

Central Vic Salvos

11th February 2024

I would like to introduce myself – Major Karen Armstrong, I am the incoming CO for Eaglehawk Salvation Army.

I am a parent with 3 adult children, and they are married. I have 5 grandchildren and I am known as G'ma. Last year was wonderful as all my children became parents. The youngest is just 3 months. All praise to God.

I was born in Wakefield, England and come to Australia with my family back in 1972. The Salvation Army has been mostly part of my life going to Croydon Citadel in England and Box Hill as my home corps. My parents were officers (both PTG) and I had grandparent officers. I am 5 generation salvo. MY first husband is now dec, and I am married to Malcolm.

My interest – Jesus first and the love of my life. I am a big on crafting and try all craft. I love to paint. I enjoy going on bush walks and I love the ocean and watching the waves crush up against the rocks. This is my place to go to when I want to be drawn more into the heart of God.

What does it mean to be 'Drawn into the Heart of God.'

This question was first put to me many years ago when I was with my Spiritual Director. Since that day it's something I often reflet on.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him,

Out of this scripture then came the word 'DWELL'. When I was living in SA for a entire year I then decided to think on this word and I kept a journal. Being a creative person, I did drawings, creative writing, I wrote down passages of scripture. For me this was and still is exciting to see where and how God was showing me more of who He is in my life.

As I have been looking back in my journal, I think the biggest revelation was the word 'Shekinah Glory'. This was a wow moment, that mountain top experience. While this word is not in the scriptures it does describe the visible presence of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:2 b but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

The word Shekinah is a Hebrew name meaning 'dwelling' or one who dwells.'

My encouragement to you is God is wanting to take you deeper into His very presence. Everyday spend valuable time with Jesus when you open up your bible.

You may find a word for 2024. Grab a notebook / journey and start writing down whatever the Holy Spirit places into your heart. It exciting when looking back over your faith journey and you can see just how much you have grown spiritual. Together we are all part of God's plan for the world, and we are woven into His tapestry.

God bless you all.



Spotlight On The Central Vic Salvos

NEW SCHOOL MINISTRY

Well we are pretty much back into the full swing of the year leaving many of us that have a quieter January wondering where it went. I for one am excited to see what the year holds as I hear all the different possibilities of what can happen this year.

I am pleased to introduce a new initiative that kicked off this week – the School Lunchtime Program at Maryborough Education Centre. Run by The Salvation Army, this program involves our team engaging with students during their break time. Activities range from casual conversations and games to simply being a supportive presence for those in need.

The Purpose of this program is to create a welcoming and safe space to kids who may be having a tough day or need a friend or just want to escape the rat race of what Primary school can be.

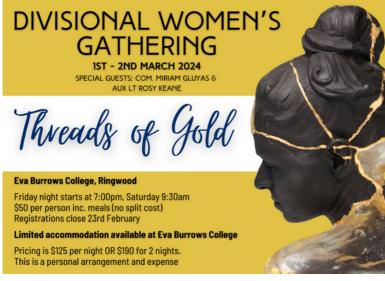
On our first week we saw about 30 Young people in the room (Sadly we cant share photos of the young people so staged some photos with our leaders) and I know that the team are excited to continue to connect with the young people and see what is in store for the future.



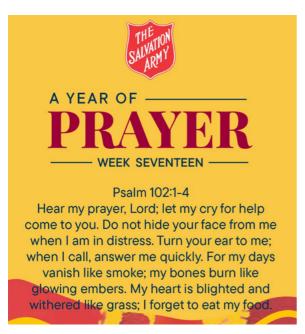
















"It is written," he said to them "My house will be called a house of prayer" Matt 21:13

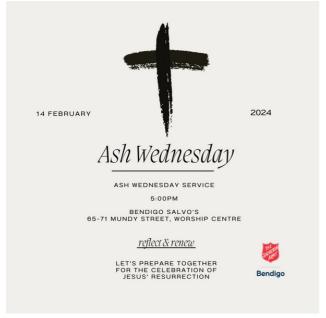
"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise" James 5:13

Please pray for:

- Those who are unwell physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally
- For people to start following Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- For all the corps, programs & services in Central Vic Salvos -Bendigo, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk, Maryborough, Avoca and St. Arnaud.
- Our leaders National, State, Local (Government, Community &
- CVS programs & services restarting for the year
- This week we are praying for Wimmera and Great Ocean Road ALTs. The Area Officer responsible for leading mission in this area is Major Peter Walker.

Praise God for:

- Answers to prayer
- People making decisions to follow Jesus!
- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services
- For His Holy Spirit







Last Sunday we celebrated
Alice Cemeron.
She completed
45 years as a solider on 13th of December 2023.

Bendigo Banking Details

Account Name: The Salvation Army BSB: 033-688 Number: 811 119

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

THURSDAY

12.00pm - Community Meal

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

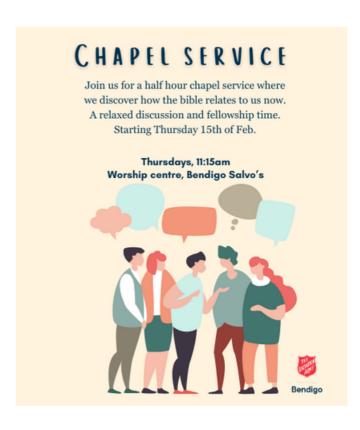
65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo *School terms only

BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square Ph: 03 5441 7608

Open Hours:

9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday 9am-2pm Saturday







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EASTER
FESTIVAL
PARCH 19 - APRIL 7

SAVE THE DATE

Torchlight Procession on Easter Saturday March 30, 2024

WHO OF YOU BY WORRYING CAN ADD A SINGLE HOUR TO HIS LIFE?

MATTHEW 6:27

DO NOT WORRY

Eaglehawk Banking Details

Account Name: The Salvation Army BSB: 033-688 Number: 803 234

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

51 Church St, Eaglehawk *School terms only

EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark Ph: 03 5446 7928

Open Hours:

9:30am-5pm Monday to Friday 9:30am-4pm Saturday



Across

- If God cares enough to _____the birds, how much more will he provide you?
- 4. Where your treasure is, there your ____ will be also.
- Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up treasures in ______.
- Jesus said, "Do not be _____ about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on."

Down

- 2. Do not worry about what you will ____, drink, or wear
- Your heavenly ____ knows what you need, and He will take good care of you.
- But seek first the _____ of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
- 7. Do not store up treasures on earth, where moth and destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.



MAINE MINIS PLAYGROUP

Maine Minis Playgroup is Back on Monday mornings 9:30am-11am during school term. Come along and sing, dance and play. If you would like to volunteer please see Sharna.

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine Ph: 03 5470 5636

Open Hours:

10am-4pm Monday to Friday 10am-3pm Saturday

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

SUNDAY

9:45am - Band Rehearsal 10:30am - Celebration Service 11.00am - Audio Service | 105.0FM

programs resume Feb 2024 47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine *School terms only



Junior Soldier Enrolment





SUNDAY FEB 18 AT 10:30

JOIN US AS WE SHARE FOOD, FUN AND FAITH TOGETHER! BRING THE FAMILY!











MARYBOROUGH WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MONDAY

10:30am - Women's Bible Study*

THURSDAY

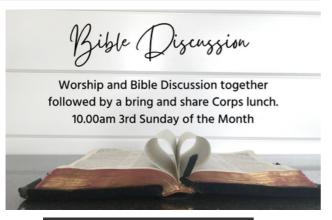
9:30am - Mainly Babies (0-2years)*
10:30am - Mainly Music (0-5years)*
2.00pm - Indoor Bowls
4.00pm - Kids Club (Primary school)*
5:15pm - Junior Soldiers*

FRIDAY

5.00pm - Youth Life Group (High school)*
6.00pm - Youth (High school)*

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting | M 10.00am - Celebration Service | M (Pancake church 1st sunday, Bible Discussion and corps lunch 3rd Sunday) *School terms only









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

THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

CASTLEMAINE

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Corps Officer: Capt. Amy Jones

Capt. Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir

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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.