

Central Vic Salvos

3rd August 2025

I don't know about you, but I love gardening! My partner and I bought our first home about 8 months ago, and one thing I was super excited about was the garden. I couldn't wait to get my hands dirty and plant beautiful flowers and trees. There was one section which is a curved flower bed, and it was dead. The soil was dry; there were weeds and plants I didn't want. So, it was time to get to work! As I was pulling out these weeds, I noticed when I thought I had it all out, the roots were longer and deeper than I thought. So, I had to keep digging deeper to make sure I got all of the weeds out.

Sometimes our personal lives are like this. There are things within us we want to get rid of. Judgement on others or ourselves, bad habits, anger, just to name a few. There are many things that can grow in our "gardens" within us, and if we're not careful they can completely take over. And just like those weeds, we have to dig deep, we have to get vulnerable and make space for God to grow fruitful things within us.

So I got all the weeds out, replaced the dry dirt with compost and new soil and now it's a flourishing garden. And God wants to do the same with us, we just have to trust him with it. Trust him to take the things taking space that shouldn't be there and let Him replace it with fruit that is good for you and for others. Let him grow love, joy peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control in you. But growing takes time and proper care, so nurture these goods things in your life. As you go through your week, think about the things growing within you that you don't want anymore, and be brave enough to give them over to God to turn into something good!

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

Spencer Viney (Bendigo)



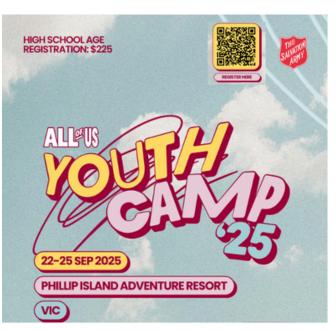
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To purchase any uniform items you need to use the online ordering or at times there will be physical pop up stores. To provide Soldiers with access to the new purchasing platform, we require the information requested in the form linked in the QR code or

https://www.salvosonline.org.au/uniform-orders











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Contact: 5440 8410

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Where? Bendigo, Macedon Rangers, Maryborough and Surrounds.













THE SALVATION ARMY

Central Vic Salvos





The film is brilliant for all Christians, but musos and those interested in church history or our early roots would really benefit from it. There are currently only 5 screenings scheduled in Bendigo at Village Cinemas, from 31 July to 6 August.

Welcome to Majors Bev and Paul Beeson who are with us for the next 5 weeks.

please pray for them both as they settle in this week





PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Please Praise God for:- HIS NAME (Psalm 115:1 'Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your Name be the glory......')
- Praise God for:- HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS (Psalm 35:28 'My tongue will speak of Your righteousness and of your praises all day long'.)
- Praise God for:- HIS INFINITE CREATION (Psalm 150:2' Praise Him for His acts of power.....')
- Praise God for:- HIS WORD (Psalm 56:10 'In God, whose word I praise..')
- May you always begin your prayer in PRAISE of our God.

House of Prayer

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our Congregations Bendigo, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk and Maryborough (Spiritual awareness, direction ,unity, forgiveness, patient endurance, grace and commitment.
- Our Communities in regards to domestic violence, to homelessness, depression, anxiety, fear.....
- Our Country for our national leaders, may the laws of our land follow the commandments of our God.
- Our World for our persecuted brothers and sisters, for those countries in conflict, against hatred and violence, God's blessing, peace and protection on Israel.
- Our 'publications team', as they reflect on the work they do, their purpose and objectives, and how better they can work alongside us

Colossians 4:3-6

"Don't forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ. Pray that every time I open my mouth, I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them. Use your heads as you live and work among outsiders. Make the most of every opportunity. Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out."

This week we are winding back, all the way back to the Iron Age, a thousand years before Jesus and the writings of the early church – back to stories of a wild time when the strongest empires had just collapsed (as they do) and transitions to radical new technologies (moving from bronze to iron) were reshaping the world, and the way ordinary people lived their everyday lives. Sound familiar? Vivid, dramatic episodes starring and critiquing the Israelite folk hero David on his way to becoming King stack up in a book of battles and epic escapades that establishes David as one of the definitive identities of the nation as it emerges on the political stage of the ancient world from subjugation and obscurity as a serious power player.

But curiously, all these sensational stories are gathered, not into a Book of David, but in writings call 'Samuel', highlighting the voice of the prophet, not the king. And it all begins with a woman who pours out her heart to God in prayers and tears and longings for a child.

The Bible cherishes the stories of the humble, the desperate, the devastated, the despised, the 'who even is she?' and though there are plenty of kings and champions and warriors, it is the voice of the woman weeping who gets God's attention. Read ahead for this Sunday in 1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2. Picture 'Prayers on Squares' – community prayers with everyday objects bringing our hearts to God.







SUNDAYS IN AUGUST

August 10 Area Co-ordinator Fleur Hodge visiting, sharing in the meeting and staying for lunchtime listening – Bring something to share for lunch

August 17 Junior Soldiers Lunch

Stay to encourage our youngsters in their service and growth in God.





Wednesday 30th July - Wednesday 20 August Sunday worship will be covered by the following people:

Sunday 10 August - Raelene Creeley
Sunday 17 August - Darren Dunn
please support them through prayer and your
availability.



Monday 1 September to Sunday 7 September We have signed up for 24 / 7 Global Week of prayer movement.

Each morning at 9am you are encouraged to come along and prayer for our world. We are meeting for the hour. Morning tea will be supplied at the end. Morning before worship we will come together and celebrate and look forward to hearing what God does and says. God is going to work so powerfully.

Invite your friends to come along.





Last Sunday, 20th July 2025, a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon was presented at the Eaglehawk Uniting Church. The afternoon was arranged to raise funds for the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter program by our own member Major Karen Armstrong (Salvation Army) Eaglehawk Corp with "the help of some friends".

The participants were the Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band, The Couriers and the Golden City Pipe Band. The music from all participants was lively and warmly welcomed. The Couriers are a Melbourne based Male Quartet that perform Gospel music. The Pipe Band marched into the Church and played a number of well-known tunes before marching out. Those attending were noticed tapping their toes, particularly Major Karen Armstrong (Not sure why that would be???). I do not think that there has ever been a Pipe Band playing in the Eaglehawk Church before, however everyone seemed to get into the swing of things.

There was a fairly fully house, with those attending, including Cr. Andrea Metcalf, Mayor City of Greater Bendigo, who were pleased to spend a PSA listening to well presented music. The Guest speaker was Chris Dalton, from the BWNS program, who spoke of the work of the program and announced that the afternoon has raised a total of \$1650.00, which was a great result. Special thanks to the Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band, The Couriers, and Golden City Pipe Band for making the afternoon a very Pleasant Sunday Afternoon.



A FREE Vison Clinic is coming to The Salvation Army Bendigo!

If you're struggling to see clearly, you can get a free eye test here.

If you need glasses, they will be provided at no cost.

CLINIC DETAILS DATE:

Wednesday 6th August 9:00am-3:00pm

ADDRESS:

Worship Centre (Gate 1) 65-71 Mundy Street Bendigo (enter via the back gate)



Limited appointments available
Call Spencer on **0499 707 871**(Available Mon - Thurs) or stop by the
Centre to book your appointment today!



Bendigo



DROP IN SPACE

Drop in for a coffee and chat every
Thursday from 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Worship Centre
Bendigo Salvos 65-71 Mundy Street

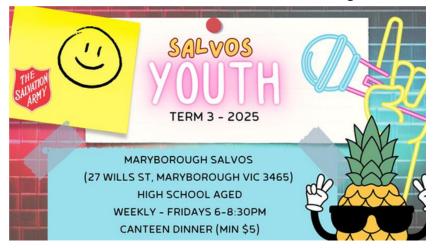
SHOWERS

Showers are available on the following

days - toiletries are provided

Monday:12.30pm - 3.30pmTuesdays:12.30pm - 3.30pmThursdays:9.30am - 12.30pmFriday:9.30am - 12.30pmSunday:11.30am - 12.30pm

Maryborough



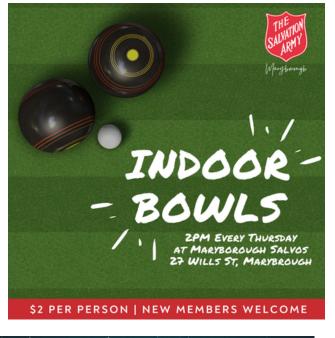


Maryborough Salvo's Play Space

Thursday's 9.30am - 11.00am* 27 Wills Street, Maryborough



Free Indoor/Outdoor Play, Music, Reading,
Friends and Healthy Snack.
Something for everyone,
bring a gold coin donation.
From birth to school age.
Contact: 5459 0500
*during school terms



THIS IS WHAT THE LORD OF HOSTS SAYS:

"IN THOSE DAYS TEN MEN FROM THE

NATIONS OF EVERY TONGUE WILL TIGHTLY

GRASP THE ROBE OF A JEW, SAYING, 'LET US

GO WITH YOU, FOR WE HAVE HEARD THAT

GOD IS WITH YOU."

- ZECHARIAH 8:23

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

BENDIGO

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

12.30pm to 3.00pm - Free Showers

THURSDAY

9.30am to 12.30pm - 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)

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.30pm - Free Showers

SUNDAY

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

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup*

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

THURSDAY

9.30am - Playgroup * 12.00pm - Noon Prayer 2.00pm - Bowls 4.00pm - Kids Club *

FRIDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways 5.00pm - Faith Chats * 6.00pm - Youth Group *

SUNDAY

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

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

3:35 to 5pm - Choir Practice.

THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community 1.30pm - Band Practice* 3.00pm - Bible Study * 4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting - Hall

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays 10.00am - Celebration Service

*not on during school Holidays

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

27 Wills St, Maryborough

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

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EAGLEHAWK

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MARYBOROUGH

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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.