



WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

10 am

Worship

5pm

Penrith City Chapel
Interdenominational
Meeting

MONDAYS

6-7.30 pm

SAGALA

(during school term)

WEDNESDAYS

10-11.30 am

Jitterbugs Playgroup
(during school term)

Community Gathering

@ The Freedom Centre
54 Henry St, Penrith.

10.30 am. Share in a
beverage, chat & mingle in
a relaxed environment.

Freedom Chapel, 6pm

@ The Freedom Centre

THURSDAYS

10.30 am

Home League

FRIDAYS

Belong Youth
Program

6.30-9.30 pm.

*(Fortnightly during school
term)*

**ALL ACTIVITIES
CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Stay Connected

At Greater West Salvos – Glenmore Park

We are using different ways to stay in contact with everyone during this time so we will be emailing & snail mailing this newsletter to everyone.

It would be really great to receive contributions to the newsletter.

We would love to hear news, encouragement and prayers and anything else that you would like to share with our Church family. Please, please **email or mail contributions** through, otherwise the newsletter might be a bit empty. Our mailing address is PO Box 8362, Glenmore Park, 2745 or email debbie.carney@salvationarmy.org.au

ISOLATION? TRANSFORMATION 

For anybody not following the 'Transformation' series there is still plenty of time to start. There is no need to catch up just start reading from week three. I really enjoy the videos with Rick Warren because he has an energy for reading Gods word. It would be great to wake up ready to face the challenges of the day with such enthusiasm.

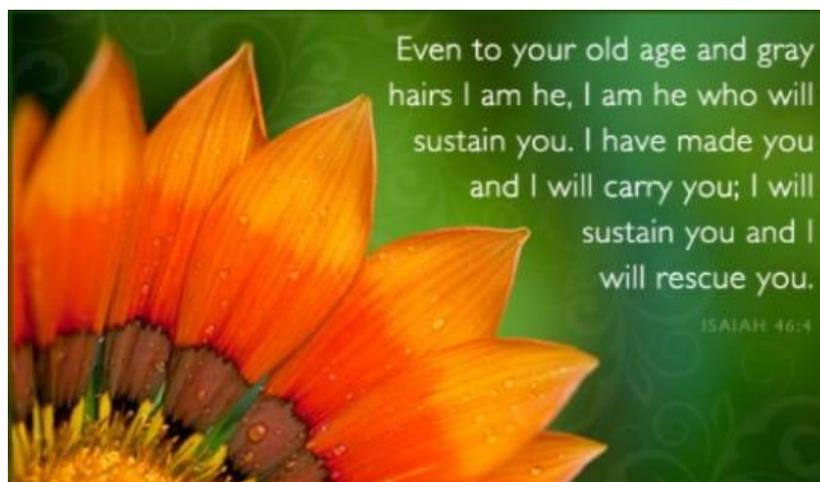
You are very welcome to join our small group on Thursday at 5.30pm online.

Zoom Meeting ID 573-033-399

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<https://zoom.us/j/573033399?status=success>

From Abigail



PRAYER POINTS

Ruth,
Cheryl's daughter
Renee & baby Bonnie,
Ally, Glen & family,
Judy,
Pamela B,
Margaret P,
Gavin,
People affected by the bushfires,
People affected by the Covid 19 virus,
Health workers,
Corps member with difficult work situation,
Christine G (St Marys) whose cancer has returned- for support as she receives more treatment & for her son Michael that he is aware of God's presence as he supports his mother,

Belong Youth Group,
Jitterbugs Playgroup,
Pamela's son Tim & other inmates across Australia to gain strength from the Lord & your ongoing prayers,
Pat,
Pray for & encourage each other,
Clients & staff at The Freedom Centre,
Freedom Chapel Service,
Marilyn-sore back

That people will turn to God at this time,
For politicians & government to make wise decisions at this time.
(please contact Debbie to be added or removed from Prayer Points)

Planned giving:

Bank Details: If you would like to make your regular weekly giving via internet banking our account details are:

BSB 032-271 Account no 81-1709

Please put your envelope number in the reference field.

If you haven't got an envelope number and you would like one please see Debbie. If you would like to give cash or cheques for your regular weekly giving and haven't got envelopes please see Debbie to get some.

THE FREEDOM CENTRE

2/54 Henry Street, Penrith. 4721 3076.

Anyone needing **crisis or emergency assistance** must call

1300 371 288 to be assessed. **FOOD DRIVE:** Please continue to donate non-perishable food items for The Freedom Centre's pantry. Donations can be dropped in The Freedom Centre but please call Jody first, 4721 3076.

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SELF DENIAL APPEAL 2020

Donations are still being accepted.

The Salvation Army is doing the **Self-Denial Appeal** as an online appeal this year.

Altar Service Sunday has now passed and we ask that everyone to prayerfully consider their giving this year. We appreciate that it is a difficult time for many people.

If you would like to give in cash please call Pete and he will come to you to get it.

<https://www.selfdenial.info/au/>

ISOLATION 2 TRANSFORMATION

Here are the Zoom meeting codes for our **Transformation meetings.**

Starting Thursday 16 April 5.30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/573033399?status=success>

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Thursday 7 May 5.30pm

Thursday 14 May 5.30pm

Thursday 21 May 5.30pm

Thursday 28 May 5.30pm

SUNDAY SERVICES

North Brisbane Corps 9.30 am

<http://www.nbcsalvos.live/>

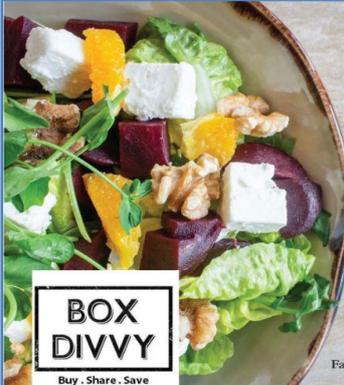
Wollongong Corps 10.00 am

<https://youtube.com/wollongongsalvos>

Launceston Corps 10.00 am

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/launceston/>

BOX DIVVY-Volunteers still needed at The Freedom Centre on Tuesdays 12.30-2.30pm to assist packing fruit & veges. Contact Jody on 4721 3076 if you can help out.



Cut your food bill in half
Join our food hub

- Cut your food bill by 40%
- Direct from farmer/wholesaler
- Super fresh
- Fruit, veg, eggs, bread & groceries
- Reduced packaging & food miles
- Pick up from the Freedom Centre on Tuesday between 2:30pm - 4:30pm
- Delivery is available

BOX DIVVY
Buy . Share . Save

 Freedom Centre
Facebook: Box Divvy Penrith Freedom Centre - Henry
<https://app.boxdivvy.com.au/register/hub/76>

The Salvation Army acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures; and to elders both past and present.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Red Shield Appeal Doorknock 2020 Is Going Digital!

This year we won't be knocking on doors or holding a bucket in our local shopping centres because of the risks of COVID-19. Instead, we are going digital and asking the community to make donations online and we have our own digital site where donations can be made into a "Penrith bucket", so to speak.

Being digital the best way to spread the word is through social media such as **Facebook**.

So, would you please make reference to it in your personal Facebook pages and ask your family and friends to do the same.

The site is found at <https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/t/penrith-salvos> or use the following QR code:



Here are some Bible Study Notes from Neville:- **“Scriptural Comfort and Help”**

The Hope that is set before us.

Hebrews 6:11-20. The writer here tells us that it was *‘through faith and patience’* that Abraham inherited what God had promised him. And again he says, that *‘after he had patiently endured, he had obtained God’s promise’*.

He then presents us with the fact that to us, God has given His oath (His word) and His promise, and those who *‘have fled to Him for refuge’* have implanted within them a *hope*.

Because Jesus has already gone to Heaven, *this hope* has us anchored to Him, and by that anchor our souls can be kept *‘both sure (firm) and steadfast (secure) through the tempests and trials of life*. We must not slacken off or grow weary, but we must be followers of them who *through faith and patience* inherited God’s promises.

Let this **song of hope**, written in 1834 by an English Baptist Minister by the name of Edward Mote, encourage you.

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.**

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
In Him, my righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

We could well do to emulate the Psalmist’s declaration and say, (by God’s grace), *‘I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth’*. Psalm 34:1

Thanks Neville, more to come next week.

From: **The Salvation Army International Headquarters**

Messages from General Brian Peddle

<https://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/inr150420>

<https://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/covid19-prayer>

NEW <https://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/news/video290420>

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

Read **Luke 4:17-18**.

...the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to [Jesus]. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free

Luke 4:17-18 (NIV)

Use sticky notes to write down as many different groups of people who will struggle in these days as you can. If you do not have sticky notes, you could make a list on a single sheet of paper. For example, you might list the hungry, those who have lost income, the sick, the lonely.

Place this list prominently, such as on a wall you pass often in your home. Pray for these people, and pray for them often in these days.

The May edition of **OTHERS MAGAZINE** is available online at <https://others.org.au/>



Give thanks to the God of heaven.
His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:26

Quick (and cute) Sunday School Lessons

From: <https://churchleaders.com/children/childrens-ministry-articles/330645-preschool-sunday-school-lessons.html/2> and <https://vanessamyers.org/category/lesson-ideas/>

1. Words Can't Go Back In

Theme: Be kind to each other

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32

Supplies Needed: Toothpaste, Paper Towels

Show the tube of toothpaste to the kids. Ask what we do with it. Then invite one of them to squirt out some toothpaste onto the paper towel.

Say: Now that you've squirted the toothpaste out, I want you to put it back in the tube.

The child will give you a look like you're crazy, but encourage the child to try and put it back in. It may get a little messy so make sure you have extra paper towels on hand.

After the toothpaste fails to go back in, then ask:

Why can't you put toothpaste back into the tube once you've squirted it out? (It's not made to do that.)

This reminds me of each one of us and how we are not made to be hurtful to others by saying mean words. Every word that comes out of our mouth, we can't put back in. Once it's spoken, then we can't take it back. That's why it's so important that we be careful of the words we speak. We need to make sure that we are saying kind and loving words to our parents, friends, and even our brother or sister. God did not make us to be mean to others. He made us to be kind and loving.

In [Ephesians 4:32](#) it says: "*Be kind, one to another; tender hearted forgiving one another.*"

What are some words that we could say that would be kind? *Allow kids to answer.*

Let's remember to use kind words like this every time we speak. We want to love others by showing them kindness because that is what Jesus wants us to do.

There are going to be days when we say hurtful or mean words to others. The best thing we can do is ask for forgiveness from God and say we are sorry to the person we hurt.

Today I want you to practice saying kind words to others. Begin right now by turning to your friend next to you and saying a kind word to them. *Allow them a few seconds to do this.*

Let's remember we can't take our words back so we need to make sure we think about what we say before we say it. God made us to be kind to each other so let's go out today and be kind to everyone.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you that we can talk. Help us to use our words in kind and loving ways every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Please share any links that you find which may be helpful to our Church family.

Email to debbie.carney@salvationarmy.org.au

How about sending through photos of the kids doing their school work or perhaps avoiding doing their schoolwork! Do the kids have any jokes or artwork they'd like to share?

Any photos, family news, jokes or encouraging stories are most welcome to be included in the newsletter.