



Central Vic Salvos

8th June 2025

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Ps 145:2-3. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise. His greatness no one can fathom.

Today's inspiring hymn of praise and adoration creation and redemption. Although written in the past reminds as of God's unlimited power and love in century, the hymn has become familiar to congregations just since the close of World War II. It especially became an international favorite after the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team used it in their crusades during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

The original text was written by a Swedish pastor **Carl Boberg**, in 1886. While visiting a beautiful country estate, Boberg was caught in a sudden thunder storm. The awesome and violent lightning and thunder quickly ended, leaving clear brilliant sunshine and the calm, sweet singing of the birds in the trees. Falling on his knees in awe and adoration of Almighty God the pastor wrote nine stanzas of praise. Swedish congregations began to sing his lines to one of their old folk tunes. The text was later translated into German and Russian and ultimately into English by the Rev.

Stuart K. Hine and his wife, English missionaries to the people of the Ukraine. When war broke out in 1939, it was necessary for the Hines to return to Britain, where Rev. Hine added the fourth stanza to this hymn. These four stanzas have since ministered and inspired God's people worldwide.

1: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

2: When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

3: And when I think how God, his Son not
sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burdens gladly
bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

4: When Christ shall come with shouts of
acclamation,
To take me home, what joy will fill my heart!
Then I will bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great
thou art!

taken from a book -
Amazing Grace by Kenneth Osbeck.



World Environment Day

OUR COMMON HOME

BY MAJOR MELANIE-ANNE HOLLAND

In April, the world marked the passing of Pope Francis with sadness and reflection. His impact reached far beyond the Roman Catholic Church. The international leader of The Salvation Army, General Lyndon Buckingham, attended the Pope's funeral mass alongside many other Christian leaders in St Peter's Square.

Pope Francis' legacy of advocating for economic justice and the wellbeing of the poor, along with his example of humble service and inclusion, will continue to inspire Christians across the globe. A particularly impactful aspect is the Pope's encyclical 'Laudato Si', which conveyed the imperatives of environmental care from a Christian perspective, urging the Church towards a more considerate and sustainable future, safeguarding both the planet and its people out of our love for Christ.

Ecological impact

This call to care for Our Common Home reached across faith traditions, inspiring billions to reflect on their ecological impact and how we might collectively respond to the needs around us. As the global community observes World Environment Day 2025 (5 June), we are urged to unite in our shared humanity to protect and restore the environment. Governments, businesses, communities, and individuals can collaborate to become more sustainable and support the flourishing of all life.

Pope Francis shared this vision, stating, "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling."

The Salvation Army's commitment is that "In its operations, among its people and through its public influence, The Salvation Army seeks to foster a culture of sustainability with a focus on long-term environmental solutions" (International Positional Statement on Caring for the Environment). This commitment is far-reaching and practical, encompassing our policies, purchases, practices, and education.

In Australia, this belief has led to the development of solar farms, community gardens and specialist recycling initiatives. All of this comes from a place of faith, believing that "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24, verse 1); a beautiful, wonderful, and endlessly fascinating place that should be treated with love, consideration, and care.



WHAT'S NEXT | DISCERNING THE CALL TO MINISTRY

Exploring what ministry might look like for you starts with the simple step of asking for more information. We have a team of people who are dedicated to helping you discern what your next steps are – and who can also answer any questions you may have about ministry, calling, and becoming a leader in The Salvation Army.

To find out more, fill out an Expression of Interest form online and we'll get in touch with you.
<https://www.jotform.com/213146616652858>





Central Vic Salvos



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, Beth Waldron Anstice and Captains Heather and Peter Stamp) 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.'



Eaglehawk



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Tuesday 24 June at 12pm at the Borough Club Eaglehawk. For more information please see Major Karen.



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

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 and a piece of fruit.
From birth to school age.
Contact: 5459 0500
*during school terms

Area Officer Fleur Hodge
will be joining with us next Sunday 15th
of June for Worship at 10.00am



MARYBOROUGH
Digital Doorknock



WORSHIP PAINTING DAY

Tuesday 17th June from 10am

Come along if you are interested in discovering a new way to worship God.

Eaglehawk Salvation Army
Church Street

WORSHIP THROUGH CREATIVITY:

Ephesians 2:10 emphasizes that Christians are created in Christ Jesus for good works, including artistic expression, which can be an act of worship.



Live painting is an act of creativity. The act of creativity reminds us that we worship and are made in the image of an Eternally Creative God.

Art is valued and inspired by God as a means of reflecting and glorifying the wonder of God.



INSPIRED ARTISTS:

Exodus 35:35 mentions that God filled the Israelites with skill to create artistic works for the Tabernacle, highlighting His inspiration of artists for worship.

DAHLIA AND ARTS

IDEAS FORUM

6.00pm Thursday
12th June

HOW?

Participants engage in small group discussions, rotating between tables to explore a topic through multiple rounds of conversation. The method emphasises creating a hospitable and safe environment for open dialogue, aiming to connect diverse perspectives and foster collective insights.

WHY?

It's time to reflect, refresh and refine our Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival so it remains relevant and sustainable for future generations.

RSVP

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMasQr4YPA7R6Q4q4bmZpThQY21_pfHn1z1l6nhFXE-9HdsA/viewform?usp=headereading

WHERE?

California Gully Mechanics Institute Hall
8/12 School St, California Gully



Corps Lunch

Next Week

Bring a plate of food to share with everyone for a Corps lunch after Worship on the 3rd Sunday of the Month





Castlemaine

Behind the scenes, quietly in the background a miracle has been underway.

In our mission plans we are dreaming of adding a kitchen garden to our outdoor space, replacing what was lost some years ago in the works for the playground upgrade.

A community member from the Anglican Church who shares my great passion for composting has been coming in once a week over the past couple of months and chopping our refuse fruit and veggie scraps into small pieces for more speedy composting. After coming a few times she noticed the pile up of pallets from our deliveries and asked if she could take some to make veggie beds for us.

Quietly she's cut them up and reworked the wood, mindful of the good nourishment they will be holding and nurturing. This week she sent me a photo of her work in progress - this is her second construction with some improvements from mark #1.

There is so much of that aligns with the kingdom ways. Her deep joy will meet the deep need of others; this is truly a grass roots (or maybe soon better to say a rhubarb roots) initiative. We are embodying the love and honour for God's creation - visibly on site with the recycling of materials. Soon the beds will be complete and one chamber of our compost barrel is full and nearly ready for digging in to a load of soil.

This is how the kingdom grows - when we respond to needs and the prompts of the Spirit and give ourselves in ways that multiply our joy and the joy of others. This week the global church celebrates Pentecost, the pouring out of God's Spirit on ordinary people of all ages and diversities upturning expectations and stretching our boundaries of the possible.

I love the chaos of the Pentecost story. If you're unfamiliar with it you can get across it here: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts%202&version=NRSVA>

Acts 2 NRSVA - The Coming of the Holy Spirit - Bible Gateway

The Coming of the Holy Spirit. 2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak ...

This is not a destructive chaos but a wondrous unrestrained complexity of blessing. An empowering redistribution of the Spirit beyond all borders. Fire is a traditional symbol for Pentecost- not a tame safe symbol but a creative energetic power. As winter sets in, Let's draw together around the fire and be ready for the spirit surprises.



DIARY DATES



CASTLEMAINE
Digital Doorknock

June 13 Family Fun night

June 15 Leadership Lunch to be rescheduled



Warming Winkelmann

Open House (drop in)

Sunday June 8

2-4pm

Castlemaine Salvation Army Quarters
2 Winkelmann Dr
Campbells Creek

A friendly afternoon tea
around the outdoor fire,
the kitchen bench
or on the comfy couches
for anyone who feels
Castlemaine Salvos
is their community.



*Beth has been approved to rent the Winkelmann Dr Quarters for 6 months



Bendigo

Gravel Hill site 150th celebration

Celebrating 150 Years of the Gravel Hill Building!

Join us for a special occasion as we commemorate the rich history and legacy of the Gravel Hill Building.

This milestone marks 150 years of community, service, and faith.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, 9th July 2025

Time: 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30am-12:30pm

Location: 65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo VIC 3550

Come and be part of this historic moment with us.

Let's celebrate together!

For more information, contact us at:
(03) 5440 8410

Opening hours: 9:00am-4:30pm



Bendigo



<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/bendigo/>



Pentecost

"THEN I WILL ASK THE
FATHER TO SEND YOU THE
HOLY SPIRIT WHO WILL HELP
YOU AND ALWAYS BE WITH
YOU" (JOHN 14:16, CEV)



GREATER BENDIGO
Digital Doorknock

Chapel Service

Come along for our Chapel service. A relaxed service where we celebrate God and who he created us to be.

Every Thursday 11:15am-11:45am
Worship centre, enter via back gate



Bendigo



Drop In

Why not drop into the Worship Centre on Thursdays between 2.00pm - 5.00pm and have a chat with Dave or our friendly Chaplain, Shiralee. Or come to the Church Service on a Sunday from 10.00am - 12.00pm.

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





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

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

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

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

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

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

*not on during school Holidays

51 Church St, Eaglehawk



Contact Us

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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.