



Central Vic Salvos

27th September 2026



There's a poem entitled, "Footprints," that illustrates our walk with Jesus. Many of you may even have a copy displayed in your home. It begins:

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed that he was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. He noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, the other to the Lord. When the last of his life flashed before him, He noticed that many times along the path there was only one set of footprints. He recalled that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. He questioned, "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. Then why during the most troublesome times in my life When I needed you most, would you leave me?" The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trials and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you." (Anonymous).

During the times of temptation in our lives, often our footprints wander away from those of Jesus as we leave the path he's on and wander into the dangers of the surf zone or the rocks. There are hazards and dangerous creatures living in the rocks and under the water in the ocean people suffer from slipping on the rocks or stepping on sting rays in the surf. But there are not many injuries sustained from someone walking on the flat sand at the edge of the beach. During some of the times of temptation in our lives, we don't wander away from Jesus. There is one set of footprints, because we are walking in his footprints, following him exactly, living as he lived and doing what he did. When we choose to follow Jesus, we are walking in his steps.

When people are being taught how to clear a minefield the instructor will tell you to step precisely in the footprint left by the person in front of you. The concept is simple: since the person in front of you stepped on a spot that didn't set off a landmine, the only spot guaranteed to be safe was the ground under that footprint. Stepping anywhere else means risking death. The person at the front of the patrol is called the "point man." His job is to make sure he clears any mines or booby traps before moving forward. Everyone else's job is to walk where he walks and step where he steps. When we say we're following Jesus, living as Jesus lived and doing what Jesus did, we are letting Jesus be the point man in our lives. Walking in someone else's footprints is also often easier than walking through new ground. Anyone who has walked through deep jungle recognizes that it's easier to walk along a path that's cleared than one that isn't.

Unlike our own, Christ's footprints aren't always easy to see, are they? We can't see them from a distance. We have to be right there with Jesus or they fade away. And when you're walking that closely with someone, you're usually communicating with them aren't you? You may not be talking about anything really important, but you'll be talking to the person you're walking with. Can you imagine walking that closely to someone that you can actually step in their footprints, without talking to them?

Prayer was important to Jesus; it kept him close to the Father. We can learn a lot from his example. After all, his disciples did. They saw Jesus praying all the time, and noticed the benefit it had for him. He would go off by himself and then come back refreshed and recharged, ready to do the Father's will. My prayer is that each one of us will walk in the Footprints of Jesus and that we will take time out to pray and learn from his example of going off on our own and spending time with the Father.

Major Vanessa Evans (Maryborough)

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



Australia are you ready to lose one hour of sleep? zzz

Date
Sun, 4 Oct 2026 – Sun, 4 Apr 2027

Clocks move forward one hour at 2:00 AM

NSW, Vic, SA, Tas, ACT

Less Sleep 😴

More Sunlight ☀️

Longer Evenings 🌃

Enjoy the extra daylight!



Join a BCBS walking group

Bendigo Community Health Services offers two walking groups for people aged 18+ living in Greater Bendigo.

- Meet new people
- Bring your friends
- Improve your health & fitness
- Walk at your own pace

9.30am - 10.30am

Mondays -
Garden for the Future, Bosquest St, White Hills

Wednesdays -
Lake Neangar, Simpsons Rd, Eaglehawk

Free to join and enjoy. Register your attendance:

5406 1200

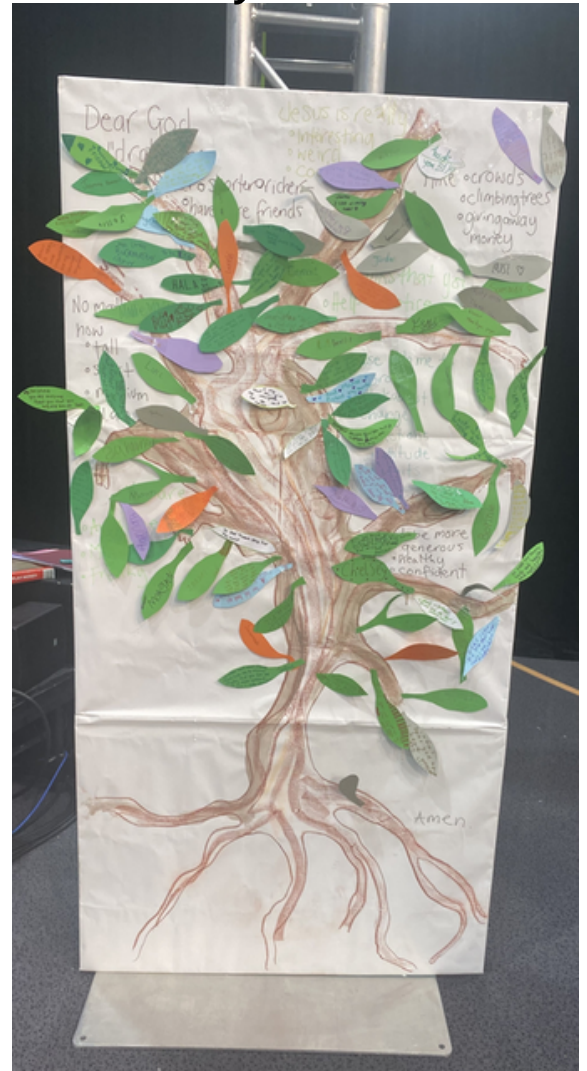
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www.bchs.com.au



Daylight savings starts next week

Prayer Tree.



This week 18 youth, 9 kids and 4 leaders headed off to Phillip Island for the annual Vic Kids and Youth Camp. Can't wait to hear the stories from camp.



Bendigo



ONESIGHT
EssilorLuxottica Foundation



A free **Vision Clinic** is coming to The Salvation Army Bendigo!

If you're struggling to see clearly, you can get a **free eye test** here.

If you need glasses, they'll be provided **at no cost**.

Please call Spencer on 0499 707 871 (available Mon-Thurs) or visit our reception to book an appointment

Limited appointments available

Clinic details:

Date: Tuesday 13th of October 2026

Address: 65 – 71 Mundy st, Gate 1



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
In shelter Shed (opposite Café)

Any questions?
Please contact Spencer on
0499 707 871



Colin and Darren joined 75 other riders from Bendigo and Castlemaine to take part in the United We Ride campaign September 12th, for The Salvation Army. Our appreciation is extended to Gasoline Alley Motorcycles in Bendigo for organising the local chapter of this event across Australia and New Zealand.

"Thousands of motorcycle riders from across New Zealand and Australia are banding together this weekend to raise money for charity. Harley-Davidson has rallied the motorcyclists for the return of United We Ride, in which riders leave from Harley dealerships across New Zealand and Australia at a set time. Every dollar raised from the ride goes directly to The Salvation Army, which provides critical frontline services, including emergency housing and financial counselling for families experiencing hardship."

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

Castlemaine



Soldiership Enrolment

Castlemaine Salvos
October 4
10:00am Pancakes
10:30am Worship

Beth Waldron Anstice is affirming her covenant of faith within The Salvation Army



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)



VEGAN SCONES

Posted by Kim McCosker

Serves 16 scones

Ingredients

4 cups self-raising flour

1 cup lemonade

270g can coconut cream

Instructions

Preheat oven to 200°C. Line a baking tray with baking paper.

Sift self-raising flour into a bowl, make a well and pour in coconut cream and lemonade.

Using a knife, mix to make a well and pour in coconut cream and lemonade.

Using a knife, mix to make a firm dough. Turn out onto a clean, floured surface.

Knead gently until smooth (don't knead too much or scones will be tough).

Pat dough into a 2cm-thick round.

Using a 5cm (diameter) round cutter, cut out as many rounds as possible.

Knead the dough together again, and cut out more rounds.

Place scones onto prepared tray, nestled up against each other.

Sprinkle tops with a little flour.

Bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden and well risen. Serve warm with jam and coconut cream.

Castlemaine Salvos Sunday Gatherings Term 3		
Sept 27	Days, Food and Fanatics	Romans 14
Oct 4	Getting along with humans	Romans 15



Maryborough

No Kids & Youth Programs

for 1 week due to school holidays see you all on Thursday 8th for Kids club and Junior Soldiers & Friday 9th for Youth Group

It was great having De-escalation & OVA Training today with our Emergency Relief Team. Thank you to Amy & Grace for coming from Melbourne to deliver the training. We hope you enjoyed your time with us.



Eaglehawk

Loving God,

We pray for our Central Vic Salvos communities in Bendigo, Eaglehawk, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Avoca, and St Arnaud as we enter the last week of the holidays.

Bless our communities with peace, safety, and renewed strength. Be close to those who are struggling, lonely, or in need, and guide our teams as they continue to serve with compassion and love.

Help us finish this holiday season well, with grateful hearts and a renewed sense of purpose.

May Your presence be with every person and family across our communities.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



FAITH





You're invited!

LET'S Maryborough

(Learning, employment, training and skills)

Come along to connect with local employers, discover job and training opportunities, and learn about services available to support you.



8 October 2026
Thursday



11:30AM
– 2:30PM



Maryborough Town Hall
71 Clarendon St,
Maryborough VIC 3465

Whether you're looking for work, considering your next career step, exploring training options or simply want to find out what support is available, there'll be plenty of opportunities to ask questions, make connections and explore your options.

Come along and explore:



EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITIES



EDUCATION
AND TRAINING
PATHWAYS



APPRENTICESHIPS
& TRAINEESHIPS



CAREER
DEVELOPMENT
AND UPSKILLING



Register to attend

Scan the QR code or contact for more info

✉ Bec.O'Neill@asuria.com.au

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ASURIA
ASSURED PEOPLE SERVICES



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 3rd of 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.