



Central Vic Salvos

22nd March 2026

FAITHFUL LEADERSHIP

Just over a week ago Officers from around the Victoria Division gathered for a week of Fellowship with the theme of Faithful Leadership – Navigating the Highs and Lows with God. Our leaders for the week were Colonels John & Lani Chamness who are our new Chief Secretary & Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries & Leader Development.

The week was filled with great teaching, lots of laughs, great fellowship and time to just take in the beautiful surroundings of the Goldfields Resort. For me the week was filled with anticipation, hesitation and a little bit of uncertainty. Let me explain, you see for Rob & I we had not really been to an Officers Fellowship for eight years. Our gatherings in the PNGSI territory were with other Divisional & District Officers and not with the wider officer contingent, so the anticipation was high, I was hesitant as I was in a new setting which I didn't feel as though I was worthy of as the place that we were staying was absolutely gorgeous, I was also uncertain of how I would be received after being away for so long and where I would 'fit'. Can I say that I really shouldn't have worried as both Rob and I were received so warmly and with a great sense of love and appreciation from our fellow officers which truly humbled us. You see we don't see ourselves as anything special we are just two people who have answered the call of God and have said yes to where he wants us to go.

Throughout the week of teaching, we looked at the following:

- Moses - Leading through the Loneliness (Exodus 3;18;33)
- Elijah – From Mountaintop to Wilderness (1 Kings 18-19)
- Joshua – Leading with Strength & Courage (Joshua 1)
- David – Facing the Giants of Leadership (1 Samuel 17)

Each session was filled with exciting insight into leadership and how we as officers can apply this teaching to our lives.

Some key takeaways for me were, **Your calling is sustained by Gods presence, not your performance. Solitude with God is preparation, not isolation.**

Leadership is not about individual success but empowering others. God is present in both the mountaintop and the wilderness. Obedience to God's word leads to lasting success.

Courageous leaders take action and build unity.

God uses who you are – not who you imitate. Courageous leadership begins with trust, not talent.



As I reflect and ask myself the question which of these key takeaways really speak to me I would say that the first two that are in bold are where I am focusing on God at the moment. God has entrusted me to lead his people, to come alongside them and share the love of Jesus, to have integrity, steadfastness, a heart of servanthood and to be dependent on Him and not on my own thoughts or strength, I need to set aside the time to be in solitude with Him, and to be sustained by Him by being in His presence, right where he can take me and mould me during the mountains and the valleys of life and ministry.

Major Vanessa Evans (Maryborough)



MONTHLY QUIET CHALLENGE



March: Prayerful Hearts

Read: **Philippians 4: 6-7**

Write down your prayers and notice How God responds



Bendigo (*pre-Palm Sunday)
Walk for refugees
Saturday 28th March.
Lake Weeroona from 6.30 pm.

Walk for Justice, Freedom and Peace.

Bendigo Churches, and other community groups ask you to stand up for justice, decency and compassion.

Join with people across the nation calling for justice for asylum seekers and refugees; and for a tolerant, generous and welcoming Australia.

Join us from 6.30 pm. at the northern end of the Lake; register, sign our letter of support, and walk around Weeroona as a gesture of solidarity and welcome. We will hold a brief vigil at around 7.15 pm.



Further information: Ken Rookes,
RAR Bendigo. kro23808@bigpond.net.au



Do you know how the Salvation Army Self Denial Appeal began?
It goes all the way back to William Booth

Salvo Leggings Fundraiser

All money raised goes straight to the Central Vic Salvos Red Shield Appeal.

Full Length & Capri Leggings: \$20
Kids & Bike Shorts: \$15

See Ness to order- limited stock available!



Thankyou

Central Vic Salvos are working together to support fire recovery in Harcourt.

Thanks to Eaglehawk for releasing their van, driver (thriftshop Rob) and volunteer Malcolm to deliver large donated whitegoods and furniture to fire affected community members.

Great feedback and warmly appreciated by Recovery Center volunteers and community members.



EASTER @ BENDIGO

SELF-DENIAL ALTAR SERVICE - 22nd March

PALM SUNDAY - 29th March

9:35am - Procession (onsite)

10.00am - Service

Worship Centre

Gate 1

65-71 Mundy St,
Bendigo

PASSOVER - 2nd April

11:00am - Service

GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April

10.00am - Reflective Service

EASTER SATURDAY - 4th April

7.30pm - Easter Torchlight Parade Bendigo

To join in the Parade please meet at the QEO car park between
5.00pm - 7.00pm for more information please see Captain Ashir.

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April

10.00am Service



Easter @ Castlemaine

Good Friday

10:30 Maldon Beehive openair service

(Combined Churches & Maldon Brass Band)

11am Stations of the Cross Walk

(Start and finish at St Mary's, Hargreaves Street)

1pm Fish & Chips Kennedy Street Hall \$10 pp

Easter Story and Craft

Easter Sunday

10am Botanical Gardens BBQs

Hot cross Buns; Easter Egg hunt;

Just Brass Band



EASTER @ EAGLEHAWK

Sunday 22 March 5th week Lent I am the Vine

Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday

Sunday 29 March Passover Meal at 7:30pm

All welcome. Please contact Major Karen to RSVP by March 24

HOLY WEEK Prayer and Scripture Reading

Monday to Thursday at 8:30am each morning.

On the Thursday will be lead by Major Robert Evans

Friday 3rd April Good Friday

St Peter's Anglican church Eaglehawk, 63 High St, Eaglehawk

Followed by Fish Fingers in buns at Eaglehawk Salvos

Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday

Combined Sunrise Service with the churches of Eaglehawk at Lake Neranga

10am He is Risen worship service at Eaglehawk Salvos I AM the Resurrection and the Life.



51 Church Street,
Eaglehawk



EASTER @ MARYBOROUGH

PALM SUNDAY - 29th March

10.00am Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 2nd April

6:30pm -7:30pm Reflective Service

GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April

Interactive Service: 10.00am

Hot Cross Bun morning tea

EASTER SATURDAY - 4th April

Easter Torchlight Parade Bendigo - 7.30pm

(5.00pm - 7.00pm meet at Queen Elizabeth Oval Carpark Bendigo)

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April

Dawn Service - Bristol Hill

Morning Service 10.00am - followed by Easter Egg Hunt

27 Wills Street
Maryborough



BENDIGO
EASTER
FESTIVAL

APRIL 3-6



Central Vic Salvos

EASTER PARADE

Saturday 4th April

Central Vic Salvos are in the Twilight Parade in Bendigo once again to join in the Parade please meet at the Queen Elizabeth Oval car park at 5.00pm.

For more information please Contact Captain Ashir on 0408 746 114

EASTER REFLECTION

Salvos Stores in Greater Bendigo.

Epsom: Friday 27 march at 11am

Whip Court: Thursday 2 April at 11am

Kangaroo Flat: Tuesday 31 at 11am



salvos

STORES

Eaglehawk



MUSIC IN ACTION

Eaglehawk Corps extend an open invitation to anyone in the community who is interested in playing, or learning to play, a brass instrument

Brass Practice: every Thursday pm & plays every Sunday.

If you are interested please call 5459 0507 & press 1

Ask to speak with Darren Dunn.

Beginners are warmly welcomed, with support and mentoring available.



The Salvation Army logo is in the top left corner. The text reads: "Worship Arts Australia presents", "Honour the Brave", "A concert paying tribute to the countless Australians who have served and protected our nation", "Sunday 26 April 2026 at 3pm", "Box Hill Salvation Army", "1010 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill", "Free entry with love offering to be taken to support the Red Shield Defence Services", "Featuring Melbourne Staff Band, Melbourne Staff Songsters, Salvos Big Band". Logos for "MELBOURNE STAFF SONGSTERS" and "SALVOS BIG BAND" are at the bottom. The background features a field of red poppies.

The text reads: "21 MARCH", "HARMONY DAY". Below the text is a row of colorful human figures holding hands, representing diversity. The background is black.

On Harmony Day (Saturday 21 March), we celebrate the strength that comes from our diversity. Australia is home to people from many cultures, languages and faiths, and this diversity is part of what makes our country so special. We understand that our differences are not something to fear; they are what make our communities richer, more resilient and more compassionate.

This year's Harmony Day theme, 'Everyone Belongs', has never been more important. It reminds us that feeling accepted, safe and valued is fundamental to our wellbeing and to strong and connected communities.

In celebrating Harmony Day 2026 we recognise that many people are feeling the weight of conflict, division and uncertainty happening around the world at the moment. For some in our communities, these events are deeply personal and can impact our wellbeing, as well as our sense of belonging and community.

WHEN LIFE IS ROUGH
PRAY

WHEN LIFE IS GREAT
PRAY

Castlemaine

The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. Matthew 7 v25

“Two houses” – This could be Shakespeare’s opening to Romeo and Juliet...or the constitutional legislature of our Parliament...it could be two thirds of the children’s nursery tale of the three little pigs...but in this instance, it’s the wrap up of a large chunk (three chapters worth) of Jesus’ teaching in the Gospel of Matthew.

This classic narrative structure of ‘two houses’, offers a [comparison of outcomes under the same conditions](#). Fierce storms, torrential rains, flooding rivers and wild winds beset the two houses. One, built on rock, survives and one, built on sand, falls.

The parable Houses are not concerned with buildings. ‘Houses’ are a way of speaking about a whole (extended) family system, and the application comes in the plural: ‘those who hear’ and ‘those who hear and do’. Jesus addresses us as [communities](#), not just as individuals

We must think about not just whether we as individuals are hearing and practicing the Ways of God, lest we stand or fall, but how we are implementing the strange sayings, weird ways and challenging calls of Jesus [as a collective – as a ‘house’ or household](#).

This carries a deep challenge for us to seek to discern the way to go together – to discern wisely as a house, not just as a single person.

As I’ve worked across several church denominations and Christian traditions, I’ve had to adapt to the different ways each system discerns and decides how it will apply the Way in it’s own context. The Baptists, shaped in the culture of democratic capitalism, have adopted the processes of the shareholders meeting, with all the members debating and then voting to determine decisions. When I moved to the Anglicans I was stunned to discover that all of the decision-making power for the community was held by the vicar – the senior minister – making a captains call on matters. The uniting church, a modern Australian church has a slow but extremely collaborative and respectful process of consensus decision making in which everyone - by holding up blue or orange cards to show their ‘warmth’ towards an idea - must come to agree together, with all participants displaying orange cards, not just persuade a majority.

In the Salvation Army, many decisions are made in centralised ‘high command’ and transmitted down the line. [But the work of unpacking the ways and wisdom of Jesus in our own places remains in our hands as a community](#).

Whatever governance and discernment system we adopt, ethically, we are not at liberty to simply blindly follow commands from above without the rigor of engaging our own consciences and discernment. The WW2 death camp guard defense of ‘just following commands’ doesn’t wash. But nor does the way of love untether us, letting us forget the welfare of our community in how we choose.

[Jesus calls us family, a household of interconnected strengths and dependencies](#). Our resilience relies on the solid rock of wisely acting together, working out obedience to the call of love put into practice.

[How will we discern and decide how to follow Jesus together?](#)



First Century houses built in on the rock overlooking Galilee in Capernaum. Note how closely they are connected in community.

Castlemaine Sunday Meetings March			
Mar 22	Mt 7v24-29	Rock & Sand – handling opportunity	Maj. Rob Evans
Mar 29	Mt 21v12-17	Pigeons and Prayers – handling anger	Preparing for Easter

Bendigo

THE BENDIGO SALVATION ARMY SMALL GROUPS

Bendigo

Join one of our small groups to take part in 9 weeks of exploring faith, the bible, and community.

Salvation group

beginners who want to learn about God

Starting Thursday March 19th
6:30pm

Discipleship group

people who want to grow their faith

Starting Sunday March 22nd
4:00pm

If you're not sure which group would suit you, please call our reception and have a chat with Captain Ashir Morris (03) 5440 8410

The Salvation Army, 65-71 Mundy st, gate 1

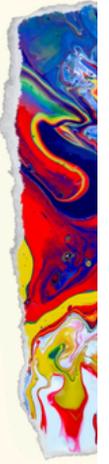
BENDIGO ART SPACE



A free, relaxed drop-in art space.
Inspired by starting afresh and discovering how the Master Creator can do something new within us.
Come, be inspired and create with us!

65-71 Mundy Street
In shelter Shed
(opposite Café)

Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm



Chapel Service

Join us for a half hour chapel service where we discover how the bible relates to us now.
A relaxed discussion and fellowship time.

Thursdays, 11:00am
Bendigo Salvo's 65-71 Mundy St
Worship Centre, Gate 1



Maryborough

NOON PRAYER Thursday's @ 12pm
27 Wills Street
Maryborough

Everyone welcome
Please join us as we spend time in prayer as a church

COMMUNITY MARKET DAYS

FRESH PRODUCE, BREAD AND OTHER ITEMS AS AVAILABLE

MON, WED & FRI 10AM-12:30PM
*excluding public holidays, while stocks last

SALVOS KIDS CLUB THE SALVATION ARMY Maryborough

A WEEKLY PROGRAM FOR KIDS IN PREP - YEAR 6

4PM - 5:30PM THURSDAYS \$2
Games, Stories, Crafts, Songs and Lots of Fun!

@ MARYBOROUGH SALVOS
(27 WILLS ST. MARYBOROUGH)

For more information call 03 5459 0500



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
12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing
1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space

THURSDAY

10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing
11.00am - Chapel
12.00pm - Community Meal
1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service
10.30am - Kids School

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

8:30am - Weekly Prayers

WEDNESDAY

11am - 12:30pm Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch

THURSDAY

2.00pm Band Practice
11.00am 3rd of every month - Aged Care Service

FRIDAY

11.00am Creative and Create Hub
finish at your own leisure

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays
10.00am - Celebration Service
3rd Sunday of month is the church/corps come
and share lunch together. starting February to
November.

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry
10:30am - Women's Fellowship *

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry

THURSDAY

12.00pm - Noon Prayer
1.30pm - Bowls
4.00pm - Kids Club *

FRIDAY

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

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting
10.00am - Celebration Service with Kids
Church

27 Wills St, Maryborough

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - Playgroup*
3:45pm - 4:45pm: Just Brass

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

*not on during school Holidays



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.