



Central Vic Salvos

1st September 2024

FATHERHOOD

In the Bible, fatherhood is repeatedly connected to love, sacrifice, and compassion. In the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), we see a father who symbolizes these traits. His younger son demands his inheritance, wastes it in reckless living, and finds himself deprived. Yet, when the son returns home, broken and repentant, the father runs to meet him. The father doesn't wait in judgment, he runs towards his son with open arms, ready to restore him.

What a powerful image of God's heart for us! And it's also a call to fathers to lead with love and forgiveness. Just as the father in the parable did not allow his son's mistakes to define their relationship, earthly fathers are called to show grace, patience, and compassion towards their children. Today our children need Godly fathers.

This can be challenging. No one ever said that being a father is easy. Fatherhood often involves moments of self-sacrifice and moments when we are called to forgive and show grace even when it's hard. But it is in these moments that the love of our Heavenly Father can shine through us. Today our children need fathers who are engaged with them, more than ever.

On Father's Day, when we celebrate our earthly fathers let us also celebrate the divine relationship that forms the foundation of who we are. As sons and daughters of the Most High, we are called to reflect His love, mercy, and grace in all that we do.

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He began by addressing God as "Our Father." This was not a far, impersonal God, but a Father who is relational, intimate, and caring. The first thing we must understand is that God as our Father gives us identity. We are not defined by the world's standards our jobs, our status, or even our mistakes. Instead, our identity is rooted in the reality that we are beloved children of God.

Ephesians 1:5 "God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." (NLT) reminds us, we are adopted into God's family through Jesus Christ. This means that God has chosen us to be His sons and daughters. What a beautiful picture of grace! Just as a good father loves, protects, and provides for his children, so does our Heavenly Father love us perfectly.

This understanding of God as our Father brings great comfort. No matter what we face, we can stand firm in the knowledge that we are His. We belong to Him. For fathers today, that truth should inspire us. Just as God's fatherhood is defined by His unchanging love for His children, so too are we called to reflect that love in our families.

Also remember that fatherhood is not limited to biology. Many of us have experienced the blessing of father figures who have stepped in to mentor, support, and guide us in life. Whether you are a biological father, a stepfather, a spiritual father, or a mentor, you can impact lives for God's Kingdom.

In a world that often downplays the importance of fatherhood, God calls us to stand firm in our role, to love courageously, to lead with humility, and to reflect His heart to our children and those around us.

On Father's Day, let us give thanks for the fathers and father figures in our lives.

Ashir Morris (Capt.)



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY – TOGETHER WE CAN.

Overdose Awareness Day is an international campaign to end drug overdose and remember, without stigma, those who have died and acknowledge the grief of family and friends left behind. Overdose Awareness Day was initiated in 2001 by Sally J Finn at The Salvation Army in St Kilda, Melbourne. Since then, many community members as well as government and non-government organisations have held events to raise awareness and commemorate those who have been impacted by drug overdose. In 2012, the not-for-profit Australian public health organisation, Penington Institute, took on responsibility for the coordination of International Overdose Awareness Day. It is now a global event held every year on 31 August. While every individual action matters greatly, coming together as an international community creates a powerful collective action. One that moves us with greater speed toward our shared goal of preventing, and ultimately, ending all overdoses. Through our 2024 theme, “Together we can” we’re highlighting the strength of coming together and standing in support of those connected to the tragedy of overdose. For people who use drugs and those who don’t. For heartbroken friends and family members of lost loved ones. For activists who fight for sorely needed policy reform. For healthcare and harm reduction workers. For tireless advocates. Overdose can affect anyone, and we encourage you to remember the tenacity of our community. Lean into the power that we can have when we work together.

FACTS

According to ‘Australia’s Annual Overdose Report’, one Australian dies as the result of drug overdose every four hours and in the past 20 years, over 37,000 people have lost their lives in this manner.

75% of these deaths were accidental or unintentional. On average, males account for 7/10 of these unintentional drug-induced deaths.

Drug overdose is one of the top three causes of death for Australian adults under the age of 50

Unintentional drug-induced deaths have increased almost 300% for adults 50-59 years old over the past 20 years

We encourage you to take time to pray over this national concern, remember those affected and consider how we can work together to change these trends. Our collective voices are stronger, louder, and the most impactful when brought together. Let’s remember, together, we can end overdose.

#TogetherWeCan #EndOverdose #IOAD2024



PRAYER

Lord, you are the provider of our comfort and our peace. We pray now for your comfort to embrace those who have lost loved ones to overdose. May you draw near to them that they may know peace in your presence. We mourn alongside them and seek your wisdom as these preventable deaths continue to rise across our country. May you unite us all in urgency and action in ending drug related deaths. May trends start to shift and those facing challenges with addiction find connection with you. May they find hope in the knowledge of your overwhelming love for them. We ask for your Holy Spirit to refresh and strengthen those who work on the frontline of addiction services. May they sense your Spirit on the move and feel supported as they do their often unseen and hard-fought work. Equip us all with eyes to see those struggling with addiction in our communities, ears to listen deeply, hearts to love powerfully, and faith to step where you call us. Amen

For more information or to find out how you can participate in this day, check out

<https://www.overdoseday.com/>

Blessings, Amy Stobie



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STAFF PROFILE - Karen - Pantry Volunteer - Bendigo

Favourite Travel Destination: Beachport, SA

Best Movie: Billy Elliot

Favourite Food: Chicken Caesar Salad

First Job: Cashier

Favourite Band in High School: Dire Straits

Random Piece of Advice: Treat People with Kindness

Family Friendly Board Game: Uno

Favourite Animal at the Zoo: Orangutans

Instrument in a Rock Band: Drums or Tamborine

Favourite Toy as a Kid: Books

Cutest Dog Breed: Schnauzer

Favourite Flower: Daphne



ACTS 4:31

A YEAR OF
PRAYER

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Praise God for:

- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services
- People making decisions to follow Jesus! (26)
- Answers to prayer
- A fresh start. Every day is a new day
- His love, His Sovereignty and His promise to be near us when we call



Please pray for:

- For people to start following Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- Those who are unwell - physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally
- This week, we are praying for southwest Sydney and the Sutherland Shire. This urban area of Sydney is culturally and economically diverse and includes centres like Menai, Campbelltown and Liverpool. The area officer responsible for leading mission in this area is Major Robyn Black.
- For all the Corps, programs & services in Central Vic Salvos - Bendigo, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk, Maryborough, Avoca and St. Arnaud.
- For our Territorial Leaders and our Divisional Commander and Area Officers
- Our leaders - National, State, Local (Government, Community & Salvo)
- CVS programs & services

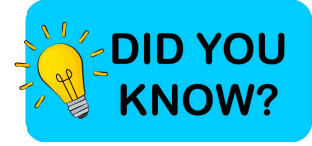
Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:37-38



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Brain Teaser

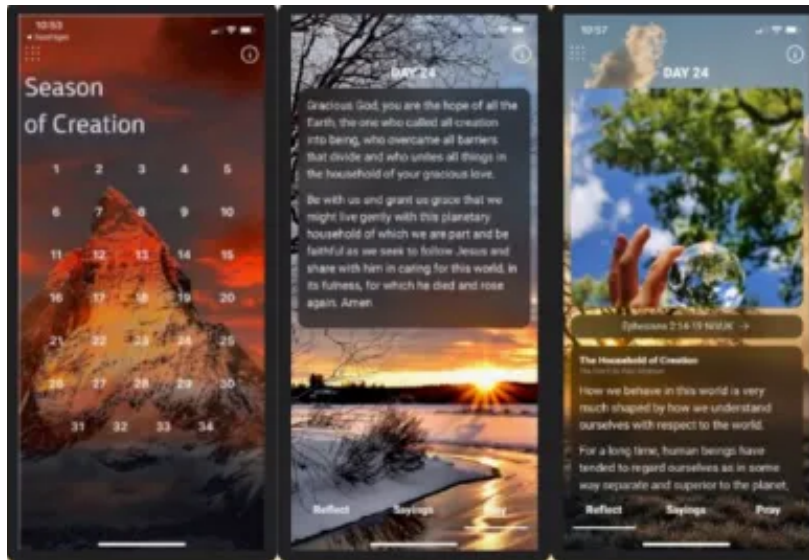


I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with wind. What am I?

Caramello Koalas actually have a real name: George.

SEASON OF CREATION APP NOW AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD

A free app, called Seasons of Creation is now available to download. The app includes 34 days of devotions for the Season of Creation which starts from 1 September to 4 October. This ecumenical resource, produced by Queensland Churches Environmental Network with funds from a Glenburnie grant, features writers from various denominations. Three of our very own Salvo writers have contributed: Margaret Coombridge (day 14), Melanie-Anne Holland (day 20), and Bryce Davies (day 22).



KIDS CAMP

YC24



23 September
Monday



26 September
Thursday

Cost : \$180 (Grade 3-6) \$225 (Yr 7-12) Phillip Island Adventure Resort
\$100 Leaders 1775-1801 Phillip Island Rd, Cowes

Scan the QR code to register. If you need more information about the Kids or Youth Camp please speak to Tristan. Registrations close September 3rd



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DO YOU ENJOY SINGING

Practice for the Christmas Choir in Bendigo.
Tuesday 24th September at 3:45pm.
Please register your interest to Major Karen
0401 402 275. We will be meeting
Venue: Eaglehawk Salvos.

Eaglehawk

CORPS FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Venue - The Windermere Hotel
Time: 12:30 pm
Address - 112 High Street, Kangaroo Flat
Everyone to pay own meal



John 8:36 "So if the Son (Jesus) sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Eaglehawk /Bendigo Men's Fellowship
Saturday September 21st

Salvation Army Heritage Centre Melbourne
Depart Eaglehawk 9am - Return 4pm -\$10

Give your names to
Mark or Malcolm - Eaglehawk or
Captain Ashir - Bendigo
By Sunday 15th September

Maximum 20 spots



Bendigo

Monday Community lunch

Come along for the launch of our new community lunch for anyone experiencing a disadvantage
12.00pm



Monday 2nd September 2024
Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy st
Hilltop Café



Bendigo



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



Showers



Bendigo

Our shower is open on the following days for anyone experiencing homelessness.



Monday: 1:00pm-4:00pm
Thursday 3:00pm-5:00pm
Sundays 11am-1pm and 3:30pm-5:00pm

Bendigo Salvos
65-71 Mundy st
worship centre





Maryborough

Maryborough Salvos - 27 Willis St

CENTRAL VIC SALVOS YOUTH

Every Friday!

5PM FAITH CHATS
6PM YOUTH GROUP

Bring \$5 for dinner

For more information speak to Tristan

COMMUNITY MARKET DAYS

FRESH PRODUCE, BREAD AND OTHER ITEMS AS AVAILABLE

MON, WED & FRI 10AM-12PM

*excluding public holidays, while stocks last

BRAIN TEASER ANSWER

An Echo

Castlemaine

CELEBRATION CHURCH

SUNDAYS AT 10:30

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR FAITH AND HAVE FUN TOGETHER!
BRING THE FAMILY!



Join us for **Junior Soldiers!**

- Grow closer to Jesus
- Learn creative ways to pray
- Get involved in mission

Wednesdays from 3:45pm, for ages 7+ in Castlemaine

Talk to Tristan for more details

THE SALVATION ARMY JS JUNIOR SOLDIER



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

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

CASTLEMAINE

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Wednesday

9.30am - 12.30pm Doorways

3.45pm - 5.00pm Junior Soldiers*

Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm 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



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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.