



Central Vic Salvos

5th April 2026

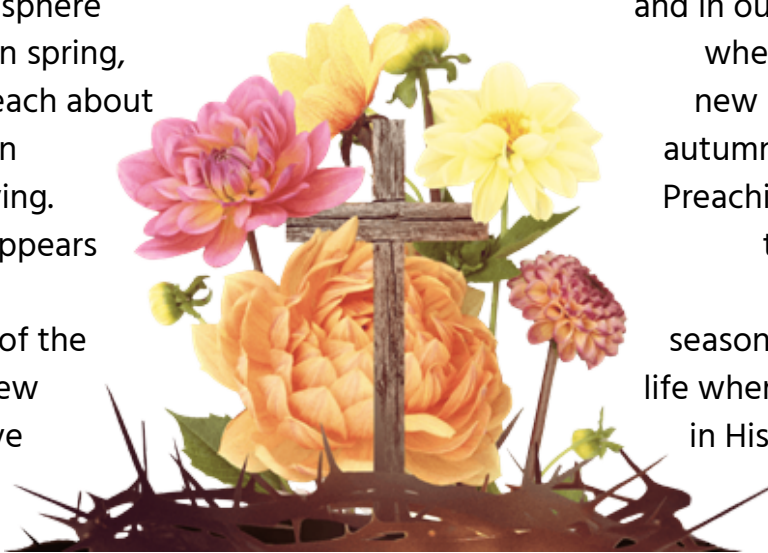
When you think about Easter, what do you think about? Easter eggs, bunnies, a church gathering, the end of Holy Week?

Happily, the Easter story does not end with Holy Week.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus rising to life again. It is about new life.

In the Northern Hemisphere we celebrate Easter in spring, life again, and we preach about we celebrate Easter in to be fading and dying. everything outside appears challenging.

However, regardless of the we can experience new as we begin to believe His victory with the love



and in our home country, Pakistan, when everything is coming to new life. In Australia, however, autumn, when everything seems Preaching about new life when to be dying can feel a bit

season around us, through Jesus life whenever we choose. As soon in His sacrifice for our lives and over death, we are filled He has shown us.

“Through Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, we believe he brings light, hope and the chance for salvation and eternal life to the world.

On this day, Christians in many cultures happily greet each other with phrases such as “Christ is risen”, with the response, “He is risen indeed”. It is a day of hope, thankfulness and joy – and a day that billions around the world celebrate.

The true meaning of Easter is about the love Jesus has for us and the purpose and peace he gives us.

In the Bible, Jesus said of himself, “I am the path, the truth, and the energy of life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6, The Voice). Jesus died and rose back to life so everyone can have a meaningful relationship with God the Father – the Creator of the Universe. Sin broke that relationship, but Jesus repaired it. Because of Jesus’ victory over death by coming back to life, we too can experience a new, everlasting life in Heaven with God.

But not only does Jesus offer us a promise for the future, he also offers everyone hope and joy for today. When the world causes us stress about the cost of living and health concerns, anxiety over safety, heartache, dissatisfaction, fear and many other crises or negative feelings, Jesus offers us something greater and deeper. He offers us a promise of peace.

Jesus says, “I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn’t fragile like the peace the world gives. So don’t be troubled or afraid” (John 14:27, TLB).

It means that whatever life involves, we can have hope and peace. Jesus’ life, death and resurrection mean you are deeply loved, and you are not alone in your struggles. Jesus’ promise of peace is steady and everlasting. It’s up to us to choose to accept it.”

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/our-faith/easter/what-is-the-meaning-of-easter/>

Hummera Ashir (Bendigo)

SELF DENIAL APPEAL

BENDIGO

2025: \$2036.10

2026: \$2355.70

CASTLEMAINE

\$1700.00

MARYBOROUGH

2025: \$1959.55

2026: \$3613.30

Thank you for all who have contributed to this years appeal.

If you still want to give to the appeal please see your Corps Officer/Leader



GUNYAH VALLEY PRAYER GARDEN

MONTHLY MINISTRY

The last Saturday of the month Feb-Nov, We host a time of guided prayer. Beginning with Worship & Word, participants use a prayer guide to pray privately in prayer garden, concluded with combined prayer and encouragement BYO lunch to follow

18th April 2026

494 Goornong Fosterville Rd Goornong
10am Worship & Word

10.30am Solo guided Prayer in the prayer garden

11.30am Gather to share, pray, and encourage one another

12 noon BYO fellowship lunch

Scan the QR Code to go to their Facebook Page.

Easter reminds us that hope is alive.
Through the resurrection of Jesus,
we are given new life, new purpose,
and everlasting grace.

From all of us at the The Central Vic Salvos, may you feel His presence and peace this Easter.

Christ is risen—today and always 🌿✝️



Central Vic Salvos

"He is not here;
He has risen,
just as He said."
— Matthew 28:6



Salvo Leggings Fundraiser

All money raised goes straight to the Central Vic Salvos.

Full Length & Capri Leggings: \$20
Kids & Bike Shorts: \$15

See Ness to order- limited stock available!



RED SHIELD APPEAL WEEKEND

30th & 31st May 2026

See your Corps Officer/Leader if you are available to help throughout the appeal



EASTER @ BENDIGO

GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April
10.00am - Reflective Service

Worship Centre
Gate 1
65-71 Mundy St,
Bendigo

EASTER SATURDAY - 4th April

7.30pm - Easter Torchlight Parade Bendigo

To join in the Parade please meet at the QEO car park between
5.00pm - 7.00pm for more information please see Captain Ashir.

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April
10.00am Service



Castlemaine Salvos

Easter Sunday

Botanical Gardens BBQ shelter
10am Family Celebration



**:Hot Cross Buns:Just Brass Band:Story:
Creativity:Easter Egg hunt:Hope:All Welcome:**

EASTER @ EAGLEHAWK

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

St Peter's Anglican church Eaglehawk, 63 High St, Eaglehawk
Followed by Fish Fingers in buns at Eaglehawk Salvos

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

Combined Sunrise Service with the
Churches of Eaglehawk at Lake Neranga

10am He is Risen worship service at Eaglehawk Salvos
I AM the Resurrection and the Life.



51 Church Street,
Eaglehawk



EASTER @ MARYBOROUGH

GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd April

Interactive Service: 10.00am
Hot Cross Bun morning tea

EASTER SATURDAY - 4th April

Easter Torchlight Parade Bendigo - 7.30pm
(5.00pm - 7.00pm meet at
Queen Elizabeth Oval Carpark Bendigo)

EASTER SUNDAY - 5th April

Dawn Service 6.00am - Bristol Hill
Morning Service 10.00am
followed by Easter Egg Hunt



27 Wills Street
Maryborough



BENDIGO
EASTER
FESTIVAL

APRIL 3-6



Central Vic Salvos

EASTER PARADE

Saturday 4th April

Central Vic Salvos are in the Twilight Parade in
Bendigo once again to join in the Parade please
meet at the Queen Elizabeth Oval car park at
5.00pm.

For more information please Contact Captain Ashir
on 0408 746 114

QUIET TIME CHALLENGE

JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Read: John 14: 6

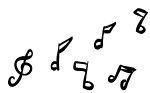
Reflect on how Jesus is guiding you in your daily life.

Eaglehawk

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday 12 April

Major Brian Moody will be at Eaglehawk



MUSIC IN ACTION

Eaglehawk Corps extend an open invitation to anyone in the community who is interested in playing, or learning to play, a brass instrument

Brass Practice: every Thursday pm & plays every Sunday.

If you are interested please call 5459 0507 & press 1

Ask to speak with Darren Dunn.

Beginners are warmly welcomed, with support and mentoring available.



Castlemaine

Castlemaine Salvos School Holidays Calendar

Fri April 3	Hot showers and Breakfast 9am Stations of the cross walk 11am Fish & Chips Lunch/Story/Activity 1pm
Sun April 5	Easter Day 10am Botanic Gardens
Mon April 6	No Playgroup; No Just Brass
Wed April 8	Doorways 9:30am-12noon
Fri April 10	Hot showers & Breakfast; Doorways 9am
Sun April 12	Church
Mon April 13	Playgroup Plus Primary Holiday Fun 10 am
Wed April 15	Doorways 9:30am-12noon Leadership Team 1pm
Fri April 17	Hot showers & Breakfast; Doorways 9am
Sat April 18	Community Market 10am-4pm
Sun April 19	Church & Corps Lunch
Mon April 20	Normal Playgroup & Just Brass Resume

Across any given day our Castlemaine Salvos community holds and weaves many threads of loving support and connection. In my role I am privileged to witness many of them, though I'm sure there are plenty more I don't see.

Ordinary everyday things can be carriers of life-changing mercy, soul-nourishing love and truth-bearing evidence of hope. Theological language calls these sacraments. Everyday things that hold the preciousness of life. Other streams of Christian tradition commonly recognise sacraments of water and bread, but these are just examples, not the definitive list. William Booth reappropriated brass instruments, flags and uniforms as sacraments to bring fresh imagination to faith that had become stuck in upperclass English culture.

Booth was just following the creative example of Jesus: the stories Jesus shared to help us understand the kin[g]-dom of God are all grounded in the mundane – seeds, soil, suppers, sand, storms, coins, cows, candles, neighbours, nets, nests, houses, landlords, lambs, patches, petals, pigs, figs, diggers, dancers, debtors, donkeys... Jesus drew on all these common materials of life to call listeners and thinkers to become more and more aware that all the stuff of earth is grounded in God, packed with grace, encoded with wisdom, woven through with reassurances of love.

A pair of hand-me-down footy boots

Triple zero nappies

A lift to the station

Jigsaw puzzle pieces

Brass instruments

Oat milk

Feathers

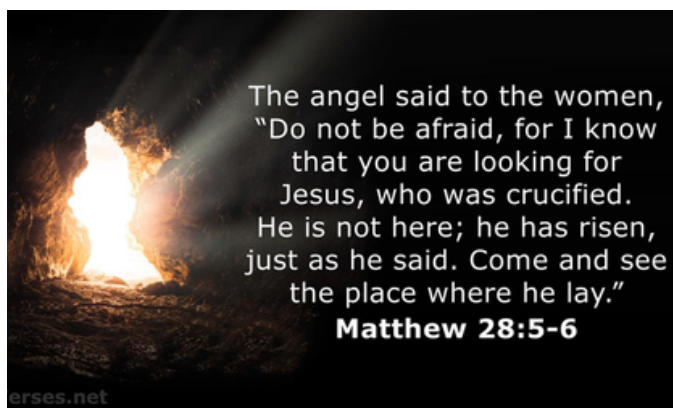
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These are just a small snapshot of the bricolage of sacred symbols through which the tenderness and tenacity of the good news has been shared among us in Castlemaine Salvos this week, as spiritual life comes to us through gritty, graspable, grounded reality.

In the celebration of Easter this reality is pushed to the extreme, as the love of God for us, and for all creation is fulfilled, not in heavenly angels or wafting spirits, but in the human body of Jesus, broken beyond the limits of life, into death, and beyond the limits of death into life. On the one hand we can be gob-smacked as we hear of the miraculous resurrection of Jesus – plenty of glory going on! But we are also not to miss that the death and resurrection of Jesus is an earthly story; blood and bone and sweat and tears. The sacraments of Easter – nail and thorn, rooster and rabble, guard and garden, fish and foot washing, sword and silver, spice and stone and sunrise – sit right up close to our own lives of struggle and stuff and survival, calling us not to miss life in all its fresh daily raised fulness, “on earth as in heaven” as Jesus famously said.

Beth Waldron Anstice



The angel said to the women,
“Do not be afraid, for I know
that you are looking for
Jesus, who was crucified.
He is not here; he has risen,
just as he said. Come and see
the place where he lay.”

Matthew 28:5-6

**Free Hot Breakfast
Fridays**

9 am -10 am

**Egg and Bacon Roll
Coffee and Tea**



Open Good Friday April 3

**Free Hot showers
Fridays**

9am-11am

**Towels and Toiletries
provided**



**Castlemaine Salvation Army
Kennedy Street Hall
By the Railway Station**



**Castlemaine
Salvation Army
Hall Car Park
By the Railway Station**

Bendigo



THE BENDIGO SALVATION ARMY SMALL GROUPS

Join one of our small groups to take part in 9 weeks of exploring faith, the bible, and community.

Salvation group

beginners who want to learn about God

Starting Thursday March 19th
6:30pm

Discipleship group

people who want to grow their faith

Starting Sunday March 22nd
4:00pm

If you're not sure which group would suit you, please call our reception and have a chat with Captain Ashir Morris (03) 5440 8410

The Salvation Army, 65-71 Mundy st, gate 1

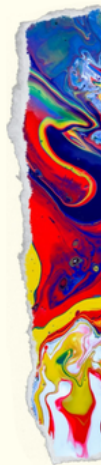
BENDIGO ART SPACE



A free, relaxed drop-in art space.
Inspired by starting afresh and discovering how the Master Creator can do something new within us.
Come, be inspired and create with us!

65-71 Mundy Street
In shelter Shed
(opposite Café)

Monday 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 1.00pm - 3.00pm



Local hair dresses have teamed up with The Salvation Army to provide free hair cuts every 6 weeks for



people in need

30th April

HAIR AID

18th June

Held in the Bendigo Worship Centre
12.00pm - 2.00pm

Maryborough

RECESS

Youth and Childrens programs in recess over the school holidays resume the week of April 20

Join us to
**shape the
future of mental
health support
in Maryborough**

A collaborative forum bringing local health providers and community organisations to strengthen mental health support across our region.

What to expect:

- ✓ Share your insights on current service gaps and emerging mental health needs in the Maryborough community
- ✓ Gain a clearer understanding of the local service landscape and where collaboration opportunities exist
- ✓ Identify partnership and referral pathway opportunities with other providers and organisations
- ✓ Contribute to discussions with Council about establishing a space where mental health providers can regularly connect, collaborate and share information.
- ✓ Be included in a local service network and directory to strengthen visibility and connection across the region

Register today!
Call, text or email Bec O'Neill
0448 701 162 | Bec.O'Neill@asuria.com.au

April 22

11 am to 2 pm

Maryborough
Community Hub

48 Burns St
Maryborough Vic

Scan the QR Code
to know more!



ASURIA
ASSURED PEOPLE SERVICES

**COMMUNITY
MARKET DAYS**

FRESH PRODUCE, BREAD AND OTHER ITEMS AS AVAILABLE

MON, WED & FRI 10AM-12:30PM
*excluding public holidays, while stocks last

NOON PRAYER

Thursday's @ 12pm
27 Wills Street
Maryborough

Everyone welcome
Please join us as we spend
time in prayer as a church



Thrift Shops

BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square

Ph: (03) 5459 0504

Open Hours:

9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday

9am-2pm Saturday

BENDIGO CBD THRIFT SHOP

18 Pall Mall, Bendigo

Ph: (03) 5459 0509

Open Hours:

9:30am-4:00pm

Monday to Saturday

EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark

Ph: (03) 5459 0508

Open Hours:

9:30am-5pm Monday to Friday

9:30am-4pm Saturday

CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine

Ph: (03) 5459 0506

Open Hours:

10am-4pm Monday to Friday

10am-3pm Saturday

ST ARNAUD THRIFT SHOP

70-72 Napier Street, St Arnaud

Ph: (03) 5459 0503

Open Hours:

9:30am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday

10am-2pm Saturday

AVOCA THRIFT SHOP

114 High Street, Avoca

Ph: (03) 5459 0502

Open Hours:

10:00am - 3:30pm Mon, Wed, Fri

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

1.00 to 3.00pm - Art Space

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

10.30am - Kids School

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

EAGLEHAWK

TUESDAYS

8:30am - Weekly Prayers

WEDNESDAY

11am - 12:30pm Weekly Bible Study - BYO lunch

THURSDAY

2.00pm Band Practice

11.00am 3rd of every month - Aged Care Service

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 - Women's Fellowship *

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Community Pantry

THURSDAY

12.00pm - Noon Prayer

1.30pm - Bowls

4.00pm - Kids Club *

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

CASTLEMAINE

MONDAY

10.00am - 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

*not on during school Holidays



Contact Us

THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

BENDIGO

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CASTLEMAINE

Beth Waldron Anstice

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corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au

EAGLEHAWK

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51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | (03) 5459 0507
corpsofficer.eaglehawk@salvationarmy.org.au

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
BILLER CODE: 437855
REFERENCE #: 10009



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 acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future. We value and include people of all cultures, languages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and intersex status. We are committed to providing programs that are fully inclusive. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of people of all ages, particularly children.