we might enjoy some food and fun with each other, it is so MUCH MORE. We experience life together. And that includes unselfish loving, honest sharing, practical serving, sacrificial giving, sympathetic comforting, and all the other 'one another' commands found in the New Testament. (see The Purpose Driven Life pge. 138)

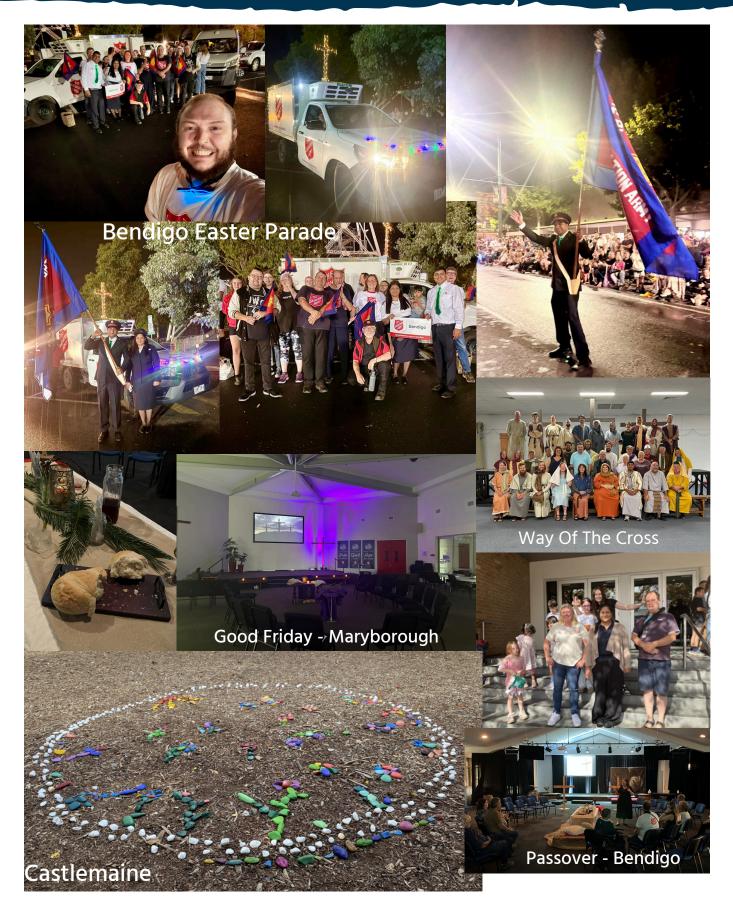
If we are to experience true fellowship, we need to be authentic, we need to give and to receive, we need to be merciful, forgiving, understanding of others feelings, and to support each other in suffering, in serving, in sharing.

As I was reading 'day 18' of A purpose driven life (a book I had actually read many, many years ago, and happened to pick it up to read again) I cried, I want true fellowship, I hunger for the fellowship of Acts. I don't want superficial pretend fellowship, I want genuine authentic fellowship – I don't want hurried conversations, or rushed cuppa's with people, I want to know my fellow brothers and sisters – really know them – and that means that I need to be vulnerable, and to work at building healthy relationships with others. Now I know that it is only the Holy Spirit who can create real fellowship between believers, but shouldn't we (that is if we want that fellowship) work with God to produce a loving Christian community – one that affects the world around us?

Liz (Central Vic Salvos, Maryborough Corps)



## **Central Vic Salvos**







#### **All CVS Invited**

## CENTRAL VIC SALVOS SUNDAY Sunday May 4th | Eaglehawk 10.00am



# With special guest Commissioner MIriam Gluyas Worship followed with a Corps luncheon.

#### PRAISE GOD FOR:

- His amazing Grace and Mercy (it is good for us to constantly remember that nothing we could possibly do, would ever earn His Grace it is a free gift)
- His wonderful faithfulness, God never ever lets us down
- Central Vic Salvos (it is good to work together, for God's Kingdom and the impact we each have on our communities)
- People making decisions to follow Jesus!

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Pray for volunteers. Pray that there will be enough volunteers to cover all the ministries of the CVS. Pray that volunteers will not be stretched thin and burned out on serving, but will maintain a balance between serving and being served. Acts 6:3-7
- The Salvation Army (World Wide) may we all be led by God's Spirit, and God's Spirit alone, may everything we do, be pleasing to God, ask God to remove anything within us that hinders our effectiveness for His Kingdom.
- Continue please to pray for each other, especially those who we know are struggling, who are going through difficult times, who are unwell health wise and in need of physical healing. May we be there for each other.
- Pray for the Catholic Church as they mourn the loss of Pope Francis and go through the selection process for a new Pope to lead.
- **John 13:34-35** "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for each other will **PROVE TO THE WORLD** that you are my disciples."





Colonel Kelvin Merrett
Divisional Commander, VIC

invites you to join us at the official

# RED SHIELD APPEAL

#### **GREATER BENDIGO LAUNCH**

8 May 2025 | 11am - 12 noon

Community Garden
Bendigo Salvation Army
65-71 Mundy Street Bendigo VIC 3550

Light lunch & refreshments will be served

#### **RSVP**

By: Friday 2 May 2025

To: Ashir.Morris@salvationarmy.org.au | 0408 746 144 or Karen.Armstrong@salvationarmy.org.au | 0401 402 275

#### MAY IS RED SHIELD MONTH

The City of Great Bendigo Salvos are coming together to go out into the community and collect for the Red Shield Appeal. Soon the collecting venues with dates and times will be available for your support which is urgently needed. Be the hope someone needs.

# Message from the Territorial Commander Commissioner Miriam Gluyas

Dear friends,

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis. His Holiness was a beacon of compassion, humility and unwavering faith, whose life and ministry touched countless hearts around the world. His dedication to serving the marginalised and advocating for justice and peace resonated deeply with our own mission.

As we mourn this great loss, let us also celebrate the legacy he leaves behind. Pope Francis advocated for economic justice and highlighted the need to foster a global community that cares for the wellbeing of the poor.

Through his encyclical "Laudato Si'," he highlighted the connection between environmental issues and the impact on vulnerable communities, advocating for sustainable practices that protect both the planet and people.

In this time of reflection, let us come together in prayer, honouring his memory. We also pray for his people, that they may find comfort and strength during this time.

Bless you each,
Commissioner Miriam Gluyas
Territorial Commander

#### **RED SUNDAY**

#### **SUNDAY 18 MAY**

As you come to worship you are encouraged to wear red clothing

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Daniel will be leading this group.

# EXPLORING THE SALVATION ARMY

Who are we? What do we believe? What do we do? Exploring The Salvation Army is designed to provide people with an overview of the Army – our history, our military structures, significant symbols, and scope of our ministry and work in the community.

#### **Topics include:**

- · History & beginnings in Australia
  - · Our structures & terminology
  - · Worship, beliefs & practices

If you are interested in discovering Soldiership or Adherency please make contact with Major Karen. Classes will be commencing after Easter.



## EVENTS FOR THE 2ND HALF OF THE YEAR.

June - Worship painting day

July - Making a Psalm 23 bracelet

August - Scrapbook of Faith

**September -** Knitting / Crocheting for a cause **October -** High Tea

**November -** Chocolate Making workshop **December -** Getting ready for Christmas.



#### NO CELEBRATION SERVICE

In Maryborough on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of May to join everyone in Eaglehawk at CVS Sunday. If you are wanting the bus please see Andy.

#### MARYBOROUGH FAMILY CHURCH INC.

97 Burke Street, Maryborough You are invited to the official dedication of the Maryborough Family Church on Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm

RSVP 1<sup>st</sup> June: 0475 032 815



### Castlemaine

#### **EASTER**

#### DIARY DATES

Monday April 28 – Playgroup 10am Sunday May 4 – Pancake and Waffle church

Castlemaine Salvos
Playgroup
Starting Term 2
Monday April 28 2025

10:00-11:30am

47 Kennedy Street

Castlemaine

Free play Indoor/outdoor Playground Nature play Sand play Craft Song and Story time

- Cuppa and cake for adult carers
- Fruit snack for kids



**Gold Coin donation** 

Castlemaine Salvos Playgroup runs as a general community playgroup with leaders and is open to pre-primary aged children with an adult and family member or carer. Families of all shapes and flavours and faiths and philosophies are welcome.

Register or enquire Vicki 0418138435



Begins again this Monday April 28 with a strong core under the leadership of Vicki, Kerry and Chrissy. Let's be praying and supporting this important space of connection with young families in our community.

A warm heartfelt thankyou to all who helped create our easter resurrection day celebration in the botanical gardens. Abundant hot cross buns, and warm beverages, Easter egg hunting, bright green bunting and coloured stone creativity all only come to life when community come together.

#### **COMPOSTING**

Christine has been working enthusiastically alongside our Doorways team to make the most of the produce that comes in with bruising or spoiling, filling the compost barrel. The tumbler is now ready for more carbon - and there's plenty of dry leaf litter falling on the ground. Add a handful or two of dry autumn leaves anytime you're in the playground!

#### **BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP**

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square Ph: (03) 5459 0504

#### **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) 5459 0508

#### **Open Hours:**

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

#### **CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP**

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine Ph: (03) 5459 0506

#### **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

#### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

#### **BENDIGO**

#### **MONDAY**

12.00pm - Community Meal 1.00pm - Art Space 12.00pm to 3.00pm - Free Showers 12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing

#### **TUESDAY**

12.00pm to 3.00pm - Free Showers

#### **THURSDAY**

10.00am to 1.00pm - Free Showers
10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing
11.15am - Chapel
12.00pm - Community Meal
1.00pm - Art Space
3.00 to 5.00pm - Drop in space
6.00 to 7.15pm - Zac's Place
12.00 to 2.00pm - Free Hair cuts
(see Hair Aid poster)

#### **SUNDAY**

10.00am - Celebration Service 11.30am-12.30pm - Free Showers 4.00pm - Discovery Church

#### 65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

#### **CASTLEMAINE**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

#### **FRIDAY**

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

#### **SUNDAY**

10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

#### **MARYBOROUGH**

#### **MONDAY**

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways 10:30am - Women's Fellowship

#### **WEDNESDAY**

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

#### **THURSDAY**

12.00pm - Noon Prayer

#### **FRIDAY**

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

#### **SUNDAY**

9:15am - Prayer Meeting 10.00am - Celebration Service (All Age Worship 1st, Corps Lunch 3rd Sunday) 12.00pm - Junior Soldiers (3rd Sunday) **27 Wills St, Maryborough** 

\*not on during school Holidays

#### **EAGLEHAWK**

#### **SUNDAY**

9:40am - prays

10.00am - Celebration Service

#### **TUESDAYS**

3:35 to 5pm - Choir Practice.

#### **THURSDAY**

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community 3.00pm - Bible Study (fortnightly)\* 4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting - Hall 51 Church St, Eaglehawk

## THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

#### **BENDIGO**

Capt. Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir 65 – 71 Mundy Street, Bendigo | 03 5440 8431 corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

#### **EAGLEHAWK**

Corps Officer: Maj. Karen Armstrong 51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | (03) 5459 0507 corpsofficer.eaglehawk@salvationarmy.org.au

#### **CASTLEMAINE**

Beth Waldron Anstice
47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine | 03 5459 0505
corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au

#### MARYBOROUGH

27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500 corpsofficer.maryborough@salvationarmy.org.au





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.