



Central Vic Salvos

1st November 2026

Community is such an important part of being human. It's embedded in us to be part of a group with others from a very young age. Being around people helps us to learn how to socialise and be with others, and that can vary from person to person to how that looks, and I love that. Communities can look different from each other but I think that makes them even more special.

Even as an introvert, though I thoroughly enjoy and need my alone time to recharge, I can see the moments when I need to be around my people. I have been so blessed to call the people around me my community.

Something I love about my job as the community engagement worker in Bendigo is seeing people find their place in community. What a privilege it is that we in The Salvation Army get to walk alongside people and create welcoming, inclusive spaces for all.

So, here's a question for you, do you know how many people you need in a group to be classed as a "community?"

It's 3. You only need 3 people to have a community.

Isn't that interesting? If you think about. God has been in community since before the beginning of time, and he calls us to be in community with each other. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or big. What's important is being around people who you can support but also who you feel supported by.

This is what Peter says in the bible.

1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

I love how this verse starts, above everything else, love each other. Above how we see someone, above if they've annoyed us, love them. We have people of all walks of life come through our doors, and God calls us to love them, to welcome them. Can it be difficult sometimes? Absolutely. But that doesn't mean we should stop striving to reflect the love of Christ.

So, as you go throughout your week, I hope you find your place in community. And if you already have, I hope you create space for others too. To feel welcome, loved, and seen. Have a great week and God bless.

Spencer Viney, Community engagement worker.

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 Reflect & Remember

Read: Psalm 77:11

Look back and notice where God has been
faithful this year

More information

<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





National Children's Week

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the precious gift of every child. We pray that all children will be loved, protected, safe and given the opportunity to grow, learn and shine. Bless their families, teachers and carers with wisdom and kindness. Help us to listen to children, respect their voices and create a brighter future for every child.

May Your love and blessings be with all children today and always.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Bendigo



You're invited to
The Bendigo Salvos

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PARTY

 **STAFF, VOLUNTEER & CHURCH** 

Please join us for our staff, volunteer & church family Christmas party. Bring along your family for some festive fun.

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2026
5:30PM-7:30PM

Please RSVP by 23rd Nov along with any dietary requirements
Ashir Morris: 0408 746 144 or
Email: corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

The Bendigo Salvos, 65-71 Mundy Street
Worship centre, gate 1

 **Bendigo** 

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.

Questions to ask children

what's a special family celebration in your family?

what's your favorite bible story or prayer?

what makes you proud of your family?

what's your favourite family tradition?



 **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
In shelter Shed (opposite Café)

Any questions?
Please contact Spencer on
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

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

Bushfire recovery is a long process that takes many forms addressing physical material emotional social economic needs in individual and communal expressions. Castlemaine Salvos has supported Harcourt recovery in a range of ways - including responding to the request for a choir.

We have been rehearsing weekly since June and sang in public in a community concert in Harcourt for the first time this week. The group of singers share support, joy, understanding with one another as well as achieving hearty harmonies together. With particular thanks to Alison Curtis who has underpinned this initiative with admin, comms, care and afternoon teas.

More performances to come in the Christmas and Applefest seasons ahead.



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.



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



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

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**



2026 **National Church Life Survey**

If anyone would still like to do the NCLS church survey please let Liz Conway know

Your worth is in God,
not in the world.

Do not measure yourself
by human standards.

You are chosen, loved,
and created for a purpose.

1 Peter 2:9



Don't forget to thank God for the prayers He said "no" to.

Some of the things you prayed for didn't happen because God was protecting you from what you couldn't see.



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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Maryborough

Major Vanessa Evans

27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500
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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.