



Central Vic Salvos

18th October 2026

WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT

We all struggle with spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Some days our circumstances threaten to overwhelm us, and we struggle just to pray. Many times we just don't feel like doing the things we know we should. For one reason or another, God sometimes seems far off and unreachable.

David faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his despair and feeling of abandonment.

Yet the Psalms also give us the key to living victoriously during the dark periods of life. Let's take a quick look at Psalm 119:89-95*.

"Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances..."

My circumstances or feelings have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He hung the stars in the sky, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand.

"For all things are Your servants..."

All things, even the things affecting me right now, are God's servants. The circumstance, people, and events around me are all under God. They are His servants, designed to help and bless me spiritually.

"If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies."

Recalling God's faithfulness and control over everything that touches us gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to delight in and diligently consider God's precepts (His principles and character) despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can revive and save our soul from spiritual lethargy.

Next time you feel spiritually drained or inadequate, remember that you have a choice. You can wrap yourself up in excuses and self-pity, or you can choose to draw your strength from an unchanging God.

devotional from

<https://www.christianperspective.net/articles/devotionalthoughts/>

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.



Monthly Quiet Time Challenge Creative Faith

Read: Psalm 127: 1

Respond to Scripture creatively through
art, writing or music

The block features the Salvation Army logo, the text 'HISTORY BUILDS OUR PURPOSE', and a historical photograph of William and Catherine Booth. The text describes the early history of the organization, from 'The Christian Mission' to 'The Salvation Army'.

DID YOU KNOW?

**THE SALVATION ARMY
WAS NOT ORIGINALLY
CALLED THE SALVATION ARMY!**

In 1865, when William Booth and his wife, Catherine Booth, began the ministry that would become The Salvation Army, it was known as **THE CHRISTIAN MISSION**.

In 1878, the organisation's annual report described the Christian Mission as a "**Volunteer Army**."

William Booth objected to the word "**Volunteer**." He wanted something stronger to describe the movement's mission.

And just like that...

THE SALVATION ARMY!

A name that would soon be recognised around the world.



This week The Bendigo Salvation Army had the privilege of hosting OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation vision screening team, a free vision clinic for our community members. They saw 83 clients come through for eye check-ups. 9 ready-made glasses were provided, 5 read-to-clip pairs were fitted and provided, 49 pairs of prescription glasses were ordered, and 13 appointments for further assessments were organised through OPSM, all completely free for our community members.

It was a fantastic day, and we are grateful to the volunteers of OneSight for giving us their time and effort for those in need. We also want to say thank you to The Salvation Army Doorways program for their collaboration with OneSight.

More information

<https://www.salvosonline.org.au/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



Bendigo



BENDIGO SALVOS COMMUNITY ART SPACE

Bendigo

A free, relaxed art space to create and be part of community, and be reminded of how the Master Creator can do something new within us.

MONDAYS 1:00PM-3:00PM
THURSDAYS 1:00PM-3:00PM

The Bendigo Salvation Army
65-71 Mundy Street Any questions?
In shelter Shed Please contact Spencer on
(opposite Café) 0499 707 871





COMMUNITY MEALS

We have two free Community Meals each week.

Monday (held by Impact Recovery): 12:00pm-1:00pm
Thursday: 12:00pm-1:00pm

Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy st
Hilltop Café




Bendigo





Salvos Gifts

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING





OrangeSky
— Australia —



Join us for free
LAUNDRY & CONVERSATION

 **Salvation Army**
65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo
Monday 12.30pm-2.30pm
Thursday 10.30am-1pm

Whether you're experiencing homelessness, financial hardship, isolation or loneliness, we welcome you to visit us on shift!



Scan to find our other Locations



Unlike traditional Christmas presents, Salvos Gifts contribute towards practical initiatives that help people build brighter futures. From supporting livelihoods and strengthening families to improving health and wellbeing, every gift helps create lasting change.

Whether you're purchasing a gift on behalf of a friend, family member or corps member, Salvos Gifts provide an opportunity to celebrate Christmas in a way that reflects hope, generosity and compassion.

As the Christmas season approaches, our corps will also begin preparing for this year's Christmas Day Offering Appeal and inviting their members to support vulnerable children and families in Indonesia.

While separate from Salvos Gifts, both initiatives provide opportunities to support The Salvation Army's international work and share God's love in practical ways

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/international-development/give/salvos-gifts/>

Castlemaine

Spring into Christmas

Community Market

We need Stall Holders

Our Market in June was such a hoot we want to do it all again, we can't decide between Spring or Christmas so we will combine them into one fantastic community market. We would love for you to join us.

Register your interest, book a space, make enquiries

Vicki.kerin@salvationarmy.org.au

14th November 2026

10 - 3pm

Castlemaine Salvo's (next to the Train Station)

Playgroup

Monday's

9.30am - 11.00am: Session 1

11:15am - 12:45pm : Session 2

Pick a session that suits you

The Salvo's Hall, 15 Kennedy Street,
Next to the Train Station, Castlemaine

Birth - School Age

Join us for Free Indoor/Outdoor Play, Craft, Cooking, Singing, Dancing and reading.
Bring a contribution for lunch or fruit platter and a gold coin donation.
Free Hot Drinks and snack for Carers.

Enquires : Vicki 0418 138 435

THE ARMOR OF GOD



What we lack a lot of times is not placing the belt on that allows all the others pieces to fall into place.

He is The Way, The Truth, and The life and only way to the father is through the Son. We urge you all to look deep and see what lacks at times is us trying to hold the main pieces on ourselves when all we needed was His truth always wrapped around us holding that righteousness, that peace, that faith and salvation in place.

Then ultimately giving us a place to hang our sword. We can't use the Word without having The Truth.

7 Weapons To Fight Every
Battle

Maryborough

Our church is taking part in the 2026 National Church Life Survey on Sunday 25/10.

Why? Locally, this survey helps our church to listen to all voices, so we can gain valuable insights to shape the health and vitality of our church.

Nationally, our church will also add to a vital picture of church life across Australia, highlighting national trends and informing wider society.

Eaglehawk

Free cat and dog microchipping day in Eaglehawk

🐾 Wednesday November 18, 2026
🐾 9am to 11am
🐾 Eaglehawk Community House
19 Bright Street, Eaglehawk

Bendigo Animal Relief Centre (BARC) are holding a **FREE cat and dog microchipping day in Eaglehawk for Greater Bendigo residents.**

This is a good opportunity to:

- Have your best friend microchipped for free! (\$40 cash only fee applies for non-Greater Bendigo residents)
- Check your pet's microchipping details are up to date
- Learn more about becoming a BARC foster carer

Please note cats and dogs must be in carry cages or on leads.



COMMUNITY MARKET DAYS

FRESH PRODUCE, BREAD AND OTHER ITEMS AS AVAILABLE

MON, WED & FRI 10AM-12:30PM

"excluding public holidays, while stocks last"



Corn Relish Cob

by Kim McCosker

Serves 8 serves

Ingredients

- 1 cob loaf
- 300g sour cream
- 250g jar corn relish
- 2 spring onions finely chopped

Instructions

Preheat oven to 180°C.

Cut the top from the cob and remove most of the bread from inside: leave a 2cm thick lining (reserve the lid and inside bread).

In a bowl mix together sour cream, corn relish and spring onions. Season to taste.

Spoon the dip into the loaf and bake for 20 minutes; remove from oven.

Tear the lid into several dippers, then nestle it and inside bread around the cob.

Bake for another 10 minutes, or until the bread is nice and crispy on the outside.

Serve immediately, using the toasted bread to dip.



Bendigo Animal Relief Centre
20 Piper Lane, East Bendigo
t. (03) 5441 2209
www.bendigoanimalreliefcentre.com.au





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

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine

Ph: (03) 5459 0506

Open Hours:

10am-4pm Monday to Friday

10am-3pm 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

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

BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square

Ph: (03) 5459 0504

Open Hours:

9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday

9am-2pm Saturday

WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

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

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

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.

51 Church St, Eaglehawk

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

27 Wills St, Maryborough

*not on during school Holidays



Contact Us

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2 WAYS TO GIVE



IN PERSON

PLACE YOUR CASH
OR ENVELOPES IN
THE OFFERING PLATE



ONLINE

VIA BPAY
FOR BILLER CODE
PLEASE SEE CORPS OFFICER/LEADER



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 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.