The angel said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke chapter 24, verses 5-6, NIV).

"Our hope is certain. It is something for the soul to hold on to. It is strong and secure"

(Hebrews chapter 6, verse 19, NIRV).

"You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever"

(Psalm chapter 16, verse 11, GNT).

What do you do when you feel hopeless? Hide away? Seek temporary solace in an addictive substance or escapist entertainment? Do you fight to find a solution, or reach out to a trusted friend?

The Easter story shows us another way to respond to feelings of hopelessness. It's to find a path to hope by approaching Jesus.

When Jesus died, his body was placed in a tomb. On the Sunday afterwards, a group of women who had followed Jesus – Mary Magdalene, Mary and Joanna – walked a path to the tomb where they expected to find Jesus' body.

After watching him suffer and die, they were feeling grief-stricken and hopeless. They held a symbol of that hopelessness in their hands: the spices to anoint his dead body.

However, although they expected to find his body and simply anoint him with respect, their path of hopelessness turned into a path to hope.

Because at the tomb, they didn't find his body.

They found an angel who shared the good news that Jesus had come back to life (see the Bible verse from Luke chapter 24, verses 5-6). Jesus rose from the dead, and through this act, he offered hope for the future to all people. It is a hope that is certain and one we can hold on to (see the Bible verse from Hebrews chapter 6, verse 19).

There is a profound lesson here. In a situation that felt hopeless, the women took the one action they could take. They approached Jesus.

Just as Jesus approached God the Father in prayer during his anguish the women physically approached Jesus during their anguish. And through approaching Jesus, they found hope, life and joy. Jesus loves us and this gives meaning to our lives. As the Bible says in Psalm chapter 16, verse 11, he promises us joy, a sense of purpose for our days, and assures us of hope for eternity.

#### Questions to consider:

- If you were one of Jesus' followers during his time on Earth, how would you react to the news of Jesus' death and then resurrection?
- How does knowing that Jesus offers you hope and a purpose make you feel?
- How can you walk a path to hope this Easter?



# Spotlight On The Central Vic Salvos

Barry delivered a moving presentation, on Passover at Bendigo Salvos delving into the significance of tradition, faith, and community. Addressing a gathering made up of people from across Central Vic Salvos Barry took his audience on a journey through the ancient customs of Passover intertwining history, religious texts, and personal insights.

As an amazing communicator Barry explained the meaning behind elements like bread, bitter herbs and the lamb shank bone. He encouraged us to embrace the depth of Passover traditions by drawing parallels between the Israelites escape from Egypt and personal growth.

Beyond teaching Barry's presentation showcased the timeless impact of storytelling. Through stories and genuine emotions, he transported his listeners to ancient Jerusalem's streets and the solemn atmosphere of the Supper. This created a connection that transcended time and space.

In addition, Barry's inclusive approach promoted unity within our community by welcoming individuals from all backgrounds. By discussing themes like redemption and freedom he broke down barriers. Fostered a sense of reverence and solidarity, among our gatherings.

After Barry's presentation the room was filled with gratitude blending with the scent of our amazing dinner to follow. In that moment Barry not only shared the story of Passover but also to our understanding of this important celebration.

Please remember Barry in your prayers especially as he takes a group of people to the Holy Land a little later this year.



Blessings, Ronald Stobie



# **Central Vic Salvos**



# Celebrate Easter with Central Vic Salvos.

"Find a place to experience God's promise of peace today and for the future. Explore what this means when you celebrate Easter with us."



#### GOOD FRIDAY | 29.03.24

9AM Eaglehawk Salvos, Combined service - St Peters Anglican Church (63 High St)
10AM Bendigo Salvos (65-71 Mundy St)
10AM Maryborough Salvos (27 Wills St)
11AM Castlemaine Salvos, Combined service 7.30PM Way Of The Cross, Rosalind Park, Bendigo

#### EASTER PARADE | 30.03.24

7:00PM Bendigo

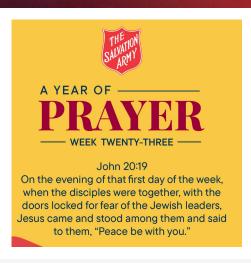
#### EASTER SUNDAY DAWN SERVICE | 31.03.24

6:30AM Bristol Hill, Maryborough 7AM Canterbury Park Ampitheatre, Eagleghawk

#### EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION | 31.03.24

10AM Bendigo Salvos (65-71 Mundy St) 10AM Eaglehawk Salvos (51 Church St) 10AM Maryborough Salvos (27 Wills St) 10:30AM Castlemaine Salvos (47 Kennedy St)





#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Sunday April 7th don't forget to turn your clock back



#### "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 South-East Tasmania. This area includes the capital city Hobart and its suburbs, Huonville and St Marys on the east coast. The area officer responsible for leading mission in this area is Major Stephen Briggs.
- 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



## **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

#### **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:**

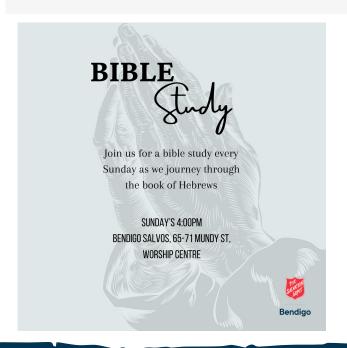
9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday 9am-2pm Saturday

#### BENDIGO CBD THRIFT SHOP

18 Pall Mall, Bendigo Ph: 03 5459 0509

#### **Open Hours:**

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









#### **EASTER AT EAGLEHAWK**

Good Friday 9am Joining at St Peters Anglican church 63 High Street, Eaglehawk

> Way of the Cross - 7.30pm Rosalind Park, Bendigo

#### **RESURRECTION SUNDAY**

7.00am - Sunrise Service joining with the Uniting Church At Canterbury Park - amphitheater.

10am worship at Eaglehawk Salvo's.

#### **CRAFTY SKILLS COMMUNITY**

Commencing Thursday 4 April at 1:30 - 3:30 pm Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, Colossians 3:23. God is creative and we are formed in His image, we to are creative.

You are invited to come along and share your skills and passion or are you interested in learning how to make something. We would love to see you at The Salvation Army Eaglehawk





#### **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**

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**

Saturday 11th May high tea to celebrate all mothers. More details to come.



Everyone to please bring produce to bring to God.

Corps shared lunch to follow

Special guest Majors Alan and Val Laurens

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

will meet monthly

Thanking God for a leader and team to this group.

More information to come.



#### 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.

### **RECESS**

Some programs are in recess due to school holidays they will resume the week begining April 15th

# CAFE

SUNDAY APRIL 7 AT 10:30

Join us as we share food, fun and faith together! special guests aux. Lts. Rosy & scott keane BRING THE FAMILY!









#### 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



## **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.

#### PANCAKE CHURCH

Sunday 7th April come celebrate God together and enjoy pancakes at the same time

## **RECESS**

Some programs are in recess due to school holidays they will resume the week begining April 15th

#### **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

# 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

> Melbourne Red Shield Band The Salvation Army

# THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

#### **BENDIGO**

CASTLEMAINE

Corps Officers: Maj. Andrew Walker

**Corps Officer: Capt. Amy Jones** 

Capt. Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir

47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine | 03 5470 5389

65 - 71 Mundy Street, Bendigo | 03 5440 8431 corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

#### **EAGLEHAWK**

#### MARYBOROUGH

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

Corps Officers: Capt. Amy & Ronald Stobie 27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500

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.