

This Advent, let's refocus on the simple yet life-changing message of Christmas: *"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord"* (Luke 2:11).

The Salvation Army carol "Who Is He?" invites us to reflect deeply on this truth:

"Who is He in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall?"

Amid the busyness of the season, let's not allow our schedules to crowd out Christ. Will you make space to truly see Jesus—the Saviour, the King, the Servant? Let's go deeper this Advent, encountering Him afresh and carrying His light into the world.

Heaven
meets Earth



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

Your Advent Story

Write your advent story – reflect, pause, respond and discover Christ’s work in you this Christmas.

Scan the QR code to access Your Advent story on *typeform* or alternatively, engage via the booklet, Facebook, or the prompts will come via email.



Christmas Events

* Wednesday Lunchtime Christmas

Concerts - Dec 4, 11 & 18

@12:30pm

* Christmas Concert - 9 Lessons of

Christmas- Dec 7 @ 6pm

* BCT Christmas Concert - Dec 15 @

2pm

* BCT Christmas Day Service - Dec

25 @ 9:30am

(See more details on page 7)

Happy Engagement!

Congratulations to Patrick and Rebecca who announced their engagement on November 16th.

We pray for their happiness, love, and a future filled with His grace.



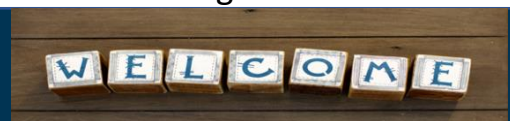
Happy New year 2025

As we near the beginning of our New Year, Bronwyn and I would like to say “Thank You” to everyone at BCT for loving and supporting us throughout the year. Your prayers and encouragement have been God’s gift to us through the good and hard times of 2024. We are so blessed to be appointed to BCT and look forward to what God has in store for our Corps and community.

As there will be no newsletter for January 2025, here are just a few things for your information:

- Easy English classes will finish 10/12/24 and resume 28/01/25
- Open House will finish 18/12/24 and resume 05/03/25
- Doorways will finish 18/12/24 and resume 15/01/25
- Mainly Music will finish 12/12/24 and resume 06/02/25
- GSA will finish 08/12/24 and resume 19/01/25

Other corps sections and programs will have a well-deserved break during January and return late or early February. As a result, our Sunday morning meetings for January will continue as normal but will take on an ‘informal’ setting.



Sunday teaching Bible readings

Dec 8 Luke 1:5-25

Dec 15 Matt 1:18-25

Dec 22 Luke 2:8-20

Dec 25 Luke 2:8-21, 25-33

PRAYER

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you Jeremiah 29:12

Join together in prayer

- **Sunday morning at 9:15am** – 167 Ann St
- **Powerhouse 10am** – last Saturday of each month – 167 Ann St



Praying for others

It is encouraging to know people are praying for you. During May you are encouraged to bring the following people before God in your regular time of prayer

1 – 8 December

Rosa Smith, Riley Stewart, Joy & Marshall Strong, Cel, Mariel & Ezekiel Tingzon, Elsie Tomili, Damian, Marie-Claire, Lewis, Eleanor, Johanna & Catalina Trebilco

9 – 15 December

Matheis & Tanya Usmany, Stephen & Judith Wemyss, Jill Whitehouse, Rendle & Karen Williams, Greg, Mikayla, Reuben & Nathaniel Wilson, Don & Bernice Woodland, David & Anne York

16 – 22 December

Patric Adams, Kingsley Alley, Eric & Sue Bailey, Margaret Ball, Ashley & Bronwyn Barkmeyer, Kerry Bond, Anne Brooks

23 – 31 December

Matthew, Elizabeth & Joshua Brown, Graeme & Barbara Brown, Marlene Burns, Ken Carkeet, Gloria Clement, Nicole Collins



COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello everybody! What is going on in our little BCT community you may ask. Well... Have I got a story to tell you!

Christmas preparations are in full swing. Donations from individuals and corporations have started coming in. One particular donation came to mind with the donation of Teddy Bears. These are donated every year by a lovely lady who spends the year making them to donate. The lovely Joy and Marshal pick them up each year and take them to DHQ for distribution. This year we have some of them to bless people coming through our doors. They are currently residing under the Christmas Tree at the front of the Church.



It's not only Christmas that people are so generous with their time, money and services. David with the help of his good friend Jim Hewani from Qld Coffee Machine Sales and Services have managed to resurrect the Coffee machine from the downstairs kitchen with no charge to the Corp. How wonderful is that!

Open House has really been struggling to engage volunteers lately. We really appreciate everyone who gives their time. The last Open House will be on the 18th of December and then having a bit of a break until the 5th of March next year. Let us all pray on this that we will be able to deliver something amazing when it reopens.

If you have any further questions, please contact Nicole.

Email: Nicole.Collins@salvationarmy.org.au



COMMUNITY NEWS

I was so blessed to witness something amazing at the Watch House a few weeks ago. I was talking to a young man when he asked if I had a Bible he could have. I checked with the officer in charge, and he was happy for me to supply it to the young man. We have been very blessed with a generous donation of Bibles and Gideons that we have stored at the Watch House in the anticipation that something like this may occur. He was able to have it in his cell to read whilst there and will take it with him as he moves on. God is very prominent in stressful situations for even the non believers. I have never met a person yet, who was so down on their luck that they didn't cry out to God for help. There is always Hope.

Back to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who came along and helped decorate the Church for Christmas. What at first seemed to be a quite daunting task turned into a very enjoyable morning. There was costume malfunctions, gymnastics off the stage, mountain goats climbing upstairs. Coffee, tea, lollies, pizza, children running around (Yes. I gave them sugar 😊 and parents you are welcome). It was a really lovely time of love, laughter and community. Put it in your diary for next year.



GSA is welcoming 5 new Adherents on the 8th of December and then celebrating their end of year with a Christmas Party on the Sunshine Coast.



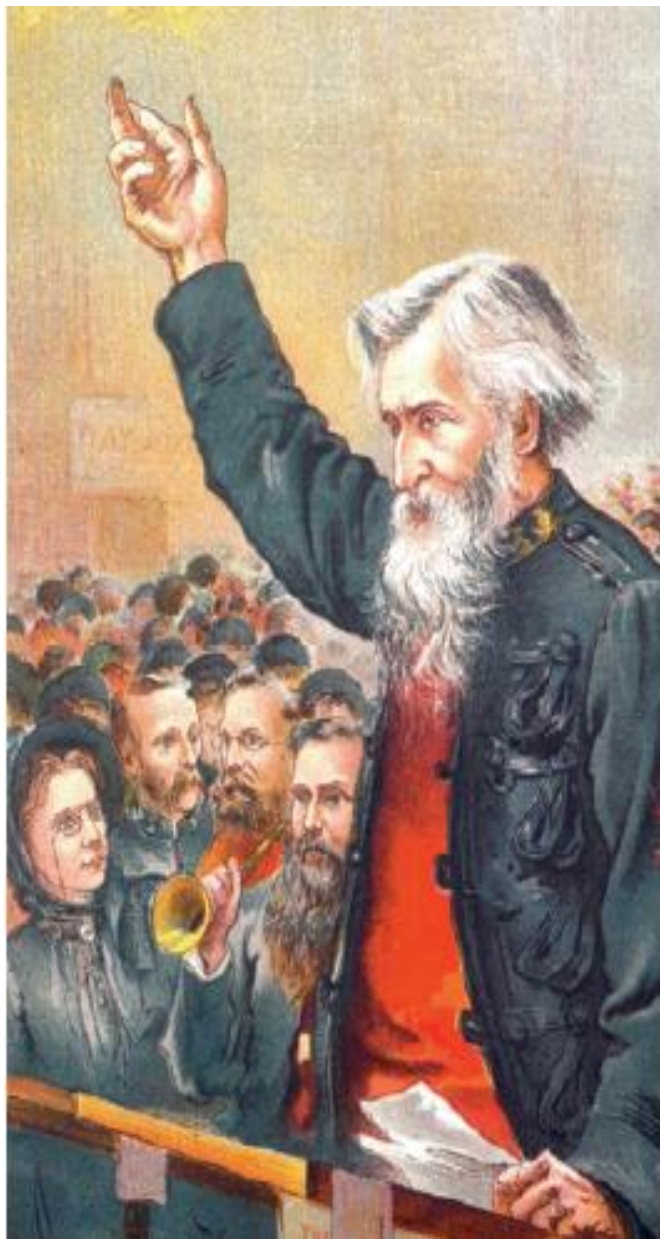
Till next year - take care and God Bless
x



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DID YOU KNOW?



Who was William Booth?

William Booth was born on 10 April 1829 in Nottingham, England. He married Catherine Mumford in June 1855, and together they had eight children.

From his earliest years, Booth was no stranger to poverty. At just 14 years old, his father died, and William worked as a pawnbroker's apprentice to supplement the family income.

Despite despising the trade, Booth completed a six-year apprenticeship. As a result of the poverty and suffering he saw daily, his passion for social justice only grew.

As a fiery and impulsive teenager, Booth became a Christian, attending the Wesleyan Chapel in Nottingham. Even then, as a teenager, his talent for preaching was evident. With his concern for the poor growing, Booth took his message to where the people were – the streets.

Although he later worked as a travelling evangelist for the Methodist church, it was preaching in the streets of London that Booth realised his driving force – to reach the down-and-out of Britain's cities with the Gospel of Christ – and The Salvation Army was born.

William Booth was born on 10 April 1829 in Nottingham, England. His own experiences of hardship as a child contributed to his passion to help the poor.



THE SALVATION ARMY

Free Entry

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR:
**WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME
 CHRISTMAS
 CONCERTS**

December 4, 11 & 18

12:30pm
 Brisbane city Temple - The Salvation Army
 167 Ann Street, Brisbane




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**THE HALLS
 MUSIC**

**7TH
 DEC**

**9 LESSONS
 2024**

Free Christmas Concert Saturday 6pm
 Brisbane City Temple | 167 Ann St, Brisbane QLD 4000



**9:30AM
 25TH DECEMBER**

**Happy
 Christmas**

Christmas Day Celebration Service

**A FAMILY SERVICE DEDICATED TO THE GREATEST EVENT
 - THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST.**

*Brisbane City Temple Salvation Army
 167 Ann St, Brisbane*

**Heaven
 meets Earth**




Brisbane City Temple
 Salvation Army

**CHRISTMAS
 CONCERT**

2pm Sunday December 15th
 167 Ann St, Brisbane



Brisbane City Temple Corps



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 Majors Ashley & Bronwyn Barkmeyer
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 P: 07 3221 3461
 GPO Box 379 Brisbane 4001

What Happens

SUNDAY	
9:15am	Prayer gathering
9:30am	Coffee
10am	Morning Worship
10:30am	Primary, Kids Connection & Junior Soldiers
4pm	God's Sports Arena
TUESDAY	
10am	English Conversation classes
6pm	Young Adults Connect Group Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	
10am-12pm	Emergency relief
12pm	Open House Community Lunch
6pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
7.30pm	Band Rehearsal
THURSDAY	
10am	mainly music
SATURDAY	
10am- 12pm	Powerhouse Prayer (Last Saturday of the month)

Please note

- Office open Tuesday to Thursday.
- Corps Officers are contactable on Monday
- Office closed on Friday (Corps Officers day off)

Online Giving - Tithes and Offerings

You can make a direct deposit into the corps account.



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Weekday Parking

If you require a parking space during the week please ring the office, Ashley 0402781705 or Bronwyn 0402781693 to check availability.

There are various events or people requesting parking on different days and we need to know in advance available parking spots.

Sunday Parking Options

KING GEORGE SQUARE CAR PARK

Vehicle entry is via Roma or Adelaide streets and exit is via Roma street.
 Cost is \$10 for four hours on a Sunday

WICKHAM TERRACE CAR PARK

Located between Wickham Terrace and Turbot street, Spring Hill
 Cost \$6 for four hours on a Sunday

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7



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