



# Central Vic Salvos

7th July 2024

We talk of a forgiving and loving God. A God who hates the sin but loves the sinner. But if you are going to persist in sin then you will feel the wrath of God. The original sin was disobedience, Adam and Eve failing to obey God. From the perfect creation to the imperfect creation in one small act of disobedience. Today its no difference, sin or imperfection boils down to disobedience.

So why does God persist with imperfect people. Wouldn't it be much easier to kill us all and remake His creation. A new Adam and Eve. Much like a parent whose child becomes too much of a handful, they could just adopt it out and make another. Where is the forgiving and loving God we talk about if He was to do that. That God wouldn't exist. We wouldn't exist.

Rather than reboot, God set about to bring mankind back into the kind of relationship that He desires, that relationship, through sin we destroyed. God chose to use what He created to prove that He is the loving, forgiving parent who wanted His child back no matter what they had done. All He has asked is that we love Him, wants us to be obedient and repent of our sins. That is sin no more or His forgiveness won't be forth coming.

Sin is sin, disobedience is disobedience, imperfection is imperfection. There are no grey areas when it comes to this with God. Its either hot or cold. Now that's where you and I come in.

Testimonies are great in showing how God forgives us of our sin but I have to ask, where are all the 'average joe' testimonies. We spook in our churches the saving grace of the addict, the criminal, the prostitute, and other high profile imperfections. But that is such a small percentage of those saved. Gossip, sexual immorality, lying, cheating on a test, greed, drunkenness (not addiction), and there are many more, all fall into the category of imperfection and sin. Yet these testimonies wouldn't raise eyebrows, and these too hinder the relationship God wants with us and maybe more so as we don't give them the seriousness they deserve. Compared to a murderer's testimony of redemption the prodigal son is a little tame.

John the Baptist said 'Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God'. It's not those one off encounters but the daily ones you have with the retail workers, your coworkers, the barista, acquaintances, friends, family, others in your community and yes even enemies. These people who have seen your imperfections firsthand over a period of time. Those that have seen the old 'wine skin' and then the new 'wine skin'. Those that saw a gossip who now doesn't, the person who swore but now has a silent tongue, the teller of questionable jokes who now tells great ones, the selfish person who now lends a hand, the person who once wore a frown but has turned it upside down. These are the people that God wants the imperfect you to make an impression on. These are the people he wants you to share your faith with. Not always with the high-profile sinner but with the many 'average joes' out there.

I have always thought my imperfections were not high profile enough to be used. Maybe compared to some they are tame and others they are like a lion. Don't be surprised if someone, one day comes up to you and says 'I want what you have'. It happened to me and fair took the wind out of my sails. He was talking about Jesus.

Remember from Johns gospel. 'You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name'.

God bless, amen and keep the faith

E Clinton (Bendigo)

## JCAC - JUNIOR CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

The CVS Families team took 10 kids and 4 leaders from Maryborough and Castlemaine Corps to JCAC (Junior Creative Arts Camp) The camp took place on the first week of the school holidays and had over 90 participants stay at Rutherford park country retreat. Where kids and teenagers all around Australia gather to learn and express their love for God through creative arts such as singing, dancing, acting, painting and photography. The aim of this camp is to bring back to the corps the new ways we can express God in our local community and church. Over the course of 3 days these grade 4-8 kids would learn these new skills which are shared by the creative arts team and then perform what they have learnt on the 4th day in front of an audience of their parents and grandparents.

Photos below of some of our leaders





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**STAFF PROFILE** - Naomi - L2P - Bendigo

**Best movie:** Sucker Punch

**Favourite food:** Anything left in the staff room.

**Who was your favourite band in high school:** Tatu

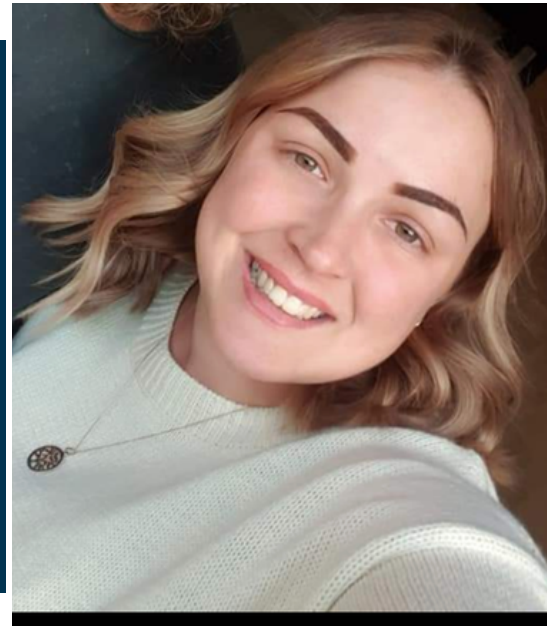
**What's your go-to ice cream flavor:** Anything plant based

**If you could live in someone else's shoes for a day, who would you pick and why?** Probably my dad, he is some what a word smith.

**What's your favorite family-friendly board game?** Banana-rama

**What was your favorite toy as a kid?**

Big bird – 30 years on and he is still circulating my household.



A YEAR OF  
**PRAYER**

## 2 Timothy 1:9-10

He has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

### Praise God for:

- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services
- People making decisions to follow Jesus! (15)
- Answers to prayer
- A fresh start. Every day is a new day
- His love, His Sovereignty and His promise to be near us when we call



### Please pray for:

- For people to start following Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- Those who are unwell - physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally
- This week we are praying for South-West Victoria. This includes major centres like Ballarat (pop. 110,000) and Geelong (pop. 250,000). The Area Officer responsible for leading mission in this area is Major Peter Walker.
- For all the Corps, programs & services in Central Vic Salvos - Bendigo, Castlemaine, Eaglehawk, Maryborough, Avoca and St. Arnaud.
- For our Territorial Leaders and our Divisional Commander
- Our leaders - National, State, Local (Government, Community & Salvo)
- CVS programs & services
- For our local communities

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

**Matthew 9:37-38**





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**THE SALVATION ARMY**

## Save The Date Visiting Australia

General Lyndon Buckingham and  
Commissioner Bronwyn Buckingham

### VIC Division Rally

Sunday 1 September | 4.00pm-6.00pm

Goldfields Theatre  
Melbourne Convention Centre  
1 Convention Centre Place  
South Wharf VIC 3006

This visit will present remarkable opportunities for you to hear from them about how God works across the movement globally, and be inspired.

Jesus-centred  
Spirit-led  
hope revealed



CENTRAL VIC SALVOS MONTHLY

## Prayer & Worship Night

**Sunday 28th July 2024**  
3.00pm - Afternoon Tea  
4.00pm - Praise and Worship

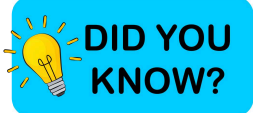
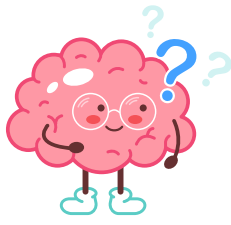
Eaglehawk Corps  
51 Church St, Eaglehawk

Celebration with the unfolding of the New CVS flags.



## Brain Teaser

What are the next three letters  
in the following sequence?  
J, F, M, A, M, J, J, A, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_



### 1900 - THE WORLD'S FIRST FEATURE FILM

The Salvation Army is credited with producing the world's first moving picture film. Operating from 1897 to 1910, The Salvation Army Limelight Department was Australia's first film production company. Among its many achievements, The Limelight Department is credited with producing the world's first multimedia presentation using the moving picture film technology of the day. The film, 'Soldiers of the Cross', was produced during 1900 and the Limelight Department also recorded the birth of the nation at Federation in 1901

Ringwood Citadel Band presents their annual

## CONCERT for CANCER

featuring Trombone Soloist  
**Dr Brett Baker**

and  
Oxley Christian College Senior Vocal Ensemble  
Musical Director Jeffrey Clarke

**Saturday July 20 7.30 pm**

RINGWOOD SALVATION ARMY 51-53 WANTIRNA ROAD, RINGWOOD

Adults \$20 Concession \$15 Under 16 Free <https://www.trybooking.com/CQVBS>  
All funds raised go to the Cancer Council, Victoria

**R** Brett is a Rath Brass Instrument Artist **R**





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## SAVE THE DATE



# Eaglehawk

Eaglehawk Corps will be hosting a **SPIRITUAL DAY APART**. Tuesday 13 August from 10:30am - 2:30pm. Venue to be confirmed later. Bring your own lunch. This is a opportunity to come and go on a nature walk with God. Spend time in pray.

## DO YOU ENJOY SINGING

We are looking for anyone in CVS who is interested in being a part of a Christmas Choir for Bendigo. We have December 7 booked in to sing in the Bendigo Mall.

Please register your interest to Major Karen - 0401 402 275.



# Castlemaine

## CELEBRATION CHURCH

**SUNDAY JULY 14 AT 10:30**

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
OUR FAITH AND HAVE FUN  
TOGETHER!  
BRING THE FAMILY!**



Castlemaine



## FOUNDER'S DAY FOR THE ARMY

Sunday 7 July

You are invited to come along for an all inspiring time of worship. History of the Army.



The Eaglehawk Baptist Church is looking for volunteers to help with the Breakfast Program they run at Eaglehawk Primary School. They desperately need volunteers for Monday and Tuesday Mornings 7.30am—9am.

If you are interested in helping please contact Mark Wagland on 0430288471





## Bendigo



Join us for church with a difference.  
The perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends.



Sundays at 4pm at Bendigo Salvos.  
A church to help people see how Jesus is relevant to life.  
Starts July 14.

## Maryborough



### BRAIN TEASER ANSWER

S, O, N. The sequence is first letter of the months of the year.  
September, October, and November are the next in the sequence.



# Weekly Programs/Thrift Shops

## BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square  
Ph: 03 5441 7608

### 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 5446 7928

### Open Hours:

9:30am-5pm Monday to Friday  
9:30am-4pm Saturday

## CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine  
Ph: 03 5470 5636

### 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

## EAGLEHAWK

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

9:40am - prays  
10.00am - Celebration Service

#### THURSDAY

1.30pm - Crafty Skills Community  
4:30 pm - Prayer meeting  
Contact Pauline and Eddie Anderson  
0427 812 866

#### FRIDAY

1.30pm - Bible Study (fortnightly)  
**51 Church St, Eaglehawk**

## CASTLEMAINE

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#### Monday

9.30am - 11.00am Maine Minis\*

#### Wednesday

9.30am - 12.30pm Doorways  
3.45pm - 5.00pm Junior Soldiers\*

#### Friday

9.30am - 12.30pm Doorways

#### Sunday

10.30am - Worship Service  
**47 Kennedy St, Castlemaine**

## BENDIGO

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#### THURSDAY

11.15am - Chapel  
12.00pm - Community Meal  
1.00pm - Art Space

#### SUNDAY

10.00am - Celebration Service  
4.00pm - Bible Study

**65-71 Mundy St, Bendigo**

## MARYBOROUGH

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#### MONDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways  
10:30am - Women's Bible Study\*

#### WEDNESDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways

#### THURSDAY

10:30am - Mainly Music (0-5years)\*  
2.00pm - Indoor Bowls  
4.00pm - Kids Club (Primary school)\*  
5:15pm - Junior Soldiers\*

#### FRIDAY

9:30am to 1.30pm - Doorways  
5.00pm - Youth Life Group (High school)\*  
6.00pm - Youth (High school)\*

#### SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting  
10.00am - Celebration Service  
(Pancake church 1st sunday, Bible Discussion  
and corps lunch 3rd Sunday)

**27 Wills St, Maryborough**

\*School terms only



# Contact Us

## THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

### BENDIGO

**Corps Officers:** Maj. Andrew Walker  
Capt. Ashir Morris and Hummera Ashir  
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### CASTLEMAINE

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### EAGLEHAWK

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### MARYBOROUGH

**Corps Officers:** Capt. Amy & Ronald Stobie  
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**2 WAYS TO GIVE**  
Maryborough

**IN PERSON**  
TITHING ENVELOPES  
CASH OR CHEQUE

**ONLINE**  
BSB: 033-241  
ACCOUNT: 00-0010

**Bendigo Banking Details**  
Account Name: The Salvation Army  
BSB: 033-688 Acc No: 811 119

**Eaglehawk Banking Details**  
Account Name: The Salvation Army  
BSB: 033-688 Number: 803 234



# 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.