



Stay Connected

At Greater West Salvos – Glenmore Park

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

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.

Contributions to the newsletter would be really helpful, especially for those who don't have Facebook to feel still connected to our church.

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

Daily Reflection: Untapped Power

'His power has no boundary'

Psalm 147:5

'How great is our Lord. His power is absolute. His understanding is beyond comprehension'.

As restrictions begin to ease, we are constantly being reminded that we need to 'proceed with caution'. This virus we are dealing with is powerful and we need to do all we can to contain it. We cannot let our guard down! The world is holding its breath, hoping above all hope that we are now coming out the other side and that we have beaten this powerful force that has held us all captive. I have not welcomed this interruption. It has impacted so much life and I have been powerless to do anything about it.

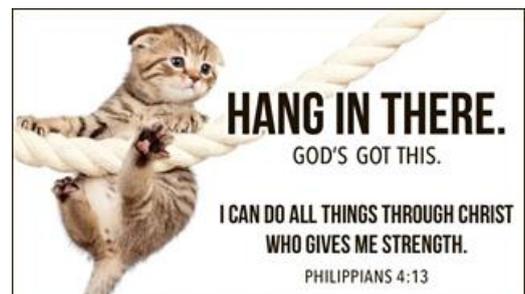
The good news for today is this: there is another power at work in our world, much greater and stronger than this – and one that I am also powerless to control – the absolute power of God.

When we meditate on the fact that God is all powerful, and that there is nothing too great for God's power to deal with, we are reassured that He is in control and that we don't have to be.

He has it all covered!

Isn't that a huge weight off your shoulders!

From: 'Salvos Central'



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)

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 arrange to have it picked up from you.

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

ISOLATION 2 TRANSFORMATION

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

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

Password 1NsoUr

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/>

THE FREEDOM CENTRE

Is still open at 2/54 Henry Street, Penrith. 4721 3076.
Anyone needing **crisis or emergency assistance** must call **1300 371 288** to be assessed.

Box Divvy: Give Jody a call if you would like to join Box Divvy to order great quality fruit, veges bread & eggs & support The Freedom Centre at the same time! Low minimum spend. Delivery is available.

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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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 or would like to join in.**



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
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 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.

Planned Giving:

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

Westpac BSB 032-271 Account no 81-1709

Please put your envelope no. or name in the reference field.

If you would like to give cash at this time of isolation please give Pete a call and he will arrange for it to be picked up from you.

Pray it Forward

From bushfires to drought and difficulties presented by COVID-19, it's been a challenging year for us all. With COVID-19 restrictions being eased, we're questioning 'what will this look like as we move forward?'

What is God saying to The Salvation Army and what are we learning as a result of COVID-19? How could these learnings be applied to The Salvation Army into the future?

This will be a 21-day prayer initiative commencing on Pentecost Sunday on 31 May.

'Pray It Forward' is a call out to every Salvo across the country to enter into a period of intentional prayer and prophetic listening. **This initiative will be launched on Pentecost Sunday on 31 May and will run until Sunday, 21 June.**

There will be national resources available to assist you throughout the initiative:

- Weekly prayer themes
- Daily [Soul Space](#) linked to themes
- Influencer campaign via Facebook
- Weekly Territorial Leader video message, via [Soul Space](#) and [Others](#)
- Inclusions in the Mission Department's monthly Prayer Room for June.

Keep an eye out for these in our future communications!

Please keep spreading the news!

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.

If you would like to make a cash donation please give Pete a call and he will arrange to pick it up from you.

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:-

“On being love slaves”

Read Exodus 21:1-5 and Deut. 15:15-17

Following six years of slavery, Hebrew slaves were to be set free by their masters. Occasionally a circumstance would occur wherein a slave refused to go free saying, ‘I love my master. I will not go free’, choosing slavery with his wonderful, kind, master in preference to freedom without him. To officially recognise and register that this was the slave’s choice, he was to submit to having the lobe of his ear pierced by an aul at a door-post, when Judges witnessed and approved the slave’s decision.

One of the Old Testament names for God was ‘Adoni’ (‘Kurius’ in the New Testament), which meant ‘Master’. From this, we are not to picture God as a cruel, demanding ‘task-master’, and we as His fearful, cowering, slaves, but as such a loving Master that we would prefer being His slaves with Him, to being a ‘freeman’ without Him.

Here is a chorus that we can make into our own prayer:-

*Pierce my ear O Lord my God,
Take me to Your door this day,
I will serve no other God,
Lord, I’m here to stay.
For You have paid the price for me,
With Your blood You’ve ransomed me.
I will serve you eternally,
A freeman I’ll never be.*

Thanks Neville, more to come next week.

From: The Salvation Army International Headquarters

PRAY FOR HOPE AND JOY TO BE RESTORED

Pray for all those in your community and around the world who are feeling down and who are struggling to process the situation that the world finds itself in.

Think of a person or household who may be particularly struggling at this time. Take time to send them an encouraging message by phone or email.

Think of reasons to be thankful! For many of us, there are plenty of reasons around if we take time to find them, from family and friends to technology. Find a large piece of paper and, at the end of each day, write down something (or things) you have been thankful on that day. As time goes on, every time you see that piece of paper, it will show the large number of blessings you have received through these days. You could even use pencils and crayons to be really creative and create a really colourful piece of artwork!

Consider the life of a plant. From a tiny seed, plants can grow into strong organisms bearing leaves, flowers and life-sustaining fruit. While we may not see quick signs of progress, we can be sure of the constant progress of the hope of new life. To remind yourself of this daily, if you can you may wish to plant a seed. Each time you see the pot or patch of soil where you plant it, remember that the green shoots may not be far away.



Object Lesson with Cake - Romans 8:28

Baking a cake can teach a powerful object lesson for kids. Let's face it, bad things happen in life. We live in a world tainted by sin. But the good news is that God can use both the good and the bad, "all things", to work together for our good when we trust Him!

Topic: When bad things happen, trust God.

Title: Let God do the Baking!

Objects: Ingredients for a cake & an already baked cake or cupcakes...this could also be done with cookies or brownies!

Bible Verse: Romans 8:28 - *"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His good purpose."*

Key Takeaway: God can even use even the bad times in our lives for good.



Christian object lesson:

How many of you like to eat cake? Why? *(Possible answers may include: it's sweet, tastes good, etc.)*

Do any of you know what things go into a cake? *[Give time for them to guess.]*

Then all these things must be good - right?

Would you ever consider eating the ingredients of a cake separately?

A spoon of flour? A raw egg? A little oil? *[Allow children to taste a little flour, oil or cocoa. Of course...not the raw egg; we sure don't want someone to possibly get sick!]*

How did each taste? ...Yuk!

Of course, there is the sugar too - yum! :) Let each taste a bit of sugar; it will help get the "yucky" taste out.

Show them the already baked cake or cupcakes.

Life can be a lot like a cake! Separately there are some bitter times, some raw, hurtful times, and some dry, bland times.

Help them think of some "not-so-good" or tough times they have experienced or others may have experienced. Depending on the ages, it may be anything from a skinned knee to the loss of a loved one. Share something from your own life too. Remember your life is a wonderful living example for them!

But there are also the good times! Take a few minutes and have them think of some "good times" - birthday celebrations, new baby brother or sister, a vacation, a good meal, etc.

Some of the cake ingredients by themselves didn't taste very good, but when everything is mixed together, we have a delicious cake to eat!

God is able to blend the good and the bad experiences in our lives together for our good. All together they create a life that is meaningful, useful, and tasty!

Romans 8:28 is a beautiful promise: ***"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His good purpose."***

Depending on their ages, you can discuss more in detail how God has used some negative or tough times in your own life to bring about good.

The Bible is also full of some great examples!

Joseph - If he had not been sold into slavery, he may not have later been in the position where he could save his family from a famine.

Esther - "For such a time as this" God used Esther to save the Hebrew people from being killed.

No - all things are not good, but in God's hands they can be mixed and blended along with the good into a beautiful creation. It's during the bad times that we see how BIG our God is. He loves each of us and He is in control; we can trust Him!

[Now let them taste a piece of baked cake.]

Discuss how even though the ingredients do not taste good alone, they are all necessary for the cake to taste good in the end.

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Prayer for Coronavirus

Heavenly Father you are the hope and healer of people and have promised a world where there is no more sickness crying or death.

In these days we look forward to that promised world and pray Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through our lives and by our prayers, Your Kingdom come.

We ask that You would give wisdom to those who are seeking a vaccine for the coronavirus. We give You thanks for those who are treating the sick and ask that You would give them strength and compassion.

We ask that You comfort those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or living in fear of this disease. We pray Your special protection over those most vulnerable – the sick, the homeless and the elderly.

Please give the government and health authorities wisdom in their management of this crisis. We ask that they would provide clear and timely guidance.

Help us to trust in You and look to You. May we know Your peace and be generous and wise in the way we seek to show the love of Jesus to those around us – in our families, in our streets, and in our workplaces. Grant us tender hearts to serve and a renewed confidence in Your steadfast love, compassion and mercy. Help us be wise in the way we live.

Turn the hearts of many now experiencing fear and anxiety, that they may find peace and comfort in You. Open the hearts of all to the loving work of Your Spirit.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, Amen.

From: Salvos Central

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. **Our Church members who don't have Facebook would really enjoy some news and photos!** Please show your support, Thanks.