



# Central Vic Salvos

24th May 2026

## A REASON TO CELEBRATE

Hallelujah, He is Risen, He is Risen indeed. These words sang out around the world on Resurrection Sunday. Since then as I wrote about in my last front page of the CVS Newsletter we have been in the season of Eastertide.

Thursday 14th May is the 40 days after Easter and is Ascension Day. Know as the day Jesus was taken back up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God.

I wonder what it was like for the disciples who witnessed this happening. Imagine you are there as a disciple. What did it sound like? What was it like to touch Jesus? You heard His voice. Was there a breeze, was it hot or cold. Notice how you respond?

In the gospel of Luke 24:50-51 we read: "Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven." In the book of Acts, Luke describes the same event in different words: "And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight... Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away" (Acts 1:9; 1:12).

The disciple witnessed something I will never see the ascension of Jesus Christ. A bewildering, awe inspiring yet a startled confusion event in history. Their gaze was heaven ward into the sky above until the angel spoke – "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?"

Sadness for Jesus was not physically going to be beside them to Joy – great Joy.

May this Holy Day remind you to lite your hearts, live in hope, and find real joy in the promise of Christ's presence among you.

May the blessing of the Ascended Lord fill your hearts with His peace.

Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us all.

As Jesus ascends to heaven up, may your faith also be lifted up knowing He is always with you.

Come let us celebrate Jesus Christ.

Karen Armstrong (Major)  
Eaglehawk



After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

ACTS 4:31, TPT

PENTECOST



Central Vic Salvos

# Farewell Service

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026



**The Salvation Army  
Bendigo Corps**

Gate 1, 65-71 Mundy St Bendigo

**Fellowship Lunch**

12:30 - 1:30 pm

**Farewell Service**

2:00 - 3:30 pm

*Captains Ashir & Hummera*



**Goldfields Track**

*Red Shield Appeal Walkathon*



Last week Major Rob walked 200k to raise money for the Red Shield Appeal he was joined by Troy for the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the walk. If you would like to give a donation please scan the QR code or go to the website below.

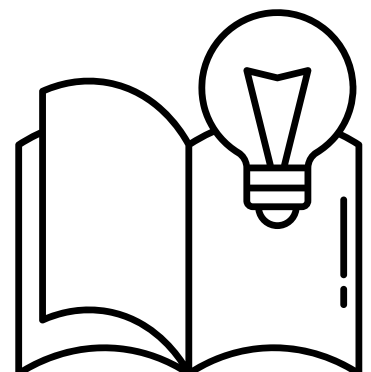
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## QUIET TIME CHALLENGE WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT

Read: James 1:5

Ask God for wisdom in one decision you are facing



THE SALVATION ARMY BENDIGO CBD THRIFT STORE

# Volunteers needed

WE ARE LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY-MINDED PEOPLE WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY HELPING OUT AT OUR STORE. WE ARE OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED AND FULL TRAINING PROVIDED.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED DROP INTO THE STORE AND SPEAK TO OUR FRIENDLY STAFF 18 PALL MALL

OUR HOURS ARE 9.30 - 4.30 (TUE - FRI)  
& 10.00 - 4.30 (SAT) OR CALL 5440 8434



## RED SHIELD APPEAL COLLECTING PLACES

Eaglehawk IGA, Long Gully IGA, Kennington Woolworths, Market Place, Lansell Square, Kennington IGA, Caravan and Campervan Show. Supermarkets in Maryborough if you have any time to spare and help collect money for our appeal please see your Corps Officer/Leader



## BENDIGO, WE NEED YOU!

As the cold sets in, so does the reality for those sleeping rough in our community. Bendigo Winter Night Shelter is gearing up for the 2026 season, and we're calling on everyday people to step up and make a real difference.

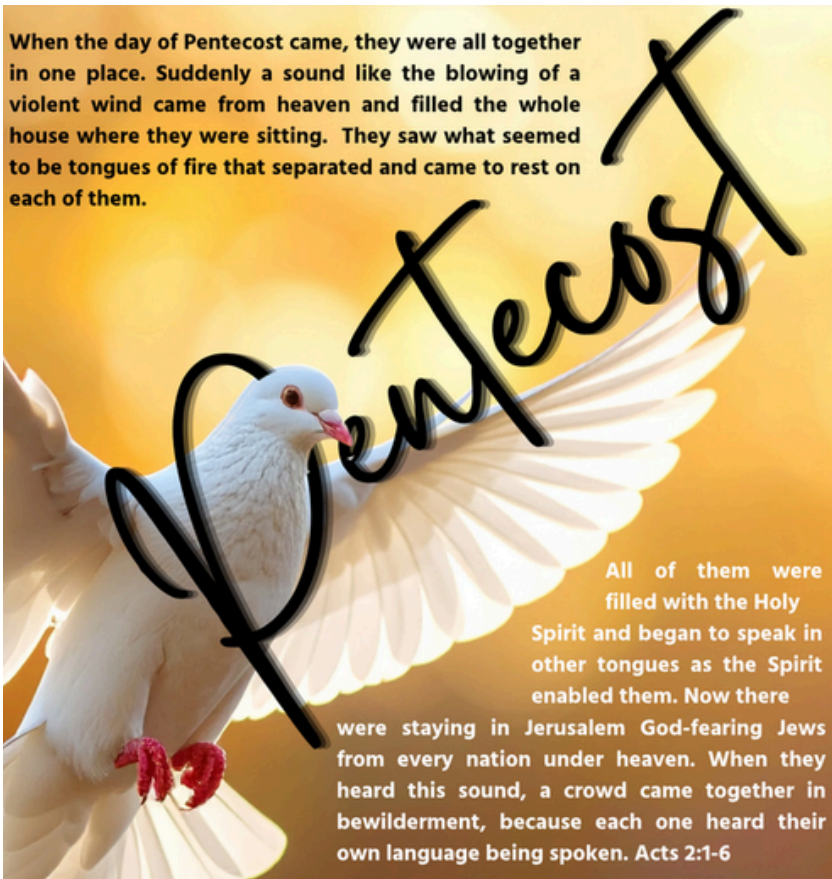
We need volunteers across all areas, welcoming guests, meal support, overnight stays, and behind the scenes help. No experience is needed, just a willingness to show up with compassion and respect.

This isn't just volunteering, it's being part of something that can change a life, sometimes simply by seeing the person in front of you.

If you've ever thought "I should help" This is your moment.

<https://www.bwns.org.au/join-the-team/>

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Acts 2:1-6

# Bendigo

Our amazing volunteers providing a great meal for our community members!

We have two free community meals a week, Monday and Thursday 12pm.

## Laundry



Stop by the big orange box next to the Worship Centre and have a chat with our friendly volunteers while you wash your clothes.

Please make sure you arrive 45 minutes before closing to allow enough time to dry your clothes

Monday: 12.30pm-2.30pm

Thursday: 10.30am-1.30pm



## COMMUNITY MEALS

We have two free Community Meals each week.

Monday (held by Impact Recovery): 12:00pm-1:00pm

Thursday: 12:00pm-1:00pm



Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy st  
Hilltop Café

Bendigo



Help us create The Salvation Army's 2027 calendar!

We're looking for stunning nature photos from across Australia to feature in our 2027 calendar. From rugged coastlines and native wildlife to wide-open landscapes and hidden local gems, we want to showcase the beauty that is Australia.

Your photo could help brighten someone's wall while also helping tell the story of The Salvation Army's work in communities across the country—bringing hope, care and support to people across Australia.

Whether you're a seasoned photographer or just love capturing the perfect moment outdoors, we'd love to see your best shot!  
for more information scan the QR Code or

<https://www.salvosonline.org.au/calendar-photo-submission>

# Castlemaine

There's a classic 70s 'Jesus movement' song - are you ready with your tie-due Tshirt, sandals and open face tambourine? - with the tag line 'they will know we are christians by our love'.

Set in the context of a break away from a deeply economically conservative institutional church that had become enrolled in the causes of political dominance and social regulation, the song was an expression of resistance against being defined by doctrinal differences.

And I for one can sign up to that distinctive - being renowned for loving - over anything else. In serving our community in Castlemaine and beyond we find unity and collaboration with others under this banner. Who is prepared to step forward to love?

But in Luke 10 as Jesus sends his followers out to find their own way in the mission of God he gives them a slightly different criteria for finding good news or gospel collaborators.

Jesus recommends that we look for people of peace.

The notion of mission in Jesus' playbook isn't the colonial foreign invader in a pith helmet, planting a flag and a cross in the ground and staking a claim, fighting for spiritual dominance and defending the faith.

For Jesus, the mission of Good News means coming empty handed - just bring ourselves - finding the fellow peace makers in your neighbourhood, sitting down together to share food, and then extending the table as many times as you need to as you welcome and make room for and make peace with others.

Going back to our Jesus movement 1960s song book, perhaps we can add another verse - just as challenging - 'They will know we are Christians by our peace...'

In theological terms the big mission of God is reconciliation; that is peace making. And God begins with himself - addressing what's gone off the rails between God and humanity, and putting that right.

From there God continues with the mission of reconciling humanity with itself and with creation - a massive project that we are invited to join in.

If we are to embark on this mission with God, we best take a leaf out of his book, and start with ourselves, reconciling where things within and between us and others is broken. Others will know we are Christians by our peace.



## RED SHIELD WEEKEND

Sausage Sizzle & Bake Sale

Outside IGA

Saturday May 30 9.00am - 1.00pm

Girton college students collecting

Sunday May 31

## CLOTHING SWAP

Saturday June 6 2-4pm

Salvos hall

Kennedy Street



## SUNDAYS @ CASTLEMAINE

<b>May 24</b>	Luke 10v1-12 John 20v21	On the way (Mission)
<b>May 31</b>	Luke 10v1-12 John 20v21	On the way

# Eaglehawk

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



Saturday morning was the annual Mayors breakfast for the city of Greater Bendigo. Major Karen Armstrong is part of the organising committee and a deep prayer. This year there was over 80 people in attendance from all different walks of Christianity. Guest speak Tim Maxwell. He spoke on Joseph and Daniel, how both had been taken away from home. How God used them in places of high position and power. They both kept their focus in God and didn't change who they were to the way of the world. Mayor Thomas Prince spoke on his journey and his faith. This event is now booked into the city of Greater Bendigo council calendar every May. All glory to God

## Maryborough

### COLLECTING AT SUPERMARKETS

25th - 29<sup>th</sup> May

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June

if you have any spare time to help  
collect for the appeal would be great.



THE SALVATION ARMY  
Maryborough  
**RED  
SUNDAY**

10AM SUNDAY 31ST MAY

\$1 DONATION TO THE APPEAL





# 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

### EAGLEHAWK

#### TUESDAYS

8:30am - Weekly Prayers  
9:45am - Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch

#### THURSDAY

11.00am 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month - Aged Care Service  
2.00pm - Community Pantry  
3.45pm Band Learners  
5.30pm Band Practice

#### FRIDAY

11.00am Creative and Create Hub  
finish at your own leisure

#### SUNDAY

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

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

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

9.30am to 11.00am - Playgroup \*  
11.15am to 12.45pm - 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.