



# Central Vic Salvos

7th December 2025

## THE PRINCE OF PEACE IS BORN

We are now entering into the 2nd week of Advent. There are many readings we can do individually or as a worshipping community. The candle lit is known as the Peace Candle or the Bethlehem Candle (purple).

Peace come which Jesus brings to our hearts and to the world. We are reminded of the preparations made in Bethlehem for the arrival of a Saviour. His birth was humble, in a stable. There was no fanfare, no flashing lights, just the quiet breeze on the night. · Isaiah 9:6-7 - "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this."

We read Isaiah and as you light the Peace Candle, focus on Jesus who is the Prince of Peace. His peace that surpasses all understanding and remains with us regardless of life's challenges. This week of Advent, will invite you to prepare your heart, just as Bethlehem was prepared for Jesus. Open your heart for God's peace to come into your life and your relationship with Him.

The birth of Jesus is found in Matthew and Luke of the Bible. I encourage you to read the story. In Matthew 2 is the visit of the Magi and the escape to Egypt. Luke 2 there is a more detailed account of His birth. The visit of the shepherds, the heavenly choir, and Jesus coming to the temple. As you are reading look for something in the story which you haven't seen before. Ask: what would it be like to be a shepherd, or one of the wise men.

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart as you begin your reading. Write and share your finding with others in your worshipping community, your neighbour, or family members.

### PRAYER:

Dear Father God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus as our Prince of Peace. I know I have read the story of Christmas for so many years now. However please open my heart to something new, fresh, exciting and full of truth. The birth of Jesus is a miracle. Why did you choose Mary and Joseph? Why did the shepherds hear the good news first?

I can have so many questions, but LORD I am reminded in John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God, in the beginning.

Your Son Jesus has always and will always be there. Together we come and celebrate. AMEN.

## PRAYER/PRAISE POINTS:

If you have any you would like to share below please email [centralvicsalvos@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:centralvicsalvos@salvationarmy.org.au) or let your Corps Officer know and they will pass it on



**Pray that we will be a praying church, filled with the Holy Spirit, and experience spiritual revival and a greater hunger for God's presence.**

### BENDIGO CORPS

**General Christmas Season** - Please pray for our Christmas season programmes, that through every event and act of kindness, people may experience the true joy, peace, and hope found in Jesus Christ.

**Community and Outreach** - Pray for those we will meet and serve through Christmas programs, that God's love will touch their hearts and meet their needs in both practical and spiritual ways.

**Church Family** - Please remember in prayer our church family members who are unwell, lonely, or grieving during this season — that they may feel God's comfort and presence.

**Volunteers and Leaders** - Pray for all who are giving their time and energy to prepare and serve during this busy season, that God would strengthen, refresh, and bless them.

**For Sick**

**The world:** for the country's who have had natural disasters recently

**Lord, You have promised us: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7). Today, we come before You asking, seeking, and knocking with faith. May Your will be done, and may Your Spirit guide us as we lift up these requests.**

### CASTLEMAINE CORPS

For our doorways community facing a challenging time of year

For the opportunity to share joy with music and food in Christmas celebrations

For compassion in our systems to reach all kinds of needs

For children and young people to find confidence and peace in the transitions to next levels of schooling

Praise God for opportunities to be seen in our community

Prayers for those in our community impacted by gendered violence.

Prayer for respectful and fruitful conversations during these 16 days of activism against gendered violence.

### MARYBOROUGH CORPS

Praise God for all He is doing in our CVS communities.

Ask for boldness to share the gospel and to be a witness to God's goodness

Pray for believers to grow in their faith, to be strengthened, and to be able to encourage one another.

Pray for the families in our corps

Pray for healing of anyone who is unwell at this time

Pray for God to raise up more workers for the harvest field

### EAGLEHAWK CORPS

For everyone in the Corps

God's name to be honored and glorified

For people who are sick at the moment

For our community and outreach opportunities



## TUNE IN TO THE CHRISTMAS WITH THE SALVOS TV SPECIAL

Our annual Christmas with the Salvos television special is back for 2025, now in its sixth year! Airing on 6, 14 and 25 December on Channel 7, this 30-minute program is the perfect way to welcome the season and celebrate the incredible work happening across the territory.



The Hope of Christmas is a series of devotionals designed to help young families connect with each other and with God during the Advent season.

For each day, there is an fun interactive activity, a devotional reflection, prompts for sharing, and a prayer.



### IT'S WEEK 2 OF ADVENT!

This Sunday, we will explore the amazing truth that we belong to God's family.



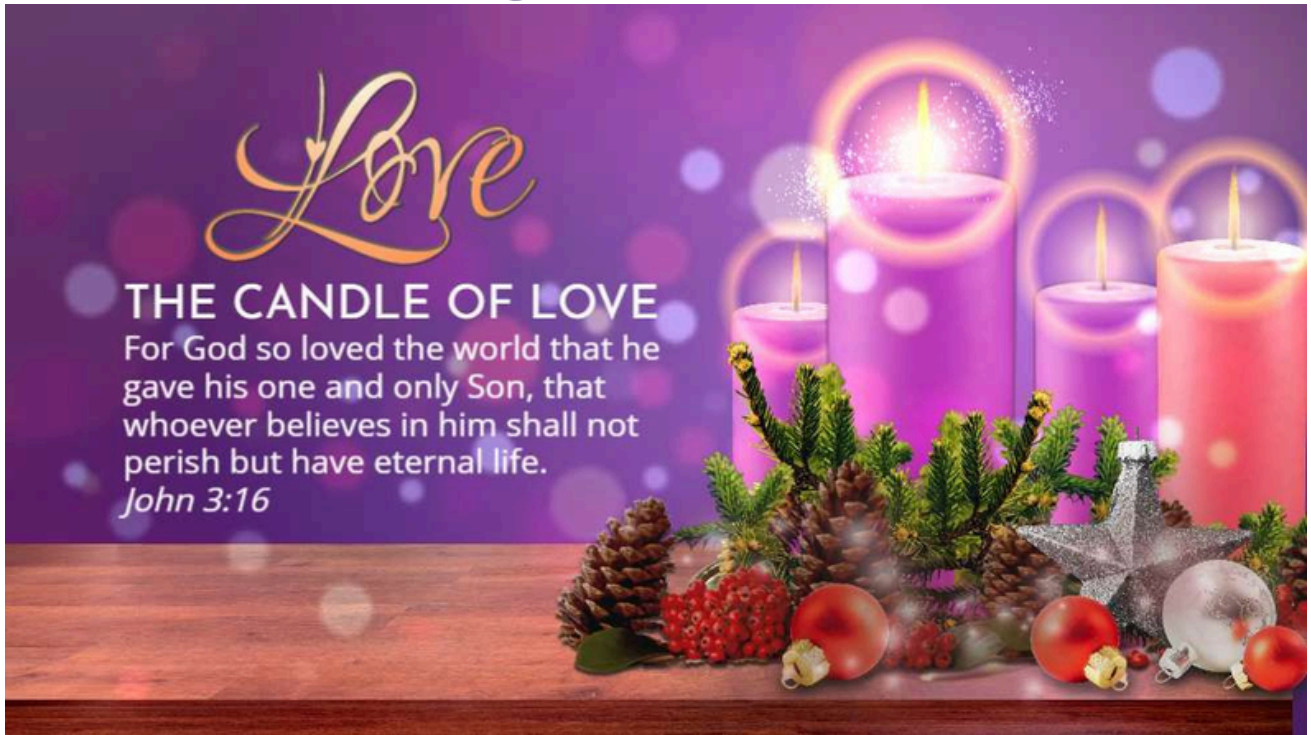
### WEEK 2: NO ORDINARY TRIBE

Key Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25





# Eaglehawk



## Maryborough

### PROMOTED TO GLORY

Cynthia Jarratt passed away this week. please pray for her family

### IN RECESS

Indoor Bowls will resume on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Womens Fellowship & Noon Prayer will resume 2026

### IN NEED

If anyone has any egg cartons they don't need our doorways program could use them.

### THANK-YOU

A big Thank-you to professionals Maryborough on helping us fill our reverse advent calendar boxes



## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

**21st of December 10:00 AM**  
Come celebrate with some Christmas Carols

### CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS

**24th December 5pm** free BBQ & Games  
**6pm** Christmas Carols  
Bring your family & friends to sing Christmas carols

Maryborough Salvation Army  
27 Wills Street,  
Maryborough



# Bendigo

## Christmas Trading Hours:

Tuesday Dec 23 —9AM to 4:30PM

Wednesday Dec 24 —CLOSED

Thursday Dec 25 —CLOSED

Friday Dec 26—CLOSED

Monday Dec 29 — 9AM to 4:30PM

Tuesday Dec 30—9AM to 4:30PM

Wednesday Dec 31—9AM to 12:30PM

Thursday Jan 1—CLOSED

Friday Jan 2—CLOSED

**NO COMMUNITY LUNCH ON THE 25th Dec 2025 and 1st Jan 2026**

**Wishing you and your family a peaceful and blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**



Bendigo

## CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

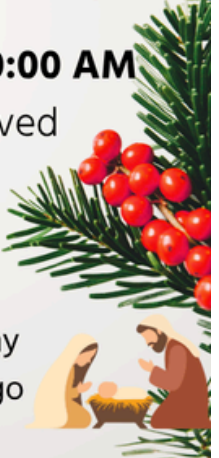


**14th of December 2025 10:00 AM**

Morning tea will be served

🎄 Wear your  
Christmas shirt and  
Christmas hat 🎅

Bendigo Salvation Army  
65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo  
enter via Gate # 1



## CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

Lets get our wrapping on (Christmas wrapping) We are need two people per shift

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>: 10am - 12.30pm, 12.30pm-3pm and 3pm - 5pm

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>: 10am - 12.30pm, 12.30pm-3pm and 3pm - 5pm

Dec 15<sup>th</sup>: 10am - 12.30pm, 12.30pm-3pm and 3pm - 5pm

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>: 10am - 12.30pm, 12.30pm-3pm, 3pm - 5pm and 5pm - 7pm

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: 10am - 12.30pm, 12.30pm-3pm, 3pm - 5pm and 5pm - 7pm

If you can help please call Captain Ashir on 0408 746 144



## PROMOTED TO GLORY

Millie Lee. Millie passed peacefully in a hospital in Perth around 11 am 28/11.

Millie was a member of Bendigo corps. Please pray for her family

## CHRISTMAS DRAMA

### SAME GOD CALLING US TODAY

**21st of December 2025 10:00 AM**

Morning tea will be served

Bendigo Salvation Army  
65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo  
enter via Gate # 1



Bendigo



The CBD Thrift Shop's challenge this week is to wear a wig to work.

## COMMUNITY LUNCH

No Thursday Community Lunch on the 11th of December

There will be a Christmas special lunch on the Thursday 18th December.



# Castlemaine

## Carols outside IGA

Despite Storms, hailstones and gales last Monday, our little group of musicians played a mammoth program of 20 carols at the Maxi IGA outside the chocolate shop! What a great achievement to learn and present all the favourites in a few short weeks of rehearsal. Thanks to the vision and commitment of Dean and Vicki, the support and applause of parents, grandparents and friends. We'll be back again this Monday Dec 8 and Monday Dec 15.

### Christmas Calendar

Mondays in December Brass Carolling outside IGA  
December 15 Karaoke Christmas Carols  
including Just Brass Band, playgroup item, pop up  
choir and spontaneous crowd-sourced stars!

December 17-19 Christmas Cheer -  
food hampers and toys

December 22 Blue Christmas -  
a quiet Christmas service for those whose hearts  
are heavy.

December 25 9:30 am  
Christmas Day Service  
Community House Christmas Lunch

Castlemaine Salvos  
15-17 Kennedy Street by the railway station  
further info Beth 0402383513 or Vicki 0418 138 435

## JUST BRASS PANCAKES & CAROLS

*Merry Christmas*



SUNDAY DEC 7  
10AM - PANCAKES  
10:30 - CAROLS

CASTLEMAINE SALVOS HALL  
KENNEDY STREET  
BY THE RAILWAY STATION



CASTLEMAINE SALVATION ARMY  
CHURCH & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE 10AM SUNDAYS  
DOORWAYS FOOD PANTRY AND COMMUNITY SPACE 9:30-NOON WED & FRI  
PLAYGROUP 10 -11:30AM MONDAY JUST BRASS-3:45-4:45 MONDAY



# 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

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### BENDIGO

#### MONDAY

12.00pm - Community Meal

1.00pm - Art Space

12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing

#### THURSDAY

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

4.00pm - Discovery Church

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

### MARYBOROUGH

#### MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

#### WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

#### THURSDAY

9.30am - Playgroup \*

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

12.00pm - Junior Soldiers (3rd Sunday)

27 Wills St, Maryborough

### CASTLEMAINE

#### MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup\*

#### WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

#### FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

#### SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

### 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

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

\*not on during school Holidays



# Contact Us

## THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

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### EAGLEHAWK

Major Karen Armstrong  
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### MARYBOROUGH

Major Vanessa Evans (Starting December 1)  
27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500  
corpsofficer.maryborough@salvationarmy.org.au



# 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.