

Central Vic Salvos

11th May 2025

Today is a special calendar day, it's a day for us to thank and celebrate our MUM's. In James we read "Every good gift and every perfect gift come from our Father above". So, we give thanks for our mothers, we express our thanks first to God, after all mothers was His idea and certainly a blessing from God.

Sadly, this will be another year without my mum, however I am forever grateful for the influence and love she gave me. I now have passed on these same traits to my children and grandchildren.

All mums are an expression of God's love and grace towards all humanity. Sadly, for some this day does bring pain, other joy and still for some there is grief of a mother who has passed away.

However, you spend this day, a visit, out for lunch, a text message, a zoom call, a card, we all have a variety of stories about our mother's. All our experiences are unique. So, I encourage you to rejoice with those we rejoice, love with those we love, weep with those we weep and hold the hand of a mum.

God, we thank you each for our mother's. The care they displayed, the way they raised us up. This happens through the laundry, preparing meals, taking us to school, introducing us to life and so much all. All this was done with love in their hearts.

Scripture reminds us in Isaiah 49:15 'Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and hove no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you?'

Thank you, God, for your enduring love, promises and faithfulness towards us all.

Mother's Day is more than just this Sunday, it continues all year long. So, to all you mothers, grandmothers, mother-in-law, I hope your day is filled with so much love, joy and thanks.

Let us always honour and appreciate our mums.

They are all very, very special.

God's grace to you all.

Major Karen Armstrong



BENDIGO WINTER NIGHT SHELTER.

Last year this event didn't happen but it is back for 2025. Please register if you are interested in being involved. Eaglehawk Salvos, will be joining the Eaglehawk Churches team on a Tuesday Evening. More information to please contact Major Karen.

Frequently Asked Questions:

"Do people have to volunteer on the website to be on the meal roster for church?"

Volunteering through the website and volunteering to help for the church meal roster are two different things (although ultimately they both go to serve the homeless). If you would like to volunteer to cook a meal for the homeless you just talk to the person at your church who is organising this and get on the roster at church. If cooking is not your gifting or if you would like to volunteer for the Night Shelter at the Spring Gully campsite, then go to the BWNS website and follow the links under "volunteer".

"If someone volunteers through the website do they nominate their church?"

Yes they can if they wish to serve on the same night as the church meal. This might be a good way for a group from your church to volunteer at the same time, volunteering to help in the kitchen or two friends associated with church who have not caught up for ages could volunteer for the overnight shift. This is over and above the church meal roster, but often when people know their church is doing meals, they will also want to help volunteer in other roles if they are able, and often would like to do so on the night of their church meals.

"If someone volunteers through the website are they linked to the church roster?"

There is no link to the church roster for anyone who volunteers on the website, except for the "Meal Provider", who would have to register as a volunteer as they are setting foot on the campsite to deliver the meals by 6pm. This is for insurance and communication reasons, being contactable via the app Elvanto.

If there are at least 2 transport "Meal Provider" people, then driving a meal once a month for 3 months is probably not too onerous for most, but you only really need one for it to work.

"Should we be collating our own list of volunteers to submit?"

There is no need submit lists of cooking volunteers to the BWNS. The meal by 6pm at the campsite is all that is needed, delivered by somebody who has registered. If there are other people who would like to help other than by cooking, then go to the website and register as a volunteer.

Please to not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Blessings and warm regards

Andrei



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CENTRAL VIC SALVOS MONTHLY

Prouzer & Morship Vlight

Sunday 25th May 2025

Bendigo Corps 65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

Please bring a plate of food to share following the meeting



PRAYER MEETINGS

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In line with the Division-wide call to prayer, during the week beginning June 1 CVS Corps will be holding local prayer meetings to pray for our division and the 'Recasting the Net' principles and developments.



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:

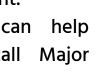
- Pray for volunteers. Pray that there will be enough volunteers to cover all the ministries of the CVS. Pray that volunteers will not be stretched thin and burned out on serving, but will maintain a balance between serving and being served. Acts 6:3-7
- The Salvation Army (World Wide) may we all be 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.
- Mothers and Ladies in our church communities.

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."

Bendigo/Eaglehawk

Greater Bendigo is looking for team leaders for each static point.

you can call please Karen.









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EAGLEHAWK EVENTS FOR THE 2ND HALF OF THE YEAR.

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.



GREATER BENDIGO



The Red Shield Appeal is just around the corner and we need your help. We are looking for passionate and community minded people to volunteer as team leaders at our various collection points. If you are interested please contact Major Karen Armstrong on 5459 0507, Corps Officer Ashir Morris on 5440 8431 or Caroline Carter on 5440 8434.

We also urgently need your support to help man our collection points. The various collection points are below and a roster will be drawn up to put your name down. Be the hope someone needs.

- Eaglehawk IGA & Golden Square Woolworths 12 17 May
- Kangaroo Flat and Long Gully IGA 19 24 May
- Coles Bendigo 19 24 May
- Marketplace and Lansell square 26 31 May
- Kangaroo Flat and Epsom Bunnings 2 7 June
- Caravan and Leisure show Bendigo Showgrounds 30, 31 May & 1 June
- Intersection collection 24, 25 & 31 May



WORSHIP PAINTING DAY

Tuesday 17th June from 10am

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

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

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.



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.

RED SUNDAY

SUNDAY 18 MAY @ 10AM

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



RED SHIELD APPEAL

Static points

ALDI 21st - 23rd May IGA 28th - 30th May

Please sign up in the foyer for an hour or two.





As part of this year's Self Denial Appeal, we featured a beautiful original song by New Zealand artist Xarya, written specifically for our Hope Revealed series.

We've had numerous requests to make it available on streaming platforms—so here it is! We have also created a QR code for the song as well.

Listen on Spotify (and other services): https://social.tunecore.com/linkShare? linkid=5LNjoYHtaTWBu22g8S6JdQ







MARYBOROUGH FAMILY CHURCH INC.

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

RSVP 1st June: 0475 032 815



Are you a door-open or door-closed person? You know what I mean.

Is it your instinct to close the door behind you or around you, or like me, is it your instinct to leave the door open.

I am notorious for leaving doors open – on my car...on a couple of notable and expensive occasions my habit of leaving the car door open while I'm loading things extended to leaving the door open as I backed out the driveway.

This is not to be recommended: don't try this at home.

But openness in life, in our character is a healthy posture. Openness to others, laying down our defenses, building trust and peace; Openness to possibilities, laying down our anxiety and need for certainty and control; Openness to God, allowing wonder and love to shape our lives beyond our wildest imaginings.

Over the page in The Gospel of John, "The Door" is a name that Jesus gives himself – and makes it clear that he's an open door – for us to find our way to God's fulness of live and love.

So, no doubt the end of Mark's gospel is a cliff hanger – the tomb is open and the narrative just stops. Like clickbait that says 'what happens next will astound you' and then the link is broken. Mark leaves the story of the resurrection unresolved, but open to what whatever God is going to do next. Over the years different communities have added various endings to Mark – and these can be found in some Bibles added as an extra at the end of Mark's gospel. This week we are going to leap through that open door and explore the collection of possible endings to Mark 16 from our traditions.

But the more important task – and the thing Mark is really prompting us to do with his sudden mic-drop ending - is to write our own 'next chapter' picking up the story of the resurrection as we find Jesus, up and at it, out and about, Risen and Real calling us to follow. What an adventure!

*Photo: Painted rock village Campbells Creek trail bridge



DIARY DATES

May 17 Family Fun Night – Party Games and Food
 May 18 Castlemaine Leadership Lunch
 May 24 Red Shield IGA Sausage Sizzle
 May 24/25 &31 Red Shield Collection

RED SHIELD APPEAL



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

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

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 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

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

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

Bendigo | Castlemaine | Eaglehawk | Maryborough

27 Wills St, Maryborough

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

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EAGLEHAWK

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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.