Central Vic Salvos

22nd November 2026

Jesus as my Anchor

Who can believe that on the 30th November Robert & I will have been in our roles with Central Vic Salvos for a whole year. Time has certainly gone fast, and I must admit I would like the world to just slow down. As I reflect and look at the last year there are many times that I can see Christ as my anchor and how he has sustained me and helped me get through those times when I have felt uncertain or just are going through the motions.

Life can change in an instant. One moment things seem to be going well, and the next we're facing challenges we never expected. Financial stress, health issues, death of a loved one all of this can leave us feeling shaken and unsure of what comes next.

During these times, it's important to remember that we are not left to face life's storms alone. Jesus is our anchor. When everything else feels uncertain, He provides the stability, hope, and strength we need to keep moving forward in faith.

Each one of us needs an anchor in our life. An anchor doesn't remove the storm; it doesn't calm the waves or stop the rain. What it does is keep the ship from being lost.

The Bible speaks of this in Hebrews 6:19, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." This hope is found in Jesus Christ, who promises to never leave us or forsake us.

Jesus is our anchor and the things that help him to be that are, He is unchanging he is the same today, yesterday and tomorrow, His promises are reliable, His presence brings peace, andHis love is unfailing.

Practical ways to stay anchored in Christ are to, Cling to his Word – immerse yourself in scripture, ask these questions, What does Scripture say? (What happened?, Who is speaking? What is the main idea?) What does it mean? (What does this teach about God? What does this teach about people?) What should I do? (What should I change? What should I obey?) Strengthen your prayer life – pray with others and for others, Surround yourself with a faith community – become an active part of a church not just a pew sitter on Sundays, Trust in His timing – His timing is not our timing, Remember the past storms in your life that he has bought you through – remind yourself and share with others your testimony, what Christ has done for you and continues to do for you everyday.

Our days at times may be challenging but we can be rest assured that Christ is with us daily, he is in the easy and not so easy, he is in the happy and the sad, he is in the highs and the lows.



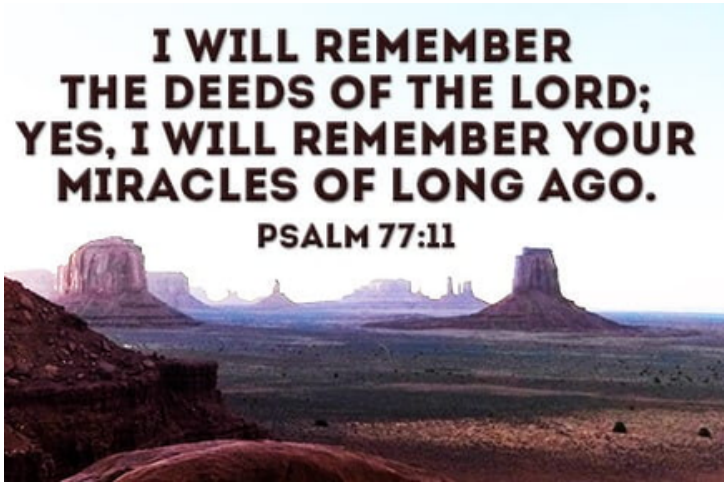
Jeremiah 29:11-14a says For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord..." May each one of us Call out to God in all things and remember that he is our anchor in the storms of life. May your week be filled with smooth sailing and the love of Christ.

Major Vanessa Evans (Maryborough)



Central Vic Salvos would like to congratulate Bendigo Corps Officers, Captains Ashir & Hummera, on the birth of their baby boy. Our love and prayers are extended to the family as they welcome this new addition into their lives.

Areev Ashir Born 9/11/2026



Monthly Quiet Time Challenge
Reflect & Remember
Read: Psalm 77:11
Look back and notice
where God has
been faithful this year



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.



Gendered Violence

What Community and Churches Can Do
Knowledge is Power Evening

Church of Christ Castlemaine
Sunday 29 November 5pm to 6:30pm

This session will explore what is meant by gender-based violence, the social conditions that lead to higher prevalence, and the things we can all do that will lead to long-term change.

Led by Chewton local, Scott Holmes. Scott has worked and volunteered in the prevention of violence against women sector for nearly 16 years.
He has delivered training workshops to workplaces, AFL teams, journalists, and many others. In 2011 Scott helped found the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne Prevention of Violence Against Women program, one of the leading examples of prevention initiatives in faith communities. He has also guided the prevention work run by the national Anglican Church since 2019. Scott also supports training offered by the BabyMakes3 program, which recently commenced in Castlemaine.

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

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

So you think you know the Bible…

When I was a child, my mum would play guessing games with us – they were most often Bible guessing games.

She'd say 'I'm thinking of someone in the bible whose name begins with J…'

And we would have to try and guess who it was, and provide a snippet or snapshot from their story.

For example: 'Is it someone who led God's people after Moses died?'

And mum would say 'No, it's not Joshua'

'Is it the father of King David?'

No it's not Jesse.

She would never choose common or well-known names.

'Was he famous for driving his chariot really fast?'

'Yes!' She'd say

'It's Jehu!'

In playful and serious ways, we were challenged to scour the scriptures not just for the classic devotional stories but for the off-Broadway dramas, the forgotten anti-heroes and the wild weird episodes that challenge our cultural constructs and break open our theological assumptions.

I'm thinking of a person in the Bible beginning with Z.

Not the little tax man in the tree; not the priest who anointed Solomon King, not the father of John the Baptist, not the wife of Moses….

It's the man – Zelophehad – who we know only by the story of his five daughters who challenge patri-local land inheritance and establish the right for women to own land. It's an old story – from the wilderness years under the leadership of Moses. Five times this story is reiterated in Numbers, Joshua and 1 Chronicles.

It's Feminism 101 – women in this story are capable and responsible agents of land care, leaders of communities and entrusted with governance without the guardianship or supervision of men, and this is endorsed directly by God. Look it up! (Numbers 26:33, 27:1-11). Women and men work together equally in leadership for the wellbeing of land and community – not for dominance or privilege.

As we approach the United Nations Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gendered Violence, a story like this helps anchor us into solid ground, against the ignorant claims

we sometimes hear projected on to the text: false assertions that the Bible unequivocally supports patriarchy, that God has made women to be essentially submissive to men, that women are limited to roles that exclude governance, leadership and community responsibility.

Violence against women often arises in contexts where men are taught that they alone carry the rights and burdens of leadership. This is a dangerous distortion – leaving men feeling both privilege and pressure – which can become exploitative and explosive.

We need to confess that our Christian scriptures have been used to prop up dangerous misogyny, creating shists of oppression against women and mis-shapen expectations on men: at times a terrifying recipe for gendered violence against women and against men.

But we also need to be confident that across scripture – in thousands of pages that perhaps haven't had the same media coverage, but which are not too hard for children to remember, given a playful and prayerful approach – women stand with human dignity and human difficulty as men do.

Wearing orange, creating a banner, joining a walk, attending a gathering are activities we can join in the Sixteen Days of Activism – a global movement – as we hold the stories of our faith as fuel for realigning our culture towards Love and Justice that brings security to women and relief to men. https://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Community-and-Wellbeing/Diversity-inclusion-and-equal-access/Gender-equity/16-Days-of-Activism

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 Shire Council · Zonta Club of Central Goldfields Inc · 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

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