



Central Vic Salvos

29th June 2025

'For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.' Romans 8:14

Bible reading: Exodus 13:17,18

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

Only a couple of verses, but how much they can teach us!

Great miracles had happened in the land of Egypt. These miracles had only taken place to make Pharaoh willing to let the people of Israel go to the Promised land. All Israelites knew this. And after the tenth plague, there was no doubt anymore: at long last they were allowed to leave and go to the 'land flowing with milk and honey'.

There were no obstacles anymore for them to go 'on the road through the Philistine country'. God had set them free and they knew the way; what was to stop them? But God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country...

What a miracle, what a blessing, that the Israelites allowed God to lead them! Just imagine that the promise God had given them - and their own knowledge - had been sufficient to them. Oh, they might have gotten there, but they would not have been so molded by all their trials that they would have shouted in obedience to God at the sound of the trumpet when they were at the walls of Jericho. They would - just as we are accustomed to - have deliberated on their course of action, they would have relied on their acquired knowledge and on the promises of God. But nothing would have happened at Jericho. Their self-confidence, after all the miracles in Egypt, would have stood in their way to put their trust in God and expect the deliverance from Him.

That is why God did not lead them directly to the Promised Land, but molded them through times of tribulation. Therefore, let us too not complain when the road along which God leads us is a bit longer than we find necessary.

Devotional from - <https://breadforourhearts.org/>



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To pay at the Corps please use promo code:
VIC25PBC

For more information please see Beth, Tristan or
Jacob

The Salvation Army has implemented a new purchasing model for uniforms and branded clothing.



This model comprises online ordering with 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>

THANK YOU FOR THE RED SHIELD APPEAL

Monday 30 June

Morning tea for all who helped during
the Red Shield Appeal - Greater
Bendigo

Venue: Eaglehawk Corps

Time: 10:30 am

This event is for both Bendigo and
Eaglehawk volunteers



PSA

Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Concert

The churches of Eaglehawk have combined to raise funds for the Winter Night Shelter

Sunday 20th July 2025



Venue: Eaglehawk Uniting Church

Featuring Eaglehawk Citizen Band & Golden City Pipe Band, along with other musical support

2pm start Donation Entry

Contact Karen 0427 759 641 for more information

Welcome

Retired Officers Majors Bev and Paul Beeson will be here from July 28 to help support Maryborough Corps and CVS



Central Vic Salvos

CENTRAL VIC SALVOS MONTHLY

Prayer & Worship Night

5-6pm

Sunday 29th June 2025

Castlemaine Corps

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

*Please bring a plate of food
to share following the meeting*

Be on your **GUARD**;
stand **FIRM** in the **FAITH**;
be **COURAGEOUS**; be **STRONG**.
Do **EVERYTHING** in **LOVE**.
1 Corinthians 16:13-14

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- Please continue to spend time daily in **ADORATION** of our Amazing and Awesome God, reflecting on God Himself, Praising Him for and in His Love, for His Power and Majesty, for His Wonderful gift of Christ.
- Praise Him for our families and friends, our neighbours and all the people He calls us into a relationship with.
- Praise Him for the Vision and Mission of The Salvation Army, and the part Central Vic Salvos has, the part we each have, in 'preaching' the Gospel message to all nations.
- Praise Him for all the committed and faithful followers of Christ throughout Central Vic Salvos.
- Praise Him for all those who have recently made a decision to follow Jesus and Praise Him for all those who have yet to make that decision (through the help of the ministry of Central Vic Salvos).
- Continue to offer prayers of **THANKSGIVING** - being thankful and grateful for everything that God gives you, for everything that God does for you, even the tough times that we go through, knowing that God will use them for our spiritual growth, if we allow Him to.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our Mission and Vision as we share the love of Jesus by: Caring for people, creating faith pathways, building healthy communities and working for justice, so that wherever there is hardship or injustice, Salvos will live, love and fight alongside others, **TO TRANSFORM** Central Victoria **ONE LIFE AT A TIME WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS**.
- For every officer, soldier, adherent, employee, youth and child, that we will each be active in sharing our faith and spreading the Gospel message, reaching out in practical ways to minister to the needs of our communities, to daily put our faith in action.
- For **PROTECTION** for our Church Leaders - (Major Karen Armstrong, Captains Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir and Beth Waldron Anstice) and their families - if we are advancing the Kingdom of God, we will come under attack of the enemy, and those in leadership are prime targets. Use scripture (Isa. 54:17, Ps 91, Ps 23, Isa. 45:2) Cover them in the Blood of Jesus. May they always seek God first, in everything they do.
- Pray for yourselves and families - we all need protection from the enemy if we are living according to God's will for us.

Psalm 86: 11-13

'Teach me Your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to Your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honour You. With all my heart I will praise You, O Lord my God. I will give glory to Your Name forever, for Your love for me is very great.'



LIFE GROUPS

What is a life group you ask?

Small groups of 5-10 people, who meet together regularly (2 times a month) to worship, pray, read God's word, discuss faith, possibly share in a meal and do life together. If you wish to become a host please see Liz Conway or call 5459-0500

Women's Fellowship - Mondays 10.30am
Janet's Bible Study - every 2nd Wednesday
Noon Prayer - Thursdays 12noon



MARYBOROUGH
Digital Doorknock



INDOOR- BOWLS

2PM EVERY THURSDAY
AT MARYBOROUGH SALVOS
27 WILLS ST, MARYBOROUGH

\$2 PER PERSON | NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

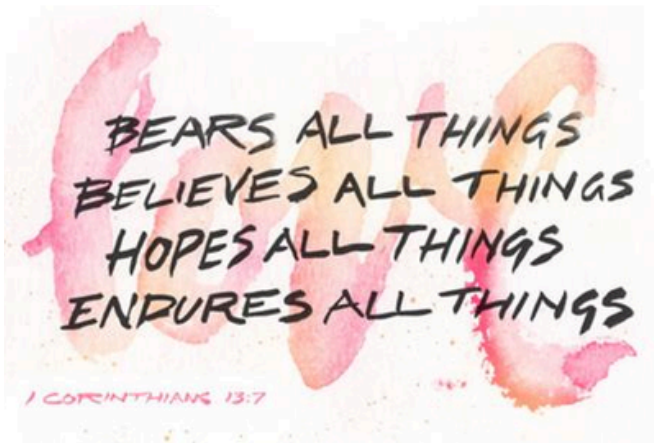


Maryborough Salvo's Play Space

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



Eaglehawk

SUNDAY 20 JULY AT 10AM.

Leading worship will be **THE COURIERS** a male Quartet that have performed contemporary Christian Gospel music around country and metropolitan Victoria for many years. The Couriers believe in sharing the message of the Gospel in song. There will be a corps lunch followed in the afternoon at the PSA.

MAKING A PSALM 23 BRACELET

July 15 at 11:30 am

Cost \$5

Lunch to share



BAND AND CHOIR



Are you interested in singing or playing an instrument.



If YES



Choir - register your interest with Julia
Band - register your interest with Darren.



Castlemaine

Last weekend we passed the Winter Solstice. The longest dark and the briefest day that marks the depths of winter and the turning of season towards warmer days. Heavy rains and storms blessed the land with a thorough soaking. Although we are far from the coastlines here, news of swollen tides reminds us of the breadth of these great migrations of cloud forms roaming the earth above us powerfully shaping our lives and the life of the land we depend upon.

Paying honouring attention to the seasons has been a wise spiritual practice from ancient times for many cultures. Praying for rain, honouring the sun's power are almost ubiquitous features of all religions thinly veiled under many different names. John's gospel for example plots all of the stories and teachings of Jesus around the traditional Jewish observances of the harvests; the early barley, the wheat and the last fruiting.

In the northern hemisphere Christian tradition has placed the celebration of Christmas and the coming of God incarnate in this deepest passage of cold dark wintering. God comes to us in our darkness with warm human flesh, breath and pulse and as Luke writes, by the tender mercy of God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

So it was with this Christmas text from Luke 1 that we called one another to worship last week.

Though it is not Christmas season here now, next week is a local Australian celebration of NAIDOC week.

We have the chance to pay attention to our seasons and story here, close to home. Not just to understand country (land water skies seasons) better, but to sit humbly in the dark parts of our history and (again to quote Luke 1) to let the mercy of God's dawn "give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

God's tilted earth turns
And the darkness draws
cold shadowy mists over the land
Winter solstice arrives
A brief day of light
And the long deep

Everything rests
While beneath the surface
God's mysteries are making ready
For new life to arise



Call to worship

So although visibility is low
We keep going in faith
And we gather again
to praise God in all seasons

Praise in God's gentleness
Praise in God's quietness
Praise in God's slowness
Praise in God's pauses
Praise in God's mystery
Praise in God's love

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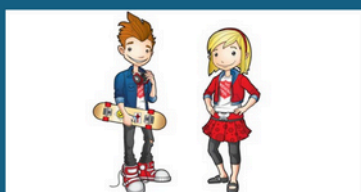
Call to worship



Castlemaine Junior Soldiers

Lunch and program
12 noon - 1pm
July 20

(Third Sunday of the Month)



Sunday July 6



& Waffle Church

Castlemaine Salvos
from 10am



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Central Vic Salvos



Captain Fleur, Captain Ashir, Dann Spiteri, Craig Dawkins, Karen Wright, Steffi Alanna, Captain Hummera and Major Kelvin



My heartfelt declaration to Hummera and Ashir and the entire congregation. I love them and thank you for all that I have, I want to publicly declare that Jesus Christ is my Saviour. In my darkest hour, when I had nothing left but fear and brokenness, He reached into my life and gave me hope. It was through His grace and mercy that I found the strength to escape a violent situation and begin a new chapter in my life. I also want to express my deepest gratitude to The Salvation Army. When I had nowhere to go and no one to turn to, they opened their arms to me and my children, without judgment. They gave me shelter, safety, and the support I desperately needed to take my first steps toward healing and freedom. I want to especially thank Hummera and Ashir for their incredible leadership, care, and compassion throughout my journey. Their wisdom, kindness, and strength guided me through some of the hardest days of my life. I'm truly grateful for the way they walked beside me, helped me see my value, and reminded me that I was never alone. Through the help of the Salvos and by the power and love of Jesus I was able to break free from domestic violence and rediscover my worth as a child of God. I'm living proof that even when all seems lost, salvation is real. Not just in the spiritual sense, but through the everyday acts of grace shown by people who are doing God's work here on Earth. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me. And thank you, Salvos, Hummera, and Ashir, for being His hands and feet when I needed it most. The salvos saved my kids and I and saved my sanity. Hummera and Ashir have helped my faith grow stronger. I appreciate them both so much. With all my heart Karen Wright

Community Meals

DISCOVERY CHURCH

Discovery church is starting a new program called Alpha

Alpha is a beginners course for people who want to know who God is and our place in the world.

Starting 9th of march 5:00pm
If you are interested please contact
Kenneth: 0466 233 230
or
Captain Ashir: 0408 746 144

Bendigo



The Hilltop Cafe provides delicious free meals three days per week.

Monday: 12.00pm - 1.00pm (meals by impact recovery)
Thursday: 12.00pm - 1.00pm
Friday: 10.00am - 12.15pm (meals by MADCOW)



GREATER BENDIGO
Digital Doorknock



Thrift Shops

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

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

10:30am - Women's Fellowship

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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)

27 Wills St, Maryborough

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

3:35 to 5pm - Choir Practice.

THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community

3.00pm - Bible Study *

4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting - Hall

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays

10.00am - Celebration Service

*not on during school Holidays

51 Church St, Eaglehawk



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2 WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON
PLACE YOUR CASH
OR ENVELOPES IN
THE OFFERING PLATE



ONLINE
VIA BPAY
BILLER CODE: 437855
REFERENCE #: 10009



doorways

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 03 8873 5288.
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.