

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a white Salvation Army uniform. She is smiling and framing her face with her hands, with her fingers forming a heart shape around her eyes. She is wearing a ring on her left hand. The background is dark. A semi-transparent brown wave graphic is overlaid on the bottom of the image.

Passion for God Compassion for people

The Salvation Army Camberwell
Information booklet

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Mission Statement

To make more and better followers of Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement

Passion for God - Compassion for people.

Spiritual Growth Pathway

Salvos believe that we are spiritual beings who find fullness of life through an active connection to our Creator God, through Jesus Christ. In order to help develop this spiritual aspect of our lives purposefully, Camberwell Salvos use a simple series of steps to guide us towards a meaningful and growing relationship with God.

The first step is **Knowing God**. We have introductory courses tailored to suit a person's need and particular interest in spiritual well-being. The courses are designed to help explore matters of faith, spirituality, community, and life's purpose in a relaxed and informal setting.

The next step is **Growing in God**. Spiritual growth involves learning about God. It may come about by being involved in a small group of like-minded people, or by spiritual growth classes where we discover more about ourselves and how we are 'wired' so, with this understanding, our lives can become more effective.

Following on, there comes the step of **Serving God** where the Salvos put their faith into action. We find ways to serve God through helping others. This is a vital part of Camberwell's vision – *Passion* for God, *Compassion* for people! Camberwell Salvos provides many opportunities where people can make a positive difference for others in our community.

Then, there is the important step of **Sharing God**. This is the natural outcome of the process of becoming a better follower of Jesus. Because God has transformed our lives, we want to share the difference He brings. We want to help you to Know God, Grow in God, Serve God, and then Share God.



Community Engagement

Our ministry of community engagement, community service and outreach, focuses on well-being of body, mind and soul. Our response to our vision to live out our Passion for God - Compassion for people, sees us doing the sorts of things we believe Jesus would do: caring for the poor, freeing those enslaved, and bringing hope. We do this through the following services and activities.

Financial Counselling

A particularly valuable form of assistance and support is the financial counselling service. By enabling people to find more effective ways of dealing with financial issues, including advocacy in support of particular issues, a new start in life is made possible.

Ashburton Community Development

A program of visitation in the Ashburton/Alamein public housing estates is undertaken to provide personal support and respond to the special needs of people in the area. A homework group is provided for primary school aged children; contact and support is provided at a weekly community BBQ; and a weekly Salvation Army House Church operates in the area.

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Building connections and sharing the journey in less advantaged communities is the aim of the Ashburton Community Development program.

Just Salvos Brothel Support Team

Brothel Support Teams exist to be a contact point into (and out of) the legal sex industry. Our team consists of women who visit registered brothels in Victoria every two to three weeks.

We are not chaplains, counsellors or social workers, we are simply women who care, and who bring a point of contact for those working in the industry, to the breadth of services and supports offered by The Salvation Army (and other organisations). We visit as if we were dropping in on a neighbour - with cupcakes, and wherever we can we sit in the lounge and have a coffee and talk. We always leave a contact card with a phone number, where people can call us at any time if they need help.





Health and Well-being Programs

A weekly program of simple exercises is open to all, facilitated by a trained gym instructor, and tailored to the personal ability of the participants including those with disability.

A series of cooking sessions are provided to encourage people to improve their cooking skills as well as understand more about healthy eating, diet and effective shopping for daily food. These sessions are open to all, while being sensitive to specific groups such as men who have lost partners or who now need to be carers, single mothers with young children who need to survive on modest incomes.

A program called Positive Lifestyle, consists of individual sessions helping people to grow in self esteem, address anger issues, and develop a more assertive and productive approach to life. A Group Positive Lifestyle program is also available upon request.

Emergency Relief

Every year Camberwell Salvos assist hundreds of individuals and families in the local community who are in need of a helping hand.

We provide assistance for people experiencing unexpected crises during the year, including special assistance at Christmas in the form of hampers and toys, and for the start of the year when 'back to school' often presents a particular stress on family finances.

If we can't assist a particular client, our volunteer team of workers will do their best to connect or refer them on to other service providers in the area. Referrals may also be provided to the Salvos financial counselling service or general counselling services.

Hot Meals Program

A drop-in centre with nutritious, hot meals are provided three days a week. The meals are open to all and provide an atmosphere of social inclusion, being particularly sensitive to those who are socially isolated.

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Worship Community and Choir

A socially inclusive worship service is held every Friday afternoon. The Choir of Hope operates from this community, while being open to all, and sings at various functions throughout the year.

Migrant Programs

A multicultural social network meets monthly in the evening for friendship and growing mutual understanding, while a series of pronunciation classes operate on a weekly basis. Information activities focussed on introducing migrants to Australian culture, especially work culture, are undertaken during the year, along with social networking events for migrants and locals.

Volunteering

Volunteers from Camberwell Salvos and the wider community are welcome to join our ministry of engagement with the community of Boroondara and beyond, as we put the message of Jesus into practice.



Adult Ministries

Women's Ministries

Home League

Home League is an oasis in the week for women of all ages.

As life continues to race by, our group offers enlightenment and encouragement to each other while at the same time teaching us and leading us to search for that deeper meaning in life.

Our meetings are varied, including speakers, bus trips, brunches and musical mornings, all with the aim of giving us a good quality of life.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it's part of a prayer quilt.

The idea behind these beautiful prayer quilts is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need - someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that person.

What makes each prayer quilt so special is not the pattern, colour or workmanship, but the fact that prayer is symbolically tied to each one. The comforters are a statement of faith, and a testimony to our belief in God and in the power of prayer.

Through our prayer quilt ministry a number of quilts have been distributed, each a special gift of love. They have been made for sick babies, for terminally ill patients, for adults and children facing surgery or difficult family situations - for many reasons but each for someone in special need of the healing power of prayer.

If you're into quilting, or want to learn, come and join us.

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Seniors Ministries

Companion Club

The Companion Club is open to anyone over the age of fifty. A varied program is provided every Tuesday, including musical groups, informative talks, outings, meals, entertainment and a great deal more.

The club provides a safe and fun Christian fellowship each week, and an opportunity to meet new friends. Why not enjoy some time out just for you! Laugh and socialise with like-minded people in a relaxed and happy environment.

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The300 Project



One Day

A variety of community projects conducted simultaneously on a Saturday, One Day in August.

High school students from across the local community are invited to participate in one of the projects held on the day and to celebrate, share a meal, and talk about the impact of the day afterward.

Live

Every week we meet as a group of young people to have fun, celebrate and learn more about our motivation for doing small things with great love.

Ambassadors

A program designed to give young people a taste of the work of The Salvation Army. It includes leadership and personal development seminars, tours of Salvation Army centres, and organising and participating in Local Service Opportunities (LSOs).

LSOs

Every month small teams of young people are invited to participate in acts of service throughout the local community. We do this in order to build a stronger fellowship and to encourage young people to continue to explore life outside of their own 'bubble'.

Children and Families Ministries

Explorers

Designed for children aged three to twelve, Explorers has three age-appropriate levels that provide fun activities for children to learn about God, the Bible, the world, and good values for living.

The three levels of sharing and learning are:

- Aquanauts (ages 3-6)
- Argonauts (ages 7-9)
- Cosmonauts (ages 10-12)

Explorers is conducted in a safe and secure environment with all leaders, teachers and assistants holding current Working With Children accreditation.

Junior Soldiers

The Junior Soldiers program operates on a fortnightly basis for children aged 8-14 who want to make a conscientious decision to learn more about God, the Bible and The Salvation Army.

Junior Soldiers functions with the aim of leading children to make their first committed step of membership within The Salvation Army by becoming a Junior Soldier.

Starting Points

None of us can claim to be perfect. There are always areas of ourselves that we can improve and this applies to our parenting skills as well.

Starting Points is a four week positive parenting course for parents of pre-school and primary school aged children that seeks to share and explore the journey of parenting.

Held periodically over the course of the year, Starting Points is a great place to find affirmation in the parenting skills already possessed, but also work towards developing the skills needed to be a better parent.

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Puppet Ministry

Once a month during our 11:00am service, a puppet show is performed for the entertainment of children (and adults)! The puppet show team brings amusing, yet thought-provoking shows that in their own unique way, teach children about God and the qualities we need to be good people in the world. The puppet ministry is also involved at other Camberwell Salvos events throughout the year.



Salvo Music Academy

The Salvo Music Academy aims to provide an optimal level of musical tuition to children aged four and upwards. Operating during the school term, the Salvo Music Academy currently comprises a mini kids choir (children 4-8) and individual instrumental tuition (children 8+). For reasonably low fees, children within the academy enjoy professional tuition in a secure and nurturing environment. The children are showcased regularly in public performances to assist in their continued musical development.



Junior Gospel Choir

For children aged eight upwards, the Camberwell Salvos Junior Gospel Choir provides opportunity for continuing participation in a choral setting for children who just want to sing. The Junior Gospel Choir excels at performing a wide repertoire of songs ranging from the traditional church pieces to more contemporary expressions of music and song.

mainly music™

The Christian-based mainly music program is designed to facilitate a time of fun learning for children (birth to age four) through the use of music, rhythm, rhyme, movement and listening. All these activities help young children develop coordination, fine motor movement, social interaction, appreciation of musical styles and language development.



Parents and carers are encouraged to participate with their child during the session to nurture the parent-child bond in the important early developmental years. The mainly music program is also a valuable social network for mums, dads and carers, where they feel supported and cared for whilst ensuring that all who attend hear a clear, loving and balanced gospel message.

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Worship

We have several worshipping communities at Camberwell Salvos. Sunday congregations as well as through-the-week gatherings.

Non-Sunday worship experiences take the form of musicians' devotions, Cottage Meeting, House Church, Friday Worship, and worship at our Small Groups. The goal is connecting with God, the method employed varies to match the need.

Sunday Worship

The three totally different styles of worship continue to provide our people with a choice in how to honour God in community.

- Our 9:30am meeting with its reflective emphasis
- The 11:00am meeting has seen a growing number of families with children
- An informal 6:00pm worship service featuring contemporary Christian music

Whilst these worship services have different emphases, they all have at their heart the intention to draw us into a deeper relationship with God.

Cottage Meeting

The Cottage Meeting is a fellowship which meets on a monthly basis in a home.

The objective is to provide a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere where singing, worship, prayer and open sharing are featured. Many who attend would not find it easy to participate in larger meetings at our hall, but do so readily in the more relaxed and informal setting.

The Cottage Meeting fellowship is always pleased to welcome new members.

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Sunday worship services are held at 9:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm.



House Church

Our House Church is conducted from a home in the suburb of Ashburton. It plays an important role in the life of Camberwell Salvos and its community service outreach activities.

Participants come together on a weekly basis to learn more about God, share a meal, worship, sing, pray and share their personal faith journey with each other. Those who attend would not find it easy to contribute in corporate worship at our hall, but do so readily in the more relaxed and informal setting, and often express how much this fellowship means to them.

House Church aims to:

- Share the gospel of Jesus Christ with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Develop the faith of members
- Develop healthy and inclusive community

Friday Worship

To maintain connections with our community services participants, a relaxed, non-threatening worship service introducing Christian faith and principles is held on Friday afternoons. The Choir of Hope operates from this community, and is open to all. The choir sings at various functions throughout the year.



Faith Development

Small Groups

There are many small groups which meet each week or fortnight to study the Bible, share in friendship and discuss matters of mutual importance. Most small groups meet in homes around the Boroondara area, some further afield.

Small groups are offered for young people, others specifically available during the day, but all provide support and encouragement, developing a sense of community and belonging, as well as a greater understanding of the relevance of the Bible in day-to-day living.

If you would like to consider joining a small group, we would be pleased to hear from you. Contact us and we can help connect you with a relevant group.

Short Courses

At Camberwell Salvos we conduct a variety of short course options for anyone looking to deepen their relationship with God or expand upon their understanding of the Bible.

Shared Stories

Sharing stories is a large part of living. We tell stories. We live stories. Two thousand years ago Jesus lived a story that has touched the world through the ages. We invite you to consider the story of your life and where it touches the story of Jesus.

The Salvos at Camberwell have published some notes called Shared Stories. Whether you have been a Christian for years, just beginning your spiritual journey or intrigued to know about Jesus for the first time you will find the stories told here helpful. The materials are packaged in many forms to suit you and your situation. Contact us for more information.

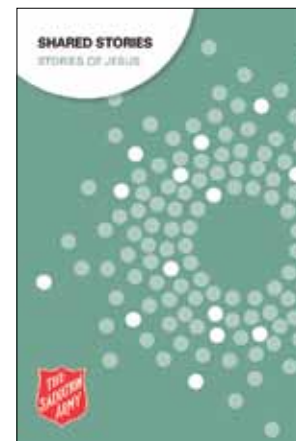
We have additional introductory material to help explore faith and spirituality. If you would like to know more, please enquire with us.

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Prayer

God moves powerfully in answer to prayer!

Prayer is a powerful spiritual force supporting Camberwell Salvos activities. We see lives transformed and circumstances changed through commitment to prayer. Prayer is a vital component of personal spiritual health and spiritual growth, and a vital element in times of corporate worship. Numerous prayer activities are organised throughout the year for people of all ages.

If you are interested in having prayer support for your specific needs, there are people at Camberwell Salvos who want to pray for you.

Prayer Tent

As part of the community of Boroondara, Camberwell Salvos has an active presence at the Camberwell Sunday Market.

The brass band makes a regular appearance at the market, adding to the atmosphere and enjoyment of shoppers and stall holders. We also offer a fortnightly prayer tent where anyone can drop in, have someone pray for them, and hear what God might be wanting to share with them. We call this prophetic prayer, and it's like a spiritual reading where we listen to the voice of God and share that with the person being prayed for. There is no charge and no bookings required - people can simply come past and spend some time considering their spiritual life.

We also have lots of ways we can connect interested people at the market into any of the programs and services offered at Camberwell Salvation Army.



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Music Ministries

The Salvation Army has a distinguished history of using brass bands, choirs and other creative arts expressions as a means of taking the Gospel message to those who will listen, whether that's in indoor worship services, on the concert stage or in the streets of local communities.

Brass Band

Comprised of men and women of varying ages and musical abilities, the brass band of the Camberwell Salvation Army is committed to playing music of the highest standard to the glory of God.

The band features each Sunday at the 11:00am worship service and also provides support at the Camberwell Sunday Market by bringing enjoyment to the masses! Their musical message not only provides entertainment but is instrumental in bringing the Good News to those needing to hear about Jesus.

Choir

The Songster Brigade (or choir) have always played a significant part in ministry at Camberwell Salvos. Whether bringing inspirational music to people attending Sunday worship services, or through special Salvation Army events and even Christmas carolling to locals in the community, the choir aims to bring the Christian message to individuals and families through song.

Whether you sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass, if you would be interested in singing with us on a regular basis, please let us know.

Contemporary Band

Bringing a new sound to Sunday night church, the contemporary band provides current Christian music for the youth of today. Their passion for God and youthful enthusiasm to share and sing of Jesus is evident in all they do.

Come and enjoy Sunday night worship at 6:00pm, and if you're a muso, ask about joining the band.



How to Become Involved

There are many ways you can become involved with the Camberwell Salvos. Why not contact us to discuss opportunities to connect with us.

You may also like to consider contacting our Divisional Headquarters or Territorial Headquarters regarding other avenues to volunteer, donate or sponsor a child.

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