



Central Vic Salvos

6th April 2025

I want you to think about a recent interaction you've had with a stranger. How was it? Was it challenging? Good? Awkward? Joyful? Funny? Every single day we have opportunities put in front of us to interact with others.

I remember one time when I was living in Melbourne, I had an hour and a half train trip home from work. So, I got my Nintendo Switch out and zoned out into my own little world for a moment. We get to the next stop and this man is hurling all these bags of his belongings quickly onto the train before the doors close. There was about 7 or 8 of these bags, and as he's settling in for the journey, things start falling out of his bags, rolling down the train aisle. He's getting frustrated. No one interacts with him. I don't interact with him. I'm sitting there thinking "Should I help? What if he gets angry? What if he's substance affected? Just don't look at him." I was sitting there not knowing his story and judging him for his circumstances that he had no control over.

And during all of this I honestly believe God was having a chuckle at me going "you just wait!"

As we get closer to his stop, out of everyone he could have approached on that train, he came to me, and he asked if I could help him take his belongings off the train. And I said, of course. Then this led to a conversation that changed my perspective on how I should see others. He asked me where I was from, what game I was playing, he told me a bit of his story too. It was a moment that humbled me and challenged the way I think. I helped him get his belongings off the train and he went on his way. And he probably has no idea how God used him in that moment.

So, as you go through your day, I pray that you find opportunities with people you don't know, to be kind and patient and bring joy and peace to others.

John 13:34-35

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Spencer Viney (Bendigo)



Central Vic Salvos



Urdu, Hindi and
Punjabi Services
members sing a
Punjabi song in
Sunday worship in
Bendigo



Central Vic Salvos

CENTRAL VIC SALVOS SUNDAY

Sunday May 4th | Eaglehawk 10.00am

Save the Date





Central Vic Salvos



Walk for Justice, Freedom and Peace.

Bendigo Churches and other community groups ask you to stand up for justice, decency and compassion.

Join with people across the nation calling for justice for asylum seekers and refugees; and for a tolerant, generous and welcoming Australia.

Thousands of refugees and people seeking asylum are still in limbo waiting for justice and certainty about their future.

Join us at the north end of the Lake; register, sign our letter of support, and walk around Weeroona as a gesture of solidarity with these forgotten people.



Further information
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PRAISE GOD FOR:

- His wonderful faithfulness, God never ever lets us down
- His amazing Grace and Mercy (it is good for us to constantly remember that nothing we could possibly do, would ever earn His Grace - it is a free gift)
- Central Vic Salvos (it is good to work together, for God's Kingdom and the impact we each have on our communities)
- People making decisions to follow Jesus!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Salvation Army (World Wide) - may we all be led by God's Spirit, and God's Spirit alone, may everything we do, be pleasing to God, ask God to remove anything within us that hinders our effectiveness for His Kingdom.
- A new store for Maryborough, may a suitable premises be found for Salvos Stores to set up, the shop continues to be greatly missed.
- Continue please to pray for each other, especially those who we know are struggling, who are going through difficult times, who are unwell health wise and in need of physical healing. May we be there for each other.
- Pray for volunteers. Pray that there will be enough volunteers to cover all the ministries of the CVS. Pray that volunteers will not be stretched thin and burned out on serving, but will maintain a balance between serving and being served. Acts 6:3-7

John 13:34-35 "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for each other will **PROVE TO THE WORLD** that you are my disciples."





Bendigo



Saturday April 19, 7pm

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Meet at QEO Carpark at 6.00pm.

Parade Commences at 7.00pm This is a great chance to be a witness to the wider community of the true reason for Easter To sign up to be part of the parade please email ashir.morris@salvationarmy.org.au or call 0408 746 144

Good Friday service

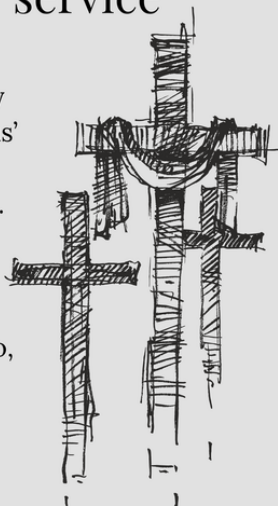
Join us for our Good Friday service, as we look into Jesus' crucifixion and what was happening in that moment.

Friday 18th April
12:00pm-1:20pm

The Salvation Army Bendigo,
65-71 Mundy St.
Worship centre, gate 1.



Bendigo



RED
SHIELD
APPEAL

Colonel Kelvin Merrett

Divisional Commander, VIC

invites you to join us at the official

RED SHIELD APPEAL

GREATER BENDIGO LAUNCH

8 May 2025 | 11am - 12 noon

Community Garden

Bendigo Salvation Army

65-71 Mundy Street Bendigo VIC 3550

Light lunch & refreshments
will be served

RSVP

By: Friday 2 May 2025

To: Ashir.Morris@salvationarmy.org.au | 0408 746 144 or
Karen.Armstrong@salvationarmy.org.au | 0401 402 275

Collective fast & prayer

JOIN US FOR A COLLECTIVE FAST (WHETHER
FULL DAY OR HALF DAY) AS WE DRAW
CLOSER TO EASTER. FOLLOWED BY FOOD
AND FELLOWSHIP.

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE
IF ABLE TO.

FRIDAY 4TH OF APRIL. 6:30PM

65-71 MUNDY ST, WORSHIP CENTRE

ANY QUESTIONS? CALL

CAPTAIN ASHIR MORRIS: 0408 746 144



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Easter 2025

The Salvation Army Eaglehawk
51 Church St, Eaglehawk



Sunday 13 April	10.00am Worship	Palm Sunday
Monday 14 to Thursday 17 April	7.30am Every Morning	Holy Week Reflection
Friday 18 April	9.00am St Peter's Anglican Church 11.00am Lunch Eaglehawk Salvos Evening Way of the Cross: Rosalind Park	Good Friday
Sunday 20 April	7.00am Sunrise Service Lake Neangar Amphitheatre 10.00am Worship	Resurrection Sunday



The Chosen Season 5 Episode 1-The last supper. The Way of the cross are using this event to raise funds for the on going costs associated with producing Way of the Cross-- Bendigo's Easter Theatre production held in Rosalind Park annually on Good Friday.

Date: Thursday 10 April 2025 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Location: Bendigo Cinemas, 107-109 Queen St



EXPLORING THE SALVATION ARMY

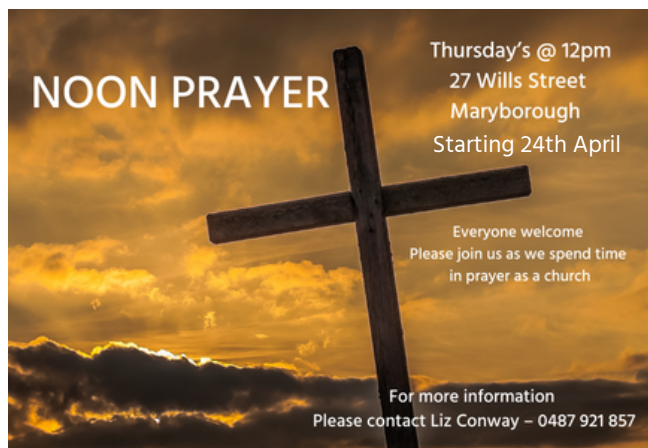
Who are we? What do we believe? What do we do? Exploring The Salvation Army is designed to provide people with an overview of the Army – our history, our military structures, significant symbols, and scope of our ministry and work in the community.

Topics include:

- History & beginnings in Australia
- Our structures & terminology
- Worship, beliefs & practices

If you are interested in discovering Soldiership or Adherency please make contact with Major Karen. Classes will be commencing after Easter.

Maryborough



NEXT WEEK

Majors Annita & David Allman will be joining us for Worship

EASTER SUNDAY DAWN SERVICE

Sunday April 20th

Time: Dawn **Where:** Bristol Hill.

Come together with other churches in Maryborough and Celebrate the Jesus.



STEPS OF FAITH

Last Sunday we explored what our next Steps of Faith might be – with over 20 pairs of shoes as visual prompts and suggestion cards to help us hear Jesus' call for the next step: Ask a question; Give a little; Read a gospel; Forgive someone; Make a 'why God???' list; Get with Creation...

Here's some more faith stepping possibility: The Palm Sunday/week before Easter stories from all four gospels are set in the midst of crowds walking the road together towards the national festival of freedom (Passover). In the midst of the march Jesus joins in riding a Donkey – a symbol of Peace. Over the years the tradition of a large March for Peace has evolved in cities and regional centres around Australia and become a gathering not just for Church going God-botherers, but for large numbers of the population who share the longing for Peace and Freedom that rests in all human hearts. I love this creative Cockatoo message that a participant had made to carry flying overhead as we marched in the 2020 Melbourne Palm Sunday March for Refugees. Whether we can get to the Big Walk or another Peace March in Bendigo or elsewhere, we can ask the question 'How shall we use our steps of faith to bring Justice and Peace closer.



SUNDAY APRIL 6

Pancake and Waffle Church from 10am.

Beth will be away on Kids Connect Camp this weekend leading the teaching sessions. CSM

Donald is also a leader on this camp.

Please pray for the kids and leaders.



Castlemaine

Easter Services

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13

10.30am: Palm Sunday Celebration at Kennedy Street

3.00pm: Leadership Meeting

12.00-1.00pm: Big Walk for Refugees Bendigo: Lake Weroona
Opportunity to join in a show of solidarity for Refugees

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18

9.30am: Good Friday Service

11.00am: Castlemaine Way of the Cross Walk

Gather at St Mary's 78 Hargraves Street

or catch the bus at 10:45 from Kennedy St Hall.

Let Beth know if you are intending to catch the bus.

Finishes with Hot Cross Buns at St Mary's.

12.30pm: Fish and Chips Lunch at the Hall

Suggested Donation \$10. Let Vicki know if you are coming

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

10.00am: Botanical Gardens Open Air Celebration

Easter Egg Hunt; hot cross buns and coffee

47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine



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

1.00pm - Art Space

12.30 to 2.30pm - Clothes Washing

1.30 to 2.30pm - Free Showers

THURSDAY

10.30 to 1.30pm - Clothes Washing

11.15am - Chapel

12.00pm - Community Meal

1.00pm - Art Space

3.00 to 5.00pm - Drop in space

3.00 to 5.00pm - Free Showers

6.00 to 7.15pm - Zac's Place

12.00 to 2.00pm - Free Hair cuts

(see Hair Aid poster)

SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service

11.30am-1.30pm - Free Showers

4.00pm - Discovery Church

65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo

MARYBOROUGH

MONDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

10:30am - Women's Fellowship

WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

THURSDAY

2.00pm - Bowls

4.00pm - Kids Club

FRIDAY

9:30am to 12.30pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting

10.00am - Celebration Service

(All Age Worship 1st, Corps Lunch 3rd Sunday)

12.00pm - Junior Soldiers (3rd Sunday)

27 Wills St, Maryborough

CASTLEMAINE

WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm Doorways

FRIDAY

9.30am to 12.00pm - Doorways

SUNDAY

10.30am - Worship Service

47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine

EAGLEHAWK

SUNDAY

9:40am - prays

10.00am - Celebration Service

TUESDAYS

3:35 to 5pm - Choir Practice.

THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community

3.00pm - Bible Study (fortnightly)

4:30 pm - Prayer Meeting - Hall

51 Church St, Eaglehawk



Contact Us

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MARYBOROUGH

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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.

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