



Central Vic Salvos

4th October 2026

I know or I believe

From Future Hope to Present Faith

John 11:27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

On your faith journey, have you ever declared this for yourself, or are you still on the journey of discovering who Jesus is? Martha’s conversation with Jesus in John 11 is a beautiful picture of growing faith in the middle of disappointment and grief. When Jesus finally arrived in Bethany after Lazarus had died, Martha went out to meet Him. Her first words reveal both her faith and her disappointment: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” John 11:21

Martha believed Jesus could have healed Lazarus. She knew His power. But her faith at this moment was largely connected to what Jesus could have done in the past. She was looking back: “If you had been here...” Yet Martha did not completely lose hope. She continued: “But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” John 11:22

Jesus then told her: “Your brother will rise again.” John 11:23

Martha responded in verse 24: “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” This is a genuine statement of faith but notice where Martha's faith is focused. She believes in a future resurrection. She believes the right theological truth, but she has not yet understood what Jesus is about to reveal in the present.

Martha's faith says, “I know something will happen one day.” Jesus then brings her faith from the future into the present: “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...” John 11:25

Jesus is not simply giving Martha information about resurrection. He is revealing Himself as the Resurrection and the Life. The hope Martha was placing in a future event was standing right in front of her in the person of Jesus. Then Jesus asks the most important question: “Do you believe this?” John 11:26 Martha's answer in verse 27 shows a significant change: “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” In verse 24, Martha says, “I know.” In verse 27, Martha says, “I believe.”

Her faith has moved from simply believing in a future doctrine to trusting in the person of Jesus. She began with what Jesus could have done. She moved toward recognising who Jesus is. This is important for us. Sometimes our faith can become focused on “Lord, I know You will do something one day.” But Jesus invites us to a deeper faith.

Martha did not yet see Lazarus walking out of the tomb. She did not have all the answers. But she could confess who Jesus was. Same way faith does not mean that we understand everything God is doing. Faith means trusting Jesus even when we do not yet see the outcome.

Perhaps at this stage you are saying, “Lord, if You had been here...” Perhaps you are disappointed, confused or waiting for an answer. Martha reminds us that our faith can grow even in those moments. Let us move from “I know” to “I believe” in Jesus today. Our circumstances may change, but Jesus remains the Resurrection and the Life.

Captain Ashir Morris

Bendigo Corps

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



Monthly Quiet Time Challenge

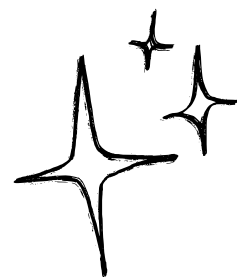
Creative Faith

Read: Psalm 127: 1

Respond to Scripture creatively through art, writing or music



Bendigo Community
Health Services



Faith is a creative force. When we operate by faith, we employ the creative power of God.

Phil Pringle



Join a BCHS 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

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)

Free to join and enjoy. Register your attendance:

📞 5406 1200

✉ healthpromotion@bchs.com.au

🌐 www.bchs.com.au



Revival WORSHIP

— A time to praise and worship as christian believers —

We need the lord Jesus Christ in our hearts and in our City of Greater Bendigo, let us come together in one mind and purpose to declare that Jesus Christ is the Lord of our lives and the City of Greater Bendigo.

John 17: vs 21 - 22
"I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as You and I Father are joined together as one, I pray for them to become one with Us, so that the world will recognise that You sent me."

VENUE:
 Stage and Lawn
 Garden of the Future
 Bendigo Botanical Gardens
 White Hills.

DATE:
 Saturday
 24 October, 2026

START 1:00PM – FINISH 3:00PM

CONTACT:
Dr Chandi Kroone
 E: shekinahgloryx2@gmail.com
 M: 0413 724 377

Bring your own chairs and mats.



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



International Day of Older People

October 1st
Did you know?

The number of people aged 60 years or over has more than doubled, from around 541 million in 1995 to 1.22 billion in 2025 and is projected to reach 2.1 billion by 2050. By 2080, persons aged 65 or older will outnumber children under 18.

Global life expectancy has reached 73.5 years in 2025, an increase of 8.6 years since 1995. The number of persons aged 80 years or over is growing even faster and is projected to surpass the number of infants by the mid-2030s and reach 265 million.

As populations age, the demand for healthcare and social support has surged, especially for those with conditions like dementia, a major cause of dependency and disability in older adults. Specialized care is now essential to meet these growing needs.

In 2025, remaining life expectancy at age 60 varies substantially across regions, from 17.4 years in Africa to 24.9 years in Oceania, reflecting deep inequalities in access to health, social protection and economic opportunity.

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



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



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

GAME NIGHT

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9

AT THE SALVO'S - NEXT TO THE TRAIN STATION
5:30-7:30PM

DINNER MENU

HOT DOG \$4
PIE \$4
DIM DIM 2 FOR \$3
PIZZA WRAO \$5
DRINKS \$2
CAKE \$1

More information: 0418 188 435 Vicki
vicki.kerin@salvationarmy.org.au





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

Enrolment of Beth Waldron Anstice

Heavenly Father,

Please be with Beth as she affirms her covenant of faith and becomes a soldier in The Salvation Army. Fill her with Your Holy Spirit, strengthen her faith, and guide her as she makes this important commitment to serve You.

Give Beth courage, wisdom, compassion, and humility as she follows Christ and seeks to serve others. May her life be a living testimony of Your love and grace. Surround her with the support and encouragement of family, friends, and her church community.

Lord, bless this special day and remind Beth that she never walks alone. May her covenant be a sincere expression of her love for You and a commitment to live faithfully for Your Kingdom.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Last week on Kids camp I gave each child and leader (150 people) a large stick – gathered from the bush. These are journey sticks – not to be weapons, for fighting or battles, or poking or annoying anyone. These are sticks that help us stay steady and strong ourselves.

This is an important lesson for young people, looking at the behaviour of adults around them who often model the delusion of trying to gain power by diminishing another weaker person. We do not make ourselves stronger by defeating another, but by the way some adults behave, kids can easily get the wrong idea. The youngsters at camp chose a stick, and then adorned it with fabric, yarn, raffia and beads to create their own personal journey stick.

This prompts the questions:

‘What are you leaning on?’

‘What will support you along the way?’

‘What keeps you grounded, and connected to Jesus – the Way, the path, the road.’

This week as we finish off our investigations in Romans and right there in the first line we see this same idea a stick to lean on.

It’s a little bit hidden in the English translation, but here’s the idea: ‘We who are strong should carry (literally “be a support stick”) for the weak.’

As I affirm my covenant of faith and become a soldier in the Salvation Army this week, I’m leaning on the faithfulness of God shown over many decades to me – and leaning on the community of faith as my journey stick for these next miles of the Way.

Hang on, you say! Aren’t you a leader Beth? Aren’t you meant to be supporting others? Aren’t you the strong one?

Of course, there will be times when I offer support and strengthen others. I try to do this each week as the hall opens for all of the ways we gather – whether for playgroup, Just Brass, Doorway, Soup night or church. These are all times when I love to share faith and hope, words from the Bible with others.

But I also draw encouragement and strength from the community here too. Your faith matters in holding a stick of support for me and others to lean on too.

None of us are Super-Heroes that don’t need others. None of us are so fragile that we don’t contribute strength to the community.

Thankyou for being my Journey Stick.

Romans 15 v 1 ***We who are strong should carry the weak, and not to please ourselves.***

Beth Waldron Anstice Castlemaine



Maryborough

Kids & Youth Programs

Kids Club Thursday 8th for Kids club
and Junior Soldiers & Friday 9th for
Youth Group

COMMUNITY MARKET DAYS

FRESH PRODUCE, BREAD AND OTHER ITEMS AS AVAILABLE

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

*excluding public holidays, while stocks last

WHEN DOES THE TIME CHANGE?

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don't forget to change your
clocks forward one hour



OCTOBER

Eaglehawk

Prayer for International Day of Older Persons

Gracious and loving God,

This we give thanks for the gift of older persons in our families, communities, and world. We thank You for their wisdom, experience, courage, and the many ways they have enriched the lives of others.

Bless all older people with good health, peace, dignity, and companionship. May they always feel valued, respected, loved, and included. Comfort those who are lonely, grieving, unwell, or facing hardship, and surround them with caring and compassionate people.

Help us to listen to their stories, learn from their wisdom, honour their contributions, and protect their rights and dignity. Teach us to build communities where people of every age are welcomed and respected.

May we never forget the sacrifices and contributions of those who came before us, and may we continue to care for one another with kindness and love.

We ask this in Your holy name.

Amen.



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

☎ 0448 701 162

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ASURIA
ASSURED PEOPLE SERVICES



FAITH



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



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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.