Central Vic Salvos

15th November 2026

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT
CREATING YOUR OWN ADVENT PRAYER BIBLE
PAUSE • REFLECT • CREATE • PRAY

AN INVITATION TO EVERYONE ACROSS CVS

Advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Each Sunday, we take time to reflect on the hope, peace, joy and love of God as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

For many, Advent is a time of spiritual preparation, expectation and reflection. If is a opportunity to slow down, spend time in prayer and engage with Scripture as we draw closer to the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Advent is more than a countdown to Christmas Day. It is more than opening the little doors of the Advent calendar and enjoying ht chocolate inside. It is about the arrival of God's Son, Jesus Christ, who left heaven and came to earth to live among us.

Over the past year, my own relationship with God has continued to grow through prayer, scripture and personal reflection, particularly as I have journeyed through treatment. Out of this experience has come the idea of creating an Advent Prayer Bible.

On 30th November, I will be holding a creative workshop open to anyone who would like to come along and create their own Advent Prayer Bible.

This is a day to be creative, but also a day to reflect on your personal journey of faith. Throughout the Advent season, you will be provided an opportunity to read scripture, pause for reflection, and write down your thoughts and spend time in prayer. Our readings will take us on a journey through both the Old & New Testaments, discovering again the promises of God and the fulfilment of the promises of Jesus.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED!

Whether you are part of a corps, a faith community or simply connected with CVS, you are welcome to come and join us.

Monday 30th November from 11am and leave at your own pace. BYO lunch.

Come along, bring your creativity and an open heart, and let's prepare for Christmas together.

You don't have to be an artistic to create something meaningful. You simply need a willingness to spend time with God.

Major Karen Armstrong (Eaglehawk Corps)





More infromation
https://www.salvosonline.org.au/festival-of-mission

FESTIVAL of Mission

MISSION MANIFESTO

27 – 28 November 2026

This is a two-day gathering for those who dream of seeing lives changed. For those who believe the gospel still transforms communities. For those ready to create and respond to the needs around them with faith and boldness. Through worship, prayer, storytelling, learning and shared experience, we will celebrate what God is doing today and imagine what could be possible tomorrow.

At the heart of Mission Manifesto is a conviction: God works through ordinary people. When we follow with courage, create with purpose and serve with confidence, and keep Jesus at the centre lives are transformed.

Register: https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1647985

Cost: $15 a day

MISSION MANDATE

29 November 2026

The Festival of Mission will conclude at 614 with a special Sunday Rally: Mission Mandate.

Join us as we gather together for worship, celebration, prayer and response.

Join us as we hear from the General what's on God's heart for The Salvation Army.

No Registration needed



Monthly Quiet Time Challenge
Reflect & Remember

Read: Psalm 77:11

Look back and notice where God has been faithful this year

CHRISTMAS PRAYER BIBLE

Come and create your personal Christmas Prayer Bible

This is open to everyone in CVS.
MONDAY 30 November starting at 11am-3/4pm
Can leave early if required
Venue Eaglehawk Corps.
Cost $5.
To register please email Major Karen
karen.armstrong@salvationarmy.org.au

You will need to bring a bible.
Preferred a different one to what you normally use.
Check out the salvos store for used bibles.

All other material is supplied. BYO lunch.

Christmas Gift Wrapping 2026

The Salvation Army Bendigo is organising Christmas gift wrapping at Bendigo Market Place on the following dates in December 2026:



- 2 December
- 5 December
- 8 December
- 11 December
- 14 December
- 17 December
- 23 December



Contact: Captain Ashir
Phone: 0408 746 144

You can contact Captain Ashir for details about volunteering times.

Call To Prayer

Our Proclaimers of Transformation 2025 - 2026 are preparing themselves for a sacred event, the making of a covenant which will mark the conclusion of their officer formation journey. We ask you to cover our cadets with your prayers over the coming weeks.



💛 **WORLD KINDNESS DAY – 13 NOVEMBER 2026** 💛

A little kindness can make a BIG difference!

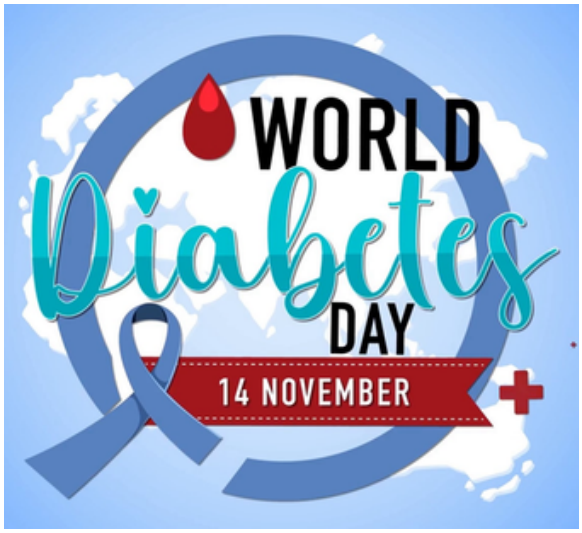
World Kindness Day, a reminder that even the smallest acts of kindness can brighten someone's day and bring hope to our community.

A smile, a helping hand, a listening ear or a simple word of encouragement can mean more than we realise.

📖 ** Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."





💙 WORLD DIABETES DAY – 14 NOVEMBER 2026 💙

We recognise World Diabetes Day and raise awareness of diabetes and its impact on individuals, families and communities.

Diabetes affects millions of people around the world. Raising awareness, encouraging early detection and supporting those living with diabetes can make a real difference.

Let's take the time to learn, support one another and promote healthier communities.

💙 Together, we can make a difference!

Bendigo



❤️ BENDIGO FOUNTAIN COLLECTION – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ❤️

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to help with our Christmas Traffic Light Collection on: 📅 Saturday 5th December 2026
⏰ Whether you can spare two hours or more, your time and support will make a real difference!
🙌 Can you volunteer?
Please get in touch with us to put your name down and nominate your preferred 2-hour time slot.
Every helping hand makes a difference!
Contact: Captain Ashir
Phone: 0408 746 144

Castlemaine



Christmas@Castlemaine

Nov 30	
Dec 7	JustBrass Carols at IGA
Dec 14	
Dec 6	Just Brass Pancakes and Carols
Dec 11	Family Fun Christmas Celebration – with Just Brass
Dec 13	Harcourt Carols inc. JustBrass and Recovery Choir
Dec 14	9:30am Playgroup Christmas Celebration
Dec 16 &18	Christmas Cheer Collection
Dec 18	Castlemaine Rotary Carols including JustBrass
Dec 20	Rob Evans at 10:30 Worship; Corps Christmas Lunch
Dec 20	Gather Harcourt – Recovery Choir
Dec 25	Combined Service with Uniting Church inc. JustBrass

As we work our way through the strange book of the Hebrew Bible ‘In the Wilderness’ or ‘Maths’ as it’s called in the Greek Old Testament, or ‘Numbers’ as it’s called in most English translations, we follow the thrills and spills, the wins and sins, the rising ups and the stuffing ups of God’s People, journeying under God’s care, looking for home. ‘In the Wilderness’ is one of the weirdest set of scripture stories (and the rest of the Bible is no beige wallpaper), but it’s also wonderfully relatable. Who among us is not riding life with crests and crumbles?

However, some of the cultural imagery the story is dressed in can throw us off the scent if we don’t have some reference points.

Just for a moment, pause and ask if there is a piece of clothing, jewellery, perhaps a watch that belonged to a family member that you have inherited that is meaningful to you – not just for the memory that person, but for the values you have in common with them?

Numbers Chapter 20 recounts the death of Moses’ brother Aaron. They are both the great co-leaders of God’s People – Moses on Admin and Aaron on Worship.

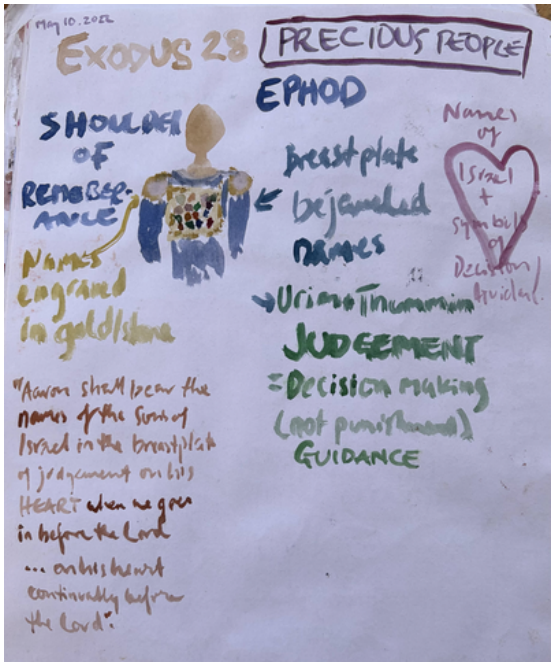
Moses takes aging Aaron up the mountain – strips him in front of the people and leaves him to die. This reads like brutal elder abuse.

But the story is not about Aaron or Moses, but about how they are passing on care and leadership to the next generations. Aaron’s clothes are given to his sons and when we check across the pages to see what Aaron’s threads were like, we understand that Moses and Aaron are ensuring that the deep symbolic meaning of Aaron’s divinely designed worship-wear, is publicly passed on to the young emerging leaders.

In Exodus 28 Aaron’s clothes are described in detail, and there we discover that his wardrobe was exquisitely bejewelled with richly coloured stones and engraved with the family names of the tribes of God’s people.

Aaron’s clothes were an embodied remember that God calls us precious, sees our colourful variety, and asks those who serve to wear this vivid palette and the names on their hearts and shoulders carrying the love and cares personally before God.

This Sunday at Castlemaine we’ll be creating our own expressions of this rich, precious love and care together for one another and for the community God has called us to.





Eaglehawk

Christmas at Eaglehawk

THE SALVATION ARMY

Date	Venue	Time	
Monday 23rd November	Hall	2:30pm	Set up for packing day
Tuesday 24 November	Hall	10am	Packing day / closed group
Thursday 26th November	Children festival Canterbury Park	3pm set up	Making Pancakes.
Monday 30th November	Hall BYO lunch	11am start	Workshop Creating a Advent Prayer Bible.
Thursday 3rd December	IGA Eaglehawk	5pm – 6pm	Christmas Carolling
Saturday 5th December	Hargreaves Mall	1pm set up, 1:30 start	Christmas Carolling
Thursday 10th December	IGA Eaglehawk	5 – 6pm	Christmas Carolling
Wednesday 16th December	Whip Court	11:30am inc. lunch	Christmas Reflection
Thursday 17th December	Epsom Salvo Store	11am	Christmas Reflection
Thursday 17th December	IGA Eaglehawk	5 – 6pm	Christmas Carolling
Monday 21st December	Hall	11am	Christmas Cheer Set Up
Tuesday 22nd December	Hall	9:30am	Christmas Cheer
Wednesday 23rd December	Hall	10am	Pack up Christmas Cheer
Thursday 24th December	Hall	7pm	Christmas Eve Service
Friday 25th December	Hall	10:30 am	Christmas Brunch

Hall: 51 Church Street, Eaglehawk

Maryborough

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS OF ITEMS YOU CAN PUT IN YOUR BOX

- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned tuna
- Canned meals
- Baked beans
- Soups
- Dried fruit and nuts
- Crackers, biscuits
- Long life milk
- Juice
- Coffee, tea and Milo
- Spreads - Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Jam, Honey
- Rice, pasta and noodles
- Pasta sauce/Chicken tonight
- Cereal
- Muesli Bars
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap and deodorant
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Tissues and toilet paper
- Treat food – chips, chocolate
- Christmas item

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR MARYBOROUGH

ADD ONE ITEM TO YOUR BOX EVERY DAY OVER 30 DAYS



THE SALVATION ARMY Maryborough

PICK UP YOUR BOX TODAY

Maryborough Salvos
27 Wills Street, Maryborough
03 5459 0500
Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am - 12.30pm

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BOX BY FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

JOIN OUR WALK AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

Let's change the story in Central Goldfields

Wednesday 25 November

9:45 am	Meet at Zonta flower bed next to Senior Citizens Club, Phillips Gardens, Maryborough
10:00 am	Walk starts
10:30 am - 1 pm	Maryborough Town Hall guest speakers, morning tea

MDHS · Central Goldfields · Zonta · the orange door

In collaboration with Maryborough SES, CFA, Victoria Police, Centre for Non Violence, Anglicare, Ambulance Victoria, Parkview Bakery, Pyrenees Shire Council

Afternoon of Christmas Carols



St Andrews uniting Church
Crn Neill and Palmerston St, Maryborough
Sunday 29th November 2026 @ 2pm
Join us to celebrate Christmas with an afternoon of Christmas carols followed by afternoon tea.

Early Voting

9am - 6pm, Wed to Sat 18 Nov - 21 Nov
Sunday 22 Nov (closed)
9am - 6pm, Mon to Fri 23 Nov - 27 Nov
Maryborough Football and Netball Club Rooms
40 Park Road, Maryborough VIC 3465

Thrift Shops

AVOCA THRIFT SHOP
114 High Street, Avoca
Ph: (03) 5459 0502
Open Hours:
10:00am - 3:0pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
10:00am - 1:00pm Saturday

BENDIGO CBD THRIFT SHOP
18 Pall Mall, Bendigo
Ph: 0461 460 295
Open Hours:
9:30am-4:00pm Mon-Fri
10:00am - 4:00pm Saturday
Closed: 25th & 26th September

BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP
2B Thistle Street, Golden Square
Ph: (03) 5459 0504
Open Hours:
9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday
9am-2pm 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 Mon to Fri
10am-2pm Saturday

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

BENDIGO
65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

MONDAY
12.00pm - Community Meal
12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing
1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space
THURSDAY
10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing
11.00am - Chapel
12.00pm - Community Meal
SUNDAY
10.00am - Celebration Service
10.30am - Kids School

CASTLEMAINE
47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

MONDAY
9.30am to 11.00am - Playgroup *
11.15am to 12.45pm - Playgroup *
3:45pm - 4:45pm: Just Brass
WEDNESDAY
9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways
FRIDAY
9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways
SUNDAY
10.30am - Worship Service

EAGLEHAWK
51 Church St, Eaglehawk

TUESDAYS
8:30am - Weekly Prayers
9:45am - Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch
THURSDAY
11.00am 4th every month - Aged Care Service
2.00pm - Community Pantry
3.45pm Band Learners
5.30pm Band Practice
FRIDAY
11.00am Creative and Create Hub finish at your own leisure
SUNDAY
9:40am - prays
10.00am - Celebration Service
3rd Sunday of month is the Church/Corps come and share lunch together. starting February to November.

MARYBOROUGH
27 Wills St, Maryborough

MONDAY
9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry
10:30am - Faith Fellowship *
WEDNESDAY
9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry
THURSDAY
12.00pm - Noon Prayer
1.30pm - Bowls
FRIDAY
9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry
5.00pm - Faith Chats *
6.00pm - Youth Group *
SUNDAY
9:15am - Prayer Meeting
10.00am - Celebration Service with Kids Church

***not on during school Holidays**

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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.

Jesus-centred
Spirit-led
hope revealed

The Salvation Army Central Victoria honours God who is Father, Son and Spirit; and who is the Creator of this world and the giver of all life. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, who are the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation, and we pay our respects to their elders past present and future. We commit ourselves to work for reconciliation and justice alongside Australia's First Nations people.