



Central Vic Salvos

20th October 2024

GOODNESS OF GOD

Have you ever felt like your soul was wandering in the wilderness or stuck in the freezing cold of a relentlessly long winter season? Those days when your present moment circumstances fill up with anxiety or are littered with distraction. Grabbing your phone first thing in the morning to scroll through Instagram or scan Twitter, you notice the pang for a moment and then push it aside; His whispered invitation "I am here...just waiting for you to see me." Suddenly, you see the time, jump out of bed and begin getting ready for the day. And like yesterday, you fill your day with work, school, food ... and catching up on a few of your favourite episodes on Netflix, then climb restlessly back into bed.

Maybe your version of winter seasons or wilderness wanderings looks a little bit different. Perhaps for you, there is less Netflix, but more striving to be honoured at your workplace, extra hours spent at the office, or that nagging critical self-talk: "This project is lousy, no one is going to pay attention." Or the wretched voice of comparison: "I am never going to be as good as them...I shouldn't even bother putting in the effort." Winter seasons and wilderness wanderings leave us depleted, worn-out, and lonely.

Yet all the while, God is with us...waiting. We may not notice, but that doesn't change His truth. Our present moment circumstances hold us tightly to their focus, and we don't even see the disconnection from Jesus right away. We feel undone, unsettled and discontent.

Finding yourself alone in a wilderness or winter season is unnerving. One thing to remember, even if we can't predict their length, seasons do change. When we find ourselves stuck in the monotony of the soul's dark, rainy winter seasons; tired, discontent, and disoriented, take a moment and be intentional to speak about the Father's unchanging character.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

Ask the Holy Spirit to lift your eyes above your circumstances and take in the unchanging nature of the Father; notice that He is good, He is faithful, He is our strength when we feel weak. My circumstances do not change His character. He remains the same, yesterday, today, and all for all our tomorrows.

A song like Goodness of God calls out this truth of the Father's unchanging character. He is faithful, His mercy never fails, and He is present with us always. Singing this truth sets our hearts on the things above, becoming a welcomed break from the dreariness of winter wanderings. Noticing His nearness, speaking of God's faithfulness, and worshipping can shift seasons and at the very least give you the much-needed rest and resilience to keep pushing through the drought you are in.

Captain Amy Jones

Based on reflection by Tracey Dahl



MARYBOROUGH EDUCATION CENTRE YEAR 11

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS STUDENTS TOUR SALVATION ARMY

Where they aimed to connect with and gain a deeper understanding of the vital work The Salvation Army does in our community, Amy their guide, was very informative giving insights into how they support our local community. To further engage the students they received a show bag filled with goodies and information, offering them an opportunity to learn more about The Salvation Army's importance in helping those in need.

11 PDS also set up a food drive at school where the food they got comes into our food pantry to be distributed into our community.





Central Vic Salvos

STAFF PROFILE - Rayleen - Doorways - Castlemaine

Favourite travel destination: The Murray River

Best movie: Amish Grace

Favourite food: Roast lamb

What was your first job: Checkout chick

Which instrument would you play if you were in a rock band

:Drums

What was your favorite toy as a kid: Tartan bear

Who is your favourite person in the bible: Moses

If you could meet anyone who would it be: Jesus

What would you choose an unlimited supply of: Chocolate



A YEAR OF
PRAYER

HABAKKUK 1:5

Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

Praise God for:

- A fresh start. Every day is a new day (Lamentations 3:22-23)
- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services
- People making decisions to follow Jesus! (26)
- The victory we have in Him (1 Corinthians 15:57, 1 John 5:4)
- The ability to worship freely
- His goodness (Psalm 23:6, 33:5, 34:8)
- A purpose. If you're reading this, God is not done with you (Ephesians 2:10)



Please pray for:

- 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 inc. all Vic Area Officers)
- Our CVS Officers
- Our CVS family
- Those who are unwell - physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally
- This week we are praying for southern South Australia. This area includes centers such as Mt Gambier, Murray Bridge, Victor Harbor and Noarlunga. The Area Officer responsible for leading mission in this area is Major Wendy Hateley.
- For people to start following Jesus as their Lord and Saviour

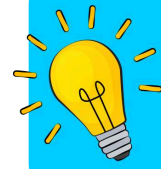
Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38



Central Vic Salvos

The Salvation Army was at the frontlines in World Wars I and II, offering comfort and pastoral guidance.



DID YOU KNOW?



Brain Teaser

What can you put in a bucket to make it weigh less?

The Melbourne Staff Band presents...

CELEBRATE

Join us to honour **BANDMASTER KEN WATERWORTH** as he concludes 30 years leadership of the Melbourne Staff Band

With guest artist the sensational **SILVIE PALADINO**

Saturday 16th November 2024 @ 4:00pm

George Woods Performing Arts Centre
Yarra Valley Grammar School
84-90 Kalinda Road, Ringwood

Admission: \$25/\$20

Tickets available at www.salvationarmy.org.au/MSB

CENTRAL VIC SALVOS MONTHLY

Prayer & Worship Night

5-6pm
Sunday 27th October 2024
Maryborough Corps
27 Wills St, Maryborough

Please bring a plate of food to share following the meeting



We invite The Salvation Army Australia to participate in a global 24-hour prayer event on Friday October 25, focusing on the urgent needs in conflict-affected regions, including Israel and Palestine. You can sign up by going to <https://my.salvos.org.au/a-year-of-prayer/>



Maryborough



Castlemaine

CLOTHING SWAP

Saturday October 26th 2pm - 4pm
 Bring unwanted clothes, shoes, accessories and Nic naks to swap.
 \$20 donation towards The Salvation Army Castlemaine Christmas Cheer Appeal.
 Bring a plate of food to share if you wish.
 Bring your friends to share the fun.
 Enquiries: Vicki 0418 138 435

Bendigo

Bendigo Corps presenting our Christmas drama, titled "Satan's schemes on Jesus Birth" on Sunday, December 8th, 2024, at 4:00 PM. We are looking for 3 Shepherds and 1 wise man to complete our cast. If anyone from central VIC would like to participate please contact Ashir or Hummera.

Chapel Service

Come along for our Chapel service. A relaxed service where we celebrate God and who he created us to be.

Every Thursday 11:15am-11:45am
 Worship centre, enter via back gate



Bendigo



Women Sacred Space

All women welcome
 full of relaxation



Every Third Monday, 11am - 12pm
 Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy st



Bendigo





Eaglehawk

HOME LEAGUE

Thursday 21 November

We are going to Horsham. If you would like to be part of this day, please register your interest. It will be a day event. Time of leave TBC

EAGLEHAWK CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Practices commence weekly.

Tuesday 29th October

Eaglehawk Salvation Army Church

Church St

3.45 – 5.00 pm

Come join us and have a sing.



YEAR OF PRAYER

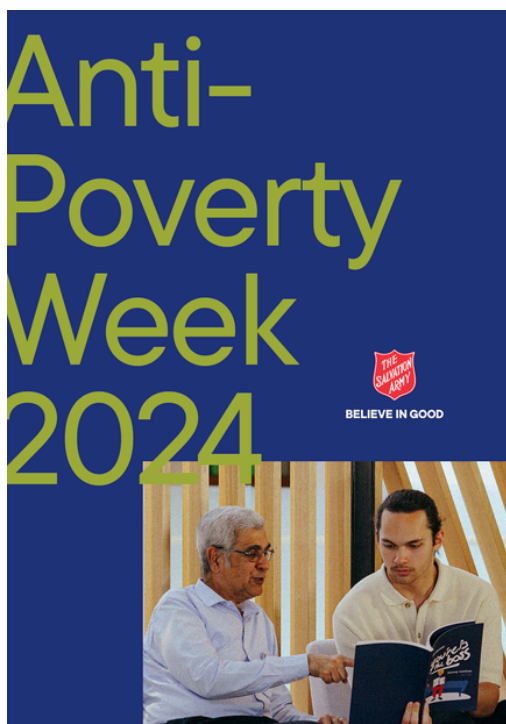
On Sunday 27 October at 5pm at The Salvation Army Camberwell Corps, we will be celebrating in person and online the conclusion of The Salvation Army Australia's first ever 'A Year of Prayer'.

Once again you are invited to come to the online event at the Quarters (55 Evergreen Bvd, Jackass Flat). We will follow with a shared dinner. Everyone is to bring food to share.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Wednesday 30 October at 10:30am

is being held for all the ladies who have been busy knitting squares. Can you please bring your square and together we can make a start of sewing them to make blankets / knee rugs.



WAY OF THE CROSS

On Wednesday 6 November at 7.30pm Eaglehawk Salvos will be a cast reunion. If you are interested in being involved in next years (2025) production you are invited to come along

Dessert and drink. Come along and meet new people.

Eaglehawk Salvos - 51 Church Street, Eaglehawk



Weekly Programs/Thrift Shops

BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square
Ph: (03) 5459 0504

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

EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark
Ph: (03) 5459 0508

Open Hours:

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

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine
Ph: (03) 5459 0506

Open Hours:

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

AVOCA THRIFT SHOP

114 High Street, Avoca
Ph: (03) 5459 0502

Open Hours:

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

BENDIGO

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MONDAY

11.00am - Women Sacred Space
(3rd Monday of the month)
12.00pm - Community Meal

THURSDAY

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

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service
4.00pm - Discovery Church

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

EAGLEHAWK

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

BRAIN TEASER ANSWER

A Hole

CASTLEMAINE

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Wednesday

9.30am - 12.00pm Doorways
3.45pm - 5.00pm Junior Soldiers*

Friday

9.30am - 12.00pm Doorways

Sunday

10.30am - Worship Service
47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

MARYBOROUGH

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways
10:30am - Women's Bible Study*

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways
10.00am - Back To The Gospel

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 12.30pm - 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)
27 Wills St, Maryborough

*School terms only



Contact Us

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EAGLEHAWK

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MARYBOROUGH

Corps Officers: Capt. Amy & Ronald Stobie
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2 WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON
PLACE YOUR CASH
OR ENVELOPES IN
THE OFFERING PLATE



ONLINE
VIA BPAY
BILLER CODE: 437855
REFERENCE #: 10009



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.