



But it was our sins
that did that to him,
that ripped and tore
and crushed him - our sins!
He took the punishment,
and that made us whole
Through his bruises
we get healed.

Isaiah 53:5

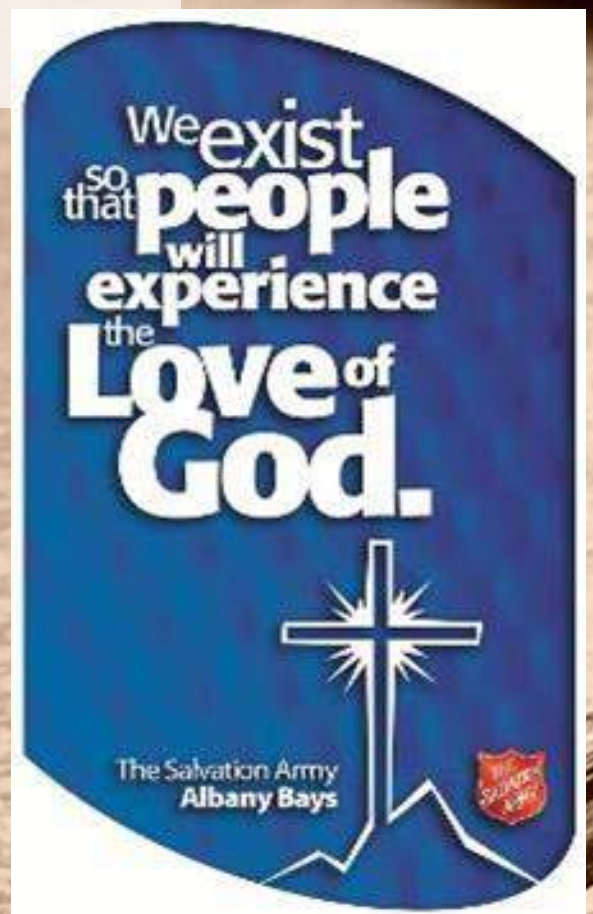
The Salvation Army Albany Bays Corps
Newsletter April/Easter 2017

Who are we?

The Salvation Army is a part of the worldwide evangelical Christian Church and human service provider.

Our message is based on the Bible.
Our ministry is motivated by love for God.
Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ & meet human need in His name without discrimination.

We aim to care for people & transform lives through God in Christ by the Holy Spirit's power. We work for the reform of society by alleviating poverty, deprivation & disadvantage, and by challenging evil, injustice and oppression, in the name of Jesus.



Sunday is coming!

The first 'Easter' weekend covered the full range of emotions, including tragedy and heartbreak. As we honour this event every year it is important not to jump right to the end of the story. The three days build on each other to prove that love wins in the end.

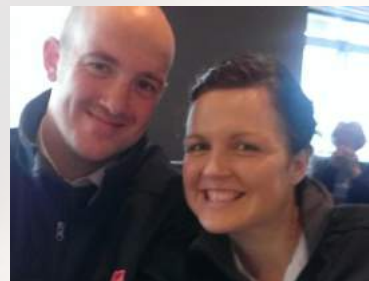
Easter Sunday is a response to 'Good' Friday. It is a response to the hurt and the loss and the pain and the grief and the death of the 'Good' Fridays of life. All of Jesus' teachings foreshadow this moment. He points to the violence and hate and aggression that will happen to himself, and those who believe in Him, and it may seem all too much to overcome.

Easter Sunday is also a response to the 'Easter Saturdays' of life: the silence, the not knowing what is to come next, the days of grief and despair. Sitting in the middle of the chaos and heartbreak grasping at promises which can seem so distant.

But, Easter reminds us that, as Tony Campolo once preached, 'Sunday is coming.' This story has hope, that even in the most difficult times in our life, the hurt, then loss, the pain, the grief... Easter reminds us that there is always hope. Because love wins in the end. Even in the silence, love was waiting for us, reaching out to us, ready to roll away the stones which can trap each of us.

In the darkness of life's Fridays, in the silences of life's Saturdays, try to hold on to the message of Easter - hope is never lost. When we feel stuck in the horror or the silence, we can hold on to love. A love that shines in its fullness on Easter. A love that overcomes not just hurt and loss and pain and grief - but overcomes death itself and promises us that not only do we not have to be alone in the midst of them but that there is new life at the end of them. Sunday is coming!

Blessings,
Shane and Sarah Healey
Captains, Corps Officers



Easter Week

Try this scripture journey through the week leading to Easter for a fresh new take.

Start on Palm Sunday April 9th.

Palm Sunday Read Luke 19:28-42 and Zechariah 9:9.
Reflection: How often do you praise God for coming into your life?

Monday Read about Jesus at the Temple in Luke 19:45-20:8.. Reflection: Think about your body as the temple. What does Jesus need to clean to be truly honored?

Tuesday Read about Jesus teaching at the Temple in Luke 20:1-40. Reflection: Have there been times when Jesus' truth has seemed harsh to you or hard to follow. Did you grumble and back away? Did you question Him?

Wednesday Read who Jesus said He was and the reactions in Luke 20:41-47 & Luke 22:1-6. Reflection: It is sometimes hard to be a disciple of the truth and the way. Sometimes we want Jesus to do what we want or act the way we feel He should. Think on this and how that led Judas astray.

Thursday Read Luke 22:7-46. Passover and the washing of the feet. Reflection: Jesus told us when we break bread (eat a meal) to remember Him. Do you say "grace" before you eat? Think of the disciples. His disciples couldn't keep awake even one hour to pray with Him. Tonight see if you can spend one hour praying with Jesus. Scripture tells us He prays for us unceasingly.

Good Friday Read Luke 22:47-23:48 and John 19:1-37. Reflection: Go to a service or watch a movie about the life and death of Jesus, keeping in mind He did this all for you. He loves you that much. Or listen to and reflect upon hymns and songs about the crucifixion.

Saturday Read Luke 23:50-56 and John 19:38-42. Reflection: As you prepare for Easter, think of what Jesus is doing for your sake even though you can't see Him.

Sunday – Easter! Awaken with a song in your heart. He is Risen — The Lord Is Risen Indeed! Read Luke 24 and John 20. Reflection: go to church. Be with family. In your own words, relay to others what you have just experienced through the past week and what it has meant to you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the week leading up to Easter at 12.30pm this church will host a reflection on the stations of the cross. Bring your lunch, your bible, and spend some time reflecting on Jesus' journey of sacrifice. All welcome.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

Every morning at 6.30am this church will be open for prayer. Pop in on your way to work and spend some quality time prepraying yourself for Easter. (Coffee and tea is available if you need some assistance...)

Special Events...

Taupo Sevens is a North Island sports tournament held amongst Salvation Army churches. Each team plays all four sports: Volleyball, Netball, Soccer and Touch Rugby. Traditionally this has been held on ANZAC Day, but this year it is the last Saturday of the school holidays so we all can attend! Yay!

Its a great family day out, Games start around 12 and play all afternoon. Awards for winners of different grades, team supporters and more.

THIS IS NOT JUST A YOUTH EVENT. But you do have to be over 13 to be able to play. We would like to send two teams this year, so please speak to Captain Shane for more information.

TAUPO 7S 2017 SATURDAY 29TH APRIL



TAUPO-NUI-A-TIA COLLEGE
122 SPA ROAD, TAUPO
REGISTRATION 10:30-11:30 AM
GAMES START 12 NOON



YOU ARE INVITED TO BE OUR GUEST AT OUR

Family Movie Night



@ THE SALVATION ARMY ALBANY BAPS
90 ROSEDALE ROAD, ALBANY
6.00pm FRIDAY APRIL 21

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE
DISNEY PRINCESS, MONSTER, SPACE RANGER, SNOWMAN,
JEDI, COWBOY, PIRATE, GENIE, MERMAID, CAR, PRINCE
OR ONE OF THE MANY OTHER TALKING ANIMALS
OR CHARACTERS FROM THE DISNEY UNIVERSE

ALL WELCOME
PRIZES FOR BEST ADULT AND BEST CHILD COSTUME



Red Shield Appeal

One of The Salvation Army's biggest annual fundraisers is the Red Shield Appeal. For the first week in May all across New Zealand collectors smile outside malls, shops petrol stations and street corners greeting people and spreading a bit of joy. This corresponds with a national advertising campaign and print media. One of the biggest blessings people always feed back to us is the privilege to hear stories of how The Salvation Army has helped people, and the difference this help has made. If you would like to volunteer an hour or so, speak to Sarah Fordyce who will soon be in full planning

mode for this busy week. Many hands make light work, and all funds raised go straight back into helping the community. Everything is provided, all you need to do is be open to the public and what God is leading you to say and do. Plus you get to wear a snazzy flouro yellow vest!



Donations?

Browns Bay

741A Beach Rd,
Browns Bay
Ph: 479 8703

For clothing, accessories,
household items and more

Torbay

998 Beach Rd, Torbay
Ph: 473 2150

For clothing, accessories,
household items

Albany

Unit 4, 215 Rosedale Rd,
Albany Ph: 0508 7255437

For furniture and
household goods,
truck pick up
and delivery

Term Activities



TGIF Kids Club

For kids in school years 1-6 during school term

Fridays 6.00pm- 7.30pm

Cost \$3 per child incl dinner

Games, parties, sports, movies surprises, events and dinner. End of term party.

Cafe space available for parents to come and relax whilst their kids play.



7UP Kids Club

For kids in school years 7 & 8 during school term

Thursdays 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Cost \$3 per child incl dinner

Challenges, games, mates and food for pre-teens.

Main themes

Belonging Worth
Independence Generosity



AB Youth

For high school age youth. Held during school term

Thursdays 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Fun, food, sports and God. Bring cash for the canteen, as we are fund raising for a dedicated youth space at the church. Regular events with other youth groups, sports tournaments, and annual camp.



a drop-in ministry

of the Albany Bay Corps in partnership with North Shore Community Ministries

Community Ministry

Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00am-12.00pm.

This is a drop in service for practical assistance, such as

food parcels, counseling, budget advice, advocacy, addiction services, and referrals. Speak to one of the team on these days for help, or just pop in to visit and have a cup of tea with each other.

Looking for more?

We've been talking alot about moving from milk to solid food - engaging and really grappling with some of lifes big questions. If you've got questions or ideas you want to explore then we suggest joining a small group. These are great opportunities to get to know others, feed into and encourage each other, and really explore what being a Christian today could look like and be for you.

Wednesday Bible

Study & Lunch
12.30pm - 2.00pm
held at the church
Speak to Gabrielle
Includes lunch

Women's Ministry

Regular events
throughout the year
Next event Ladies Day
Out Trip, Sat April 8th

Small Groups

These groups meet
throughout the week
in people's homes. If
you are interested
please speak to
Captain Sarah or
Shane and they will put
you in contact with one
in your area. Most are
using the Alpha
material this term.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a great study
which allows space and
time to ask and explore
the big questions:
Who is Jesus? Why do
good things happen to
bad people? Why is
there evil? What is the
point of life?

Prayer Meetings

Every third Sunday
10.00am at the church
Every Thursday at the
Steveni House

Prayer Room

Dedicated space in
the church building.
Available anytime
during work hours

What are you looking
for? Speak to someone
We may be able to help

Blokes Breakfast

Every first Saturday of
the month. \$5 for full
cooked breakfast and
teaching with regular
blokes.

Next events
May 6th & June 4th

Choosedays

Every first Tuesday of
the month. Food, fun
and friendship for hte
over fifties. Includes
lunch.

Next event s
May 2nd & June 6th

**SMALL
GROUPS**
connect | encourage | grow



Kids Church

Currently our Sunday kids ministries are together in one group. They are all learning about forgiveness this month, as we lead into Easter.

Forgiveness is a reflection of the character of God.

Throughout Scripture, we are reminded about God's grace and forgiveness.

God makes us white as snow. (Isaiah 1:18)

God's mercies are new every morning. (Lams 3:22-23)

God is faithful and just to forgive our sins. (1 John 1:9)

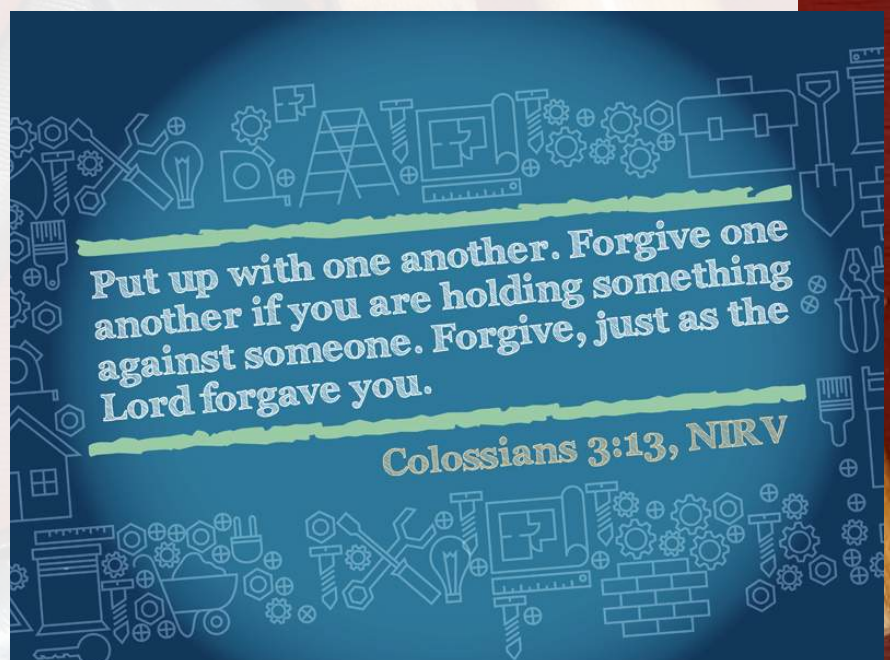
When our relationship with God was broken beyond repair, God offered His only Son as the way to forgive us and restore the broken relationship. Since we are created in God's image, we have the ability to offer forgiveness when people in our lives hurt us. God's love in us makes it possible for us to forgive others and work towards fixing our own relationships that break down from time to time.

Jesus made it possible for us to have God's forgiveness.

God showed us just how much He cares about forgiveness when He made the ultimate sacrifice and sent Jesus to pay the price for our sin. While sin separates us from God, He offers grace and forgiveness as a gift for us to receive. We have been forgiven of so much, it's only right that we turn to those in our lives and offer forgiveness to them in return. That's why we think it's important for us to help our kids and families discover more about Forgiveness—deciding that someone who has wronged you doesn't have to pay.

The memory verse, from Paul's letter to the church at Colossi, reminds us not only that God forgave our sins, but also that we should forgive others instead of holding grudges against one another. We pray that throughout March, families will let go of what they're holding against each other and choose to forgive. We think that this could be a powerful month in the lives of kids and families in our churches.

We will spend the month of March taking a closer look at the way forgiveness shows up throughout a few of the parables Jesus told His followers.



Whats on this month?

Sunday Worship
Services 10.30am

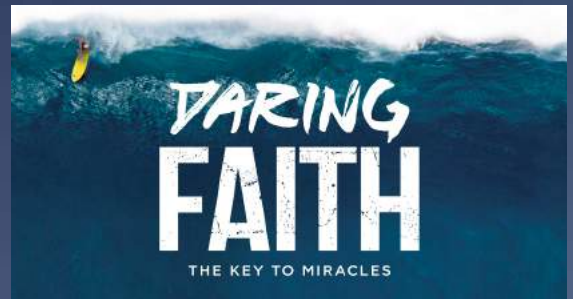
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April 9 - Why did He die?

April 16 - Resurrection Reality

April 23 - Daring Faith 1

April 30 - Daring Faith 2



Kids Church and Morning Tea Roster

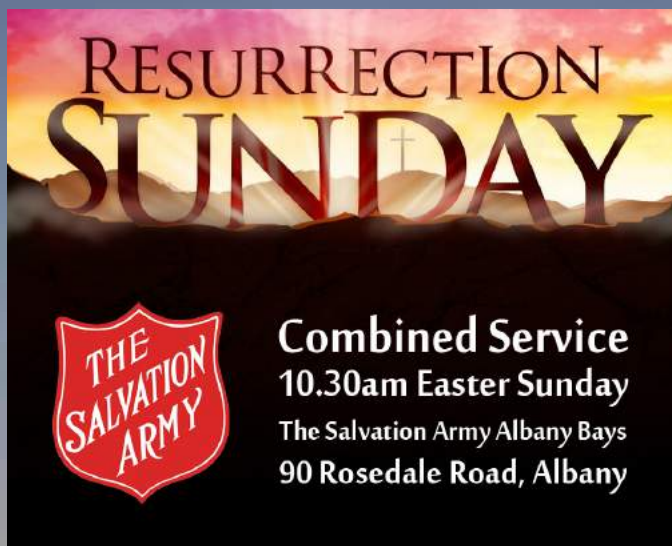
2 April	Welcome Team - Julie-Ann & Michael Morning Tea - Heather Kids Church- Debbie and Caelyn
9 April	Welcome Team - Glenn & Will Morning Tea - Lesley and Luisa Kids Church- Debbie and Brittany
16 April	Welcome Team - Cindy & Alastair Morning Tea - Adrienne Kids Church- School Holidays
23 April	Welcome Team - Cedelia & Theo Morning Tea - Cindy & Becki Kids Church - School Holidays
30 April	Welcome Team - Julie-Ann & Michael Morning Tea - Colleen & Reg Kids Church - Debbie and Jennette

April - Paengawhāhā

- Apr 1 Blokes' Breakfast
- Apr 2 Daylight Saving ends
- Apr 4 Choosedays Seniors' Lunch
- Apr 7 International Songsters Visit
- Apr 8 Auckland Fellowship Band rehearsal
- Apr 8 Women's Day Out Trip
- Apr 13 School Term 1 ends
- Apr 13-17 Easter Camp / E Camp
- Apr 14 Community Bread Distribution
- Apr 14 Good Friday Combined Churches Event in Browns Bay 10.00am
East Coast Bays Liesure Centre
- Apr 16 Easter Sunday Celebration Service
Combined with Hibiscus & Glenfield
- Apr 17 Public Holiday - office closed
- Apr 21 Family Movie Night
- Apr 22 Auckland Fellowship Band rehearsal
- Apr 25 ANZAC Day - office closed
- Apr 28 Community Bread Distribution
- Apr 29 Taupo Sevens Sports Tournament
For information speak to Shane

May - Haratua

- May 1 School term 2 begins
- May 1-6 Red Shield Appeal
- May 2 Choosedays Seniors' Lunch
- May 6 Blokes' Breakfast
- May 6 Auckland Fellowship Band rehearsal



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