Proverbs 31:28 Meaning of Her Children Arise and Call Her Blessed.

Reading this scripture, especially the verves leading up to verse 30, one might believe that the only things that women did were in the line of home and child-minding duties. Of course, 'In those times,' many of the duties completed by women were in the home, they lived in the family home until married when they moved into the new home with their husband. Today we have many different roles in our community where women are involved. Election to the first woman in any Australian parliament occurred in 1943. First woman to graduate from a Victorian University was in 1883. From memory of a sociology lecture in 1995, there were very few women in the workforce until the second world war. With so many men away at war, women to called upon to work on the land and in the factories. During this time, women had the opportunity to demonstrate that their work was as good as ever. In the open cut mines of Western Australia, women are being sought to drive the large trucks as apparently, they have less breakdowns and damage to the trucks. I wonder if the writer of the Proverb was putting the same list of blessings for women today, just what the list may look like.

But really, is it a list of behaviours that is most important? No not at all, for we read right at the end of the chapter which is also the end of proverbs – "30 Pleasing ways lie and beauty comes to nothing, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised. 31 Give her the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates." While doing daily work well and with care is a blessing, at the end of the day this will become nothing. It is the Fear of the Lord that is most important, it is the relationship that she has with God that makes her efforts blessed. She is to be honoured for "all her hands have done" (Prov 31:31). God made men and women in his image to be equal but different. They are equal as image-bearers. They are co-heirs in Christ. They have each received the "Spirit of sonship" (Ro 8:15). They are equal before God and they are equally important to God.

So as we approach mother's day, a day that as we know it today commenced in the United States in the early 1900's to acknowledge mothers. The title seems to be limited when we acknowledge all that women are in our modern community. Of course, those that are blessed are those that fear the Lord and have found salvation the Jesus. Blessings to all.





National Volunteer Week

We want to celebrate you! The Central Vic Salvos wants to say thankyou to all our volunteers for the amazing work you do. please join us at one of the following events in your area.

Maryborough/Avoca/St Arnaud

17th May 10:30am at the Maryborough Thrift Store **Bendigo**

15th May 10:30am at Bendigo Salvation Army

Castlemaine

17th May 5:00pm Castlemaine Thrift Store **Eaglehawk**

18th May 11:30am Eaglehawk Thrift Store

RSVP: Edward Harding 0476 150 743 Ronald on 0433 811 884 Sunday 14th May. If you have any dietary requirements please let us know



"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 - Maryborough, Eaglehawk, Castlemaine, Bendigo, Avoca and St. Arnaud.
- Our leaders National, State, Local (Government, Community & Salvo)
- CVS programs & services
- This week we are praying for North and Northeast of metropolitan Perth area of The Salvation Army.
- Red Shield Appeal

Praise God for:

- Answers to prayer
- People making decisions to follow Jesus! Our 2023 CVS total = 5.
- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services

Pentral /ic Galvos



Friends

hearing from so many people. I will continue to listen. Discerning what the Spirit is saying in all that I hear is Over the past few weeks, I have done a lot of 'listening' around the Australia Territory and have loved key. We want to hear from the Spirit of God

We are writing a new story together, and I think we all welcome that

am hearing clearly that:

- We want to see Australia transformed, one life at a time, with the love of Jesus.
- We want to follow Jesus.
- We want to move people onto God's agenda
- We want to live ... Jesus-centred. Spirit-led. Hope revealed (we have lost some hope but want hope
- And we admit that we don't always know how to get there

We feel a little like the writer in 2 Chronicles 20:12 "... and we don't know what to do, but our eyes are on

And so, I invite you to 'COME WITH US' on this journey

Come with us ... as a people of praye

This seems like a 'no-brainer', but that is not necessarily so.

- Are we all on our knees, really seeking God?
- Are we praying big prayers, believing that our God will answer?

If we really "don't know what to do, but our eyes are on you", are we desperately seeking God?

- Are we praying for a world that often seems so messy? Are we praying for the Church, which Are we praying for salvation, family, friends, and our friends across the world? seems to be more and more persecuted across the face of the earth?
- Are we praying for God to raise up leaders?
- Are we praying for creativity, for the new thing, for how God wants us to be the Church?
- Are we praying for healing body, mind and soul?
- Not 'God bless us' prayers, but prayers of real faith.
- And are we sharing the answers? That builds hope and faith.

May faith rise in each of us!

Come with us ... on a one-one-one journey

We need every Salvationist/Salvo on mission to be involved in at least:

- One worship service a week
 - One discipleship group a week One ministry a week

Imagine what God can do if we are all on God's mission

- How has God wired you? What does this look like for you?
- Let God speak to you about what this might be like in your life.
- What is the Spirit of God saving to you?

world out there that desperately needs Jesus. The world needs us all to play our part, to live close to Jesus. Will you step out in faith and, as Mary said to the disciples, "Whatever He says to you, do it"? There's a

Come with us ... in making disciples who make disciples who make disciples

- Who is discipling you, and who are you discipling?
- Seek God on how you continue or begin the journey. We all need discipling and to disciple.
- l love discipleship huddles. It's all about 'discern and do' discerning what God is saying and doing something about it.
- Read a chapter of the Gospels together
- Talk about what each of you thinks God is saying.
- Decide what you will do because of what God is saying to you
- Come back next week and talk about what vou discovered What will you do together on mission?
- Or use something that works for you. There are so many great resources available. This has not been a

Living like Jesus and for Jesus in these days is so very important

strong point with us, but can I invite you on this journey? It is so key

We are a holiness movement. We are a mission movement. We need to get the balance. On our knees, then ising, then going forward into a world that desperately needs Jesus. Living like Him and for Him

Can I invite you to 'COME WITH US'?

Many of you are already, and how I thank God for you. Let me remind you again of the verses that I shared

your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed – that exhilarating finish in and with God – he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honour, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he ploughed through. That will shoot advenaline into your souls! "Hebrews 12:1-3 MSG we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running – and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep "Do you see what this means - all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means

Bless you, friends. Grateful to you and for you,

Commissioner Miriam Gluyas

The Salvation Army Australia Territory



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER, AND HELP US LEAVE NO ONE IN NEED

May 9-27 | Greater Bendigo

Email corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au for more info



SIGN UP:

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New Appointment

Effective August 1st

Captain Ashir Morris

Corps Officer Team Member: Central Vic Salvos with responsibility for Bendigo Corps Victoria Division

Captain Hummera Morris

Corps Officer Team Member: Central Vic Salvos with responsibility for Bendigo Corps Victoria Division Please pray for Captains Ashir and Hummera as they prepare to move from Pakistan to Australia



BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

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

Open Hours:

9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday 9am-1pm Saturday

EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark Ph: 03 5446 7928

Open Hours:

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

FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER

Biggest Morning Tea 16th May 2023 @ 10am Salvation Army Hall Church St, Eaglehawk Gold Coin Donation.

Bendigo & Eaglehawk Banking Details

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





RED SHIELD APPEAL

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine Ph: 03 5470 5636

Open Hours:

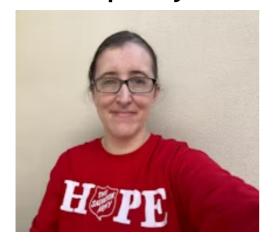
10am-4pm Monday to Friday 10am-3pm Saturday

Collection Points:

Maxi IGA: Monday 15/5- Sat 20/5 9-3 Newsagency at Castlemaine: Wed 24/5- Friday 26/5 BBQ outside of Castlemaine Newsagency: Sat 27/5 9-3

Help Amy Jones Raise Money For Red Shield

castlemaine-fundraiser



One year in Tassie I and my lovely accomplice Kahlia raised funds by being covered in Red Paint! So my crazy self is going to try this again! If I can reach my mini fundraising goal of \$350 towards Castlemaine's RSA, I will give the Castlemaine kids the opportunity to throw sponges covered in Red Paint at me! Will you help them have some fun at my expense? https://www.digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/amys-







MARYBOROUGH THRIFT SHOP

78-80 Alma Street, Maryborough Ph: 03 5459 0501

Open Hours:

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

AVOCA THRIFT SHOP

114 High Street, Avoca Ph: 03 5459 0502

Open Hours:

10:00am - 3:30pm Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 10am-2pm 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

Library

Open for you to come borrow a book or movie and grow in your faith. Located in the prayer and resource room







We need you!

Do you have a couple of free hours this week?

Pop your name down to collect for our appeal at

Coles this week or ALDI next week or join our digital

door-knock

Drop in Centre

Come have a chat, play games and pick up some bread. Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9.30 - 1.30pm



WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MONDAY

10:30am - Women's Bible Study* | M 3:30pm - Just Brass | C

WEDNESDAY

8:30am - Prayer Meeting | C 2pm - Bible Study | E 3pm- Timbrels | E 3pm - Band Practice | C & E

THURSDAY

9:30am - Mainly Music (0-5years)* | M 2pm - Indoor Bowls | M 4pm - Kids Club (Primary school)* | M 5:15pm - Junior Soldiers* | M 6:30pm - Prayer & Bible Study – Epsom

FRIDAY

10.00am - Chapel 1st Friday of Month | M 12pm - Community Meal @Hilltop Cafe | B 1pm - Victory Over Darkness | M 5pm - Youth Life Group (High school)* | M 6pm - Youth (High school)* | B M

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting | M 9:45am - Band Rehearsal | C 10am - Celebration Service | B E M 10:30am - Celebration Service | C 11.00am - Audio Service | 105.0FM 5pm (monthly) - Prayer & Worship Service | CVS

*School terms only

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 15 - 27

Red Shield Appeal

MAY 27

Trivia Night | Maryborough

JULY 3-6

Junior Creative Arts Camp

SALVO RESOURCES

- Salvos Online For Salvation Army news, articles & resources go to www.salvosonline.org.au
- KidZone Magazine Check out the KidZone website for extra resources that you can download to your device, or print and do at home! Go to kidzonemag.com.au



For more information on any of the above mentioned events, programs or services, please contact the relevant Corps center listed.

Contact details for each center can be found on the back page.

BENDIGO (B) | EAGLEHAWK (E) | CASTLEMAINE (C) MARYBOROUGH (M) | CENTRAL VIC SALVOS(CVS)



THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

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CASTLEMAINE

Corps Officer: Capt. Amy Jones 47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine | 03 5470 5389 corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au

MARYBOROUGH

Corps Officers: Capt. Amy & Ronald Stobie 27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500 corpsofficer.maryborough@salvationarmy.org.au



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.