

Central Vic Salvos

Sunday 4th June 2023

THE JOY OF WINTER

Welcome to Winter. The season of the year that is probably the most hated by people on average. Yes, there are some people who love Winter, but the majority would prefer the warmer times of Spring and Summer. When you picture Winter, you probably think of cold, barren trees, clouds, snow, ice, rain and lifelessness. When you picture Spring, you probably picture new life, flowers, greenery, and warm sunshine.

Spring is a much loved season but the reality is that Spring only exists because of winter. Look at these verses from Isaiah 55:10-11;

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. It is the cold and wetness of Winter that allows the plants to 'spring' to new life as the weather warms up. It is during Winter that plants and animals rest and build up their strength so that they can produce new life in Spring.

The same is true in your walk with God. He wants to produce new life in you so you can be a blessing to this world. But often the way God prepares us for this season of new life and growth is through a 'winter' period in our faith where faith seems hard and we may be facing hardships or trials or suffering. These periods are often referred to as the dark night of the soul.

Paul sums it up best in Romans 5:3-5;

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

So be encouraged if you are going through a winter experience in your faith. Because it means God is preparing you for a new season of growth and new life. It is at the end of winter when miracles occur.

Andrew Walker (Maj.)



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General-Elect Lyndon Buckingham and Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham are the new international leaders of The Salvation Army. General-Elect Buckingham will assume office as General on 3 August 2023.





"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 west Queensland area of The Salvation Army.

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
- For His Holy Spirit





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 <u>kidzonemag.com.au</u>

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE 25

CVS Prayer Night | Castlemaine

JULY 2

Founders Day

JULY 3-6

Junior Creative Arts Camp

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY – SERVING THE HOMELESS – REACH OUT FOR HELPING HANDS!

We are thrilled to be involved in a community partnership, joining eleven other local churches to support the Bendigo Winter Night Shelter (BWNS) in 2023.

We as the local church, will work alongside many others in our city to express love, compassion and to provide shelter, food and dignity for those in great need who experience crisis homelessness over the months of June, July and August in the Bendigo area.

We are specifically reaching out for various roles to serve in this local mission, seeking individuals who would be positioned on a Friday night to help out on these following nights:

> Friday 14 & 28 July Friday 25 August

If you are unable to do a Friday night, please consider other nights to help across the week.

To commit to volunteering with the Winter Night Shelter

please go to https://bwns.org.au/volunteer-application.

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

WEDNESDAY

2.00pm - Bible Study | E 3.00pm - Band Practice | E

THURSDAY

6:30pm - Prayer & Bible Study - Epsom

FRIDAY

12.00pm - Community Meal @ Hilltop Cafe | B 5.00pm - Winter Night Shelter | Koolamurt

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service | B E
11.00am - Audio Service | 105.0FM
5.00pm | Foundations except for monthly CVS
prayer & worship service | B
5.00pm (monthly) - Prayer & Worship Service |
CVS

*School terms only

FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday June 18 at 10am
Join us for church with a difference.
The perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends.

Bendigo Salvos

BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

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

Open Hours:

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

Bendigo & Eaglehawk Banking Details

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



Bendigo/Eaglehawk



The Community Lunch will be moving from a Friday to a Thursday starting from Thursday June 15. The dates of the community lunch in June are as follows:

> Friday June 9 Thursday June 15 Thursday June 22 Thursday June 29



Foundations is an in-depth course in Christian teachings from a Salvation Army perspective.

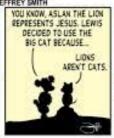
Easy-to-understand, Foundations is for anyone who wants to go deeper into the Christian faith.

It can help you build an intelligent, informed, compassionate faith and will explain the Salvation Army doctrines, and show where they come from.













EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark Ph: 03 5446 7928

Open Hours:

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

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine Ph: 03 5470 5636

Open Hours:

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



WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MONDAY

3:30pm - Just Brass | C

WEDNESDAY

8:30am - Prayer Meeting | C 3.00pm - Band Practice | C & E

SUNDAY

9:45am - Band Rehearsal | C 10:30am - Celebration Service | C 11.00am - Audio Service | 105.0FM 5.00pm (monthly) - Prayer & Worship Service | CVS

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Captain Amy Jones will be on leave from the 3rd- 25th June, and will have a planning week 26th-30th June.

new playground too be installed mid July





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

Our newest Junior Soldiers and their Big Buds

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MONDAY

10:30am - Women's Bible Study* | M

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

10.00am - Chapel 1st Friday of Month | M 1.00pm - Victory Over Darkness | M 5.00pm - Youth Life Group (High school)* | M 6.00pm - Youth (High school)* | M

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting | M
10.00am - Celebration Service | M
11.00am - Audio Service | 105.0FM
5.00pm (monthly) - Prayer & Worship Service |

CVS

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DROP IN CENTRE

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



THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

Corps Officer: Maj. Andrew Walker 65 – 71 Mundy Street, Bendigo | 03 5440 8431 corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

EAGLEHAWK

Corps Contact: Ken Hollis 51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | 0447 489 914 ken.hollis@salvationarmy.org.au

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.