

This is Love.



Brisbane City Temple

5 April 2020

As the coronavirus death toll continues to rise daily, and an increasing number of countries administer strict lockdowns, it can be easy to feel discouraged, depressed, and uncertain of what the future holds. But around the world people are spreading love and kindness to lift spirits.

Two young New York City residents created a network of over 1,300 volunteers in 72 hours who delivered food and medicine to elderly people in New York and New Jersey.

People have coordinated times to applaud healthcare workers who are saving lives on the front lines.

NBA players, have donated large sums of money to hourly stadium workers who aren't able to go back to work.

Jesus love for us is deeper than any ordinary human love – deeper than anything people are doing at the moment to spread love and kindness.

Jesus chose to go to Jerusalem knowing that at the end of that journey was the cross. In Jesus we see the depth of God's love. We see it in the costliness of his love: "Christ loved us and gave himself for us" (Ephesians 5:2). His love was strong enough that he was willing to give up his life for us.

When we look at Jesus we can say this is love.



Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice

Salvos will live, love and fight

Alongside others

To transform Australia one life at time

With the love of Jesus

SELF DENIAL

Our giving to the Self Denial Appeal is a practical way that we can show love. This Self Denial Appeal, The Salvation Army is showing love beyond in eSwatini, Papua New Guinea, Myanmar and Greenland. Funds raised through the Self Denial Appeal support the mission and community development work of The Salvation Army in developing countries around the world.

Thank you to those who have already given to the Self-denial appeal. You can do this **digitally online** at selfdenial.info and click on the red donate button and follow the steps.

Direct Deposit payment can still be made into the Corps Account

Bank Account details are:

NAME: The Salvation Army BCT **BSB Number:** 034 004

Account Number: 810612

CREDIT CARD GIFTS Here are the details for you to give via your credit card
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/donate/make-a-donation/donate-online/?appeal=selfdenial>



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Have you thought about how you can continue to give your tithes and offerings during this time where you are not able to physically place them in the offering bag? This is what somebody from our Corps shared during the week

I think churches will be closed for services for some time so I think making my offering each fortnight online using my bank account will be best even though I love the feel of the envelope. Times are a-changing - methods are a-changing. I have never been in want since I began to tithe. Giving is a discipline and I think perhaps, that discipline flows through your everyday decision making.

You can make a direct deposit into the Corps Account.

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We have an opportunity to pray for each other during the week. Ray has surgery this week, Tia (Jai's sister) has been unwell, Meena & Angel, People who have lost jobs due to closing business, people working on the frontline dealing with Corona Virus, People who have lost family members, People who are most vulnerable during this time.

Praying for each others: Sheila, David & Bev, Paul & Lois, Colin & Ann, Verlie, Merle, Stuart





What's Happening over Easter at BCT

Palm Sunday

In the simplest of terms, Palm Sunday is an opportunity to reflect upon the final week of Jesus' life. Jesus humbly entered Jerusalem to give His life on a cross, saving us from sin and death. Palm Sunday serves as a preparation of our hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection.

Good Friday

You can watch a prerecorded message at **9:30am** next **Friday April 10**. While we cannot meet in the one location, we can still share the experience at the same time.

Easter Sunday

At 10:45am on Sunday April 12 we will share together for Easter Sunday. Again this will be via a prerecorded message. While we cannot meet in the one location, we can still share the experience at the same time.

Please wear your brightest clothes that morning and again share photos as we celebrate the love that conquers death.

Good Friday Morning Tea

At **10:30am** next **Friday April 10** we would like to continue the tradition of sharing a hot cross bun morning tea after our 'meeting'. Again we cannot all be together but we can have morning tea at the same time and eat a hot cross bun together. As you buy groceries this week remember to buy hot cross buns.

Some ideas for connecting and sharing with each other during morning tea:

- *Take a **photo** of yourself / your family having morning tea and put it on Facebook or send it to people in the Corps if you want to keep it a little more private.*
- *Organise a **FaceTime** or **skype** catch up with people from the Corps and share morning tea together.*
- *Join a **zoom catch up** at **10:30am** with a larger group of people from the Corps—<https://zoom.us/j/502683507>*
- ***Phone** somebody who may not have computer access and chat with them as you have your morning tea*

You can Watch on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneCityTemple>

Or you can follow the link on the Homepage of the Corps Website: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/>

Some Useful Resources

Soap Journal

An important thing for spiritual growth is reading our Bible and applying what we read to our life. The SOAP method of bible reading and journaling is a helpful tool. This is available on the Corps website or it can be posted out to you.

Critical incident stress

The impact of Coronavirus is placing stress on many people to a varying degree. Lt. Colonel Don Woodland has worked in the area of disaster and critical incident stress and has a booklet that would be of great benefit at this time. There are a number of the booklets in the office and one can be posted to you. Please email scott.allen@salvationarmy.org.au if you would like a copy.

MONEYCARE

Financial troubles can be a major cause of stress and one of the major impacts of Coronavirus is the loss of income and ability to pay bills. The qualified team at The Salvation Army Moneycare service are available to listen and provide counselling for anyone who is in financial crisis. If you or someone you know needs help, go to <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/about-us/our-services/moneycare/>



We are keeping in contact with our mainly music families by providing a video of singing and dancing to watch weekly. Thank you to Marie and Damien, Lewis and Eleanor! **Where music makes memories!**

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Transforming our community
with the love of *Jesus* 



In the EVENT of a FIRE proceed to the CLOSEST EXIT ASSEMBLE across the road from BCT in the forecourt of 180 Ann St / Do Not evacuate BCT Car Park / Do Not use the Lift.