



# Central Vic Salvos

14th April 2024

## SETTING THE CAPTIVE FREE

One of the questions most asked of me about my prison chaplaincy is “do guys really find God in prison?” To answer this question I go to the state of human condition in **Romans 3:23** it states that **all are sinners and fall short of God’s glorious standard.**

So when we think of the fact that God does not grade sin then we remove the barriers of the wall in which prisoners find themselves. If then we find that no matter where we are in prison or the wider world we have a need to repent before God. The reading from Romans goes onto say **“Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins”**

As we have again reflected on Easter I am reminded of John 3:16 that **God so loved the world that he gave us His Son so whosoever believes can have eternal life.** However we need to go onto verse 17. Do you know it? **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

Romans 8:1-2 says **Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.**

So lets go back to my question of Guys finding God in prison. I ask you, where did you encounter Jesus and how did he change your life. There comes a time that we recognize our need for God and to be forgiven for doing things our way. Jesus made that relationship possible through His death on the Cross. Romans 5:8 **But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** When we are at our lowest is when God steps in and offers His grace and mercy. Many guys who enter prison lose a lot more for there crimes than you realise, yes they are feed, have a bed to sleep in and even have a little bit of money for luxury’s from the canteen however there is also the guilt and shame as well as the separation from loved ones and the freedom of the world. Just as Jesus stepped into the world of the hated lepers, tax collectors, beggars and scorned women he steps into the lives of prisoners who many in the world turn against. You see Jesus never gives up on anyone because he sees the heart not the actions.

I thank God for the Christian Chaplains that go into the prisons and encourage the men to seek a better way. I have witnessed many changed lives through the mercy and saving grace of Jesus.

It may not bring release from prison however breaks the chains that bind the heart giving them a different kind of freedom

**Matthew 25:26** **I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’**

Mark Wagland - Prison Chaplain



# Spotlight On The Central Vic Salvos

## HOMELESS OUTREACH BREKKY

The Salvation Army Maryborough homeless outreach breakfast at the Mitre 10 carpark was a community driven project after a very concerned community member was seeing the increase need as they were out in the morning. Given the commitment of The Salvos to providing essential support and care for those experiencing homelessness and hardship this community member thought they would reach out. Given the community members connections it wasn't long until we had everything needed to make this happen. Against the backdrop of the carpark, you will see the Salvation Army Emergency Services truck setup ready to provide a free breakfast.

At the crack of dawn, dedicated volunteers set up a simple yet hearty breakfast, hot drinks and are also ready to chat. Everyone there are welcoming to guests with a sense of comfort and familiarity.

As individuals from all walks of life gathered, the atmosphere was one of camaraderie and compassion. Volunteers greeted guests with smiles and words of encouragement, fostering a sense of belonging and acceptance within the community.

Beyond providing nourishment for the body, the Salvation Army's outreach breakfast offered a vital lifeline of support and companionship for those facing the harsh realities of homelessness and life. Amidst the carpark, stories were shared, laughter echoed, and bonds were formed, transcending the barriers of circumstance and hardship.

Another amazing aspect of the breakfast is that it served as a catalyst for broader community engagement and support, with local businesses and residents rallying together to donate food, supplies, and volunteer their time to ensure the success of the outreach initiative.

Blessings,  
Ronald Stobie





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"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:

- For people to start following Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- This week we are praying for the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay areas of Queensland. This includes major centres like Caboolture, Redcliffe, Noosa, and Nambour. It is a popular coastal area. The Area Officers responsible for leading mission in this area are Majors Neil and Sharon Clanfield.
- Those who are unwell - physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally
- 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 & Salvo)
- CVS programs & services
- Easter activities throughout CVS

Praise God for:

- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services
- People making decisions to follow Jesus! (13)
- Answers to prayer
- For His Holy Spirit
- Community



## MAY IS RED SHIELD MONTH

CENTRAL VIC SALVOS MONTHLY

# Prayer & Worship Night

**5-6pm**  
**Sunday 28th April 2024**  
 Castlemaine Corps  
 47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

*Please bring a plate of food to share following the meeting*



**SAVE THE DATE**  
 August - September  
 The General is coming to Australia.  
 Details to come.

**DO YOU LOVE SINGING?**

# CHOIR CONNECTION

SATURDAY MAY 4 | 1:30PM WORKSHOP  
 RINGWOOD SALVATION ARMY  
 53 WANTIRNA RD, RINGWOOD VIC 3134

Learn four songs and perform them in concert  
 Singers of all abilities & backgrounds welcome!

**GUEST LEADER: CHRIS BRINDLEY**  
 (Conductor & Musician)

**Cost:**  
 \$30 (inc. afternoon tea & gourmet dinner)

**Concert: 7:30pm**  
 Entry for non participants:  
 \$15 adults/\$10 concession  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CQMUG>

**Concert outfit for participants:**  
 All black or Salvo uniform

**Participant bookings:**  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CQMRX>






# Bendigo

## COMMUNITY MEAL

Thursdays 12:00pm-1:00pm  
Hilltop Café  
65-71 Mundy St  
The Salvation Army Bendigo



## BIBLE Study

Join us for a bible study every Sunday as we journey through the book of Hebrews

SUNDAY'S 4:00PM  
BENDIGO SALVOS, 65-71 MUNDY ST,  
WORSHIP CENTRE



## ART SPACE

A FREE, RELAXED DROP-IN ART SPACE. INSPIRED BY STARTING AFRESH AND KNOWING THAT THE MASTER ARTIST CAN DO SOMETHING NEW AND AMAZING WITHIN US.

COME, BE INSPIRED, CHAT AND CREATE WITH US.

OPEN EVERY THURSDAY 1:00PM-3:00PM IN THE SHELTER SHED (SMALL BUILDING BESIDE THE CAFE)

THE SALVATION ARMY  
65-71 MUNDY ST



## Bendigo Banking Details

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

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### THURSDAY

11.15am - Chapel  
12.00pm - Community Meal  
1.00pm - Art Space

### SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service  
4.00pm - Bible Study

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

### BENDIGO CBD THRIFT SHOP

18 Pall Mall, Bendigo  
Ph: 03 5459 0509

#### Open Hours:

9:30am-4:00pm Monday to Saturday

## Café Church

Second Sunday of the month @ 10am  
Join us for church with a difference.

The perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends.





## ECHUCA A DAY

Tuesday 23rd April

Echuca-Moama Salvation Army

If you are interested in coming along please be at the hall by 9am to leave.

Morning tea and Lunch provided. Come prepared for some fun and laughter.

17 April - Eaglehawk Leadership Meeting at 12:30pm please bring your own lunch.

## EAGLEHAWK BANKING DETAILS

Account Name: The Salvation Army

BSB: 033-688 Number: 803 234

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### SUNDAY

9:40am - prays

10.00am - Celebration Service

### THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community

4:30 pm - Prayer meeting

Contact Pauline and Eddie Anderson

0427 812 866

### FRIDAY

1.30pm - Bible Study (fortnightly)

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

## MOTHERS DAY HIGH TEA

Saturday 11th May

You have been invited to a Mother's Day High Tea

A special day is on Saturday at 2pm.

Please register your interest



## MOTHERS DAY

Sunday 12th May 10.00am

we will be joining with Bendigo Salvos

## CHANGES TO BANKING WITH TSA

After many years TSA are changing from Westpac to NAB

BPay for Generous Culture (Planned Giving) is coming. Once the details have been released you will be notified.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### FREE TO LIVE

Saturday 20 April 9 - 11 am

\$5

This is open to all men in the Eaglehawk and Bendigo region.

Bring a friend.

RSVP with name and any dietary requirements to

0430 288 471 or 0412 739 292

by 17 April.

## ANZAC DAY

Dawn Service: Eaglehawk

Thursday 25th April 2024 – 6:00am

Brassey Square

Cnr. Peg Leg & Sailors Gully Roads, Eaglehawk

## BIBLE STUDY DATES

Friday's 19 April, 3 May, 17 May, 31 May



# Castlemaine

## 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

9:30am - 11:00am Maine Minis\*  
3:45pm - 5:00pm Just Brass\*

### WEDNESDAY

9:30am - 12:30pm Doorways  
3:45pm - 5:00pm Junior Soldiers\*

### FRIDAY

9:30am - 12:30pm Doorways

### SUNDAY

10:15am - Band Rehearsal  
10:30am - Worship service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine  
\*School terms only

## FURLOUGH

Captain Amy Jones and family will be on furlough from Easter Sunday until April 22nd contact the office 03 5470 5389 during this time if you need anything.

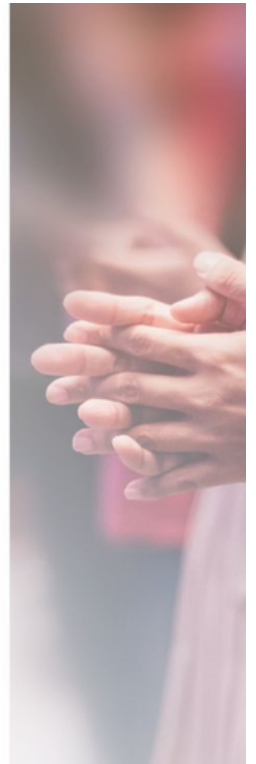
# CAFE CHURCH

SUNDAY APRIL 21 AT 10:30

JOIN US AS WE SHARE FOOD,  
FUN AND FAITH TOGETHER!  
LED BY CVS TEAM LEADER  
CAPTAIN RONALD STOBIE..  
BRING THE FAMILY!!



Castlemaine



## WANTED



Is this YOU?

The **Melbourne Red Shield Band** is a group of dedicated and experienced (minimum age of 50) musicians committed to spreading the Gospel message through both sanctified and secular music under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and is inviting potential new members to submit applications to join the group.

The Band undertakes a full list of engagements between February and December (with a break in July/August) in a variety of locations such as aged care facilities, retirement homes, hospitals, civic celebrations, and Salvation Army corps in and around Melbourne. Rehearsals, when held, are on Friday afternoons at Surrey Hills Chinese Corps.

*Please direct any enquiries – or submit written applications – to the Band Secretary, Major Graham Maxfield at: [graham.maxfield@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:graham.maxfield@salvationarmy.org.au)*

**Melbourne Red Shield Band**  
The Salvation Army



# Maryborough

## 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

### MONDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways  
10:30am - Women's Bible Study\*

### WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways  
5.00pm - Youth Life Group (High school)\*  
6.00pm - Youth (High school)\*

### SUNDAY

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

**2 WAYS TO GIVE**

**IN PERSON**  
TITHING ENVELOPES  
CASH OR CHEQUE

**ONLINE**  
BSB: 033-241  
ACCOUNT: 00-0010

## FURLOUGH

Captains Amy & Ronald and family will be on furlough from 1st April - 17th April. Contact the office 03 5459 0500 during this time if you need anything.

He is the image of the  
**INVISIBLE GOD,**  
the firstborn of all creation.

COLOSSIANS 1:15

*Bible Discussion*

Worship and Bible Discussion together followed by a bring and share Corps lunch.  
10.00am 3rd Sunday of the Month

ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN  
CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM.

COLOSSIANS 1:16



# Contact Us

## THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

### BENDIGO

**Corps Officers:** Maj. Andrew Walker  
Capt. Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir  
65 – 71 Mundy Street, Bendigo | 03 5440 8431  
corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

### CASTLEMAINE

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

### EAGLEHAWK

**Corps Contact:** Maj. Karen Armstrong  
51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | (03) 5446 8135  
corpsofficer.eaglehawk@salvationarmy.org.au

### MARYBOROUGH

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



# 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.