



There is a season for everything: A time to be born, die, plant, harvest, kill, heal, destroy, rebuild, cry, laugh, grieve, dance, scatter, gather, hug, or not hug, find, lose, keep, dispose of, tear, repair, be quiet, speak up, love, hate, war, peace...

Ecclesiastes 3 Living Bible

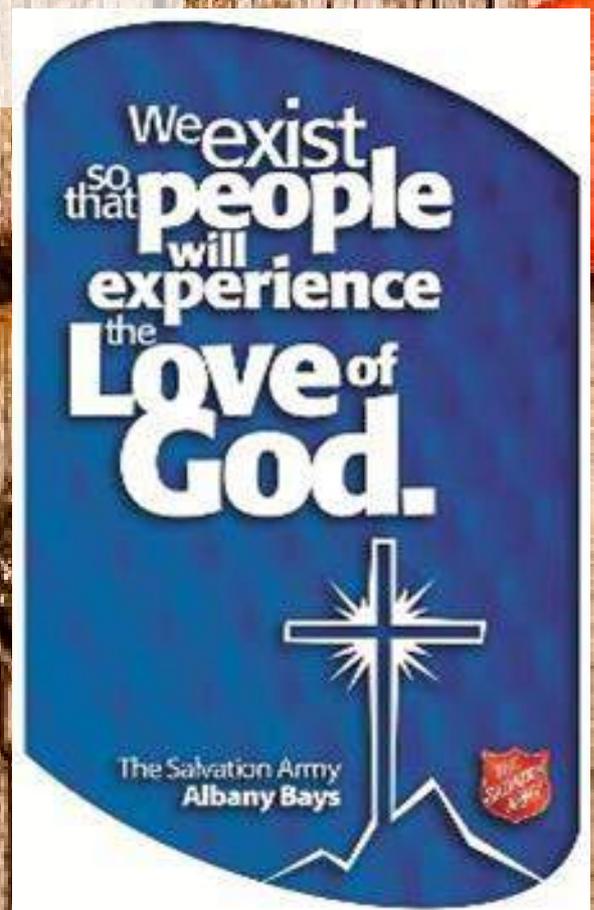
The Salvation Army Albany Bays Corps
Newsletter May 2017

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.



Ch Ch Ch Changes

It's Autumn - a time where the world around us changes colour and prepares for the rough weather ahead. A time when things get cooler, the nights grow darker earlier, and lifestyles prepare to adjust for the indoor months.

The change of season reminds us that change itself, though difficult, is necessary for growth. Without the shedding of leaves the trees would not survive the coming cold season. They shed so they can draw necessary nutrients to the parts which need them the most. Without Autumn, a lot of our beautiful nature would not survive. There would never be spring flowers, nor fruit, nor new growth.

Personally I think Autumn is as beautiful, if not more so, than spring. It reminds me of the creative palette of God and the cycle of life. It reminds me of my own mortality and the times in my life that I too need to shed the fluff in order to sink deeper into the good nutrients of God. It reminds me that God is a continuous process of creating things anew every season, and even in the toughest times a new season will eventually come.

What does Autumn bring for you? Fireplaces? Electric blankets? Frustration of being stuck indoors? Holidays? Aches and pains?

Try to see this season as the opportunity to harvest and think of the good things that may have come from the 'Summer' season that was yours. Then use these months to sink into His word in order to prepare for the hard times which may lie ahead.

Blessings,
Shane and Sarah Healey
Captains, Corps Officers



To all mothers...

To those who gave birth this year to their first child
- we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year - we mourn with you

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day
and wear the badge of food stains - we appreciate you

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions,
or running away - we mourn with you

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods,
tears, and disappointment - we walk with you. Forgive us when we say
foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms - we need you

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children
- we celebrate with you

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children
- we sit with you

To those who lost their mothers this year - we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother
- we acknowledge your experience

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests,
and the overall testing of motherhood - we are better
for having you in our midst

To those who are single and long to be married and
mothering your own children - we mourn that life has not
turned out the way you longed for it to be

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year
- we grieve and rejoice with you

To those who step-parent - we walk with you on these complex paths

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren
- yet that dream is not to be - we grieve with you

To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for
your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected
and surprising - we anticipate with you

This Mother's Day, we walk with you all. Mothering is not for the faint
of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.



The testimony chair in our church services is a great opportunity for people to share their personal stories, and these build and encourage the church family.

The theme comes from the Internet based I Am Second website, which started as a movement meant to inspire people of all kinds to live for God and for others. Actors. Athletes. Musicians. Business leaders. Drug addicts. Your next-door neighbor. People like you. The authentic stories on iamsecond.com provide insight into dealing with typical struggles of everyday living. These are stories that give hope to the lonely and the hurting, help from destructive lifestyles, and inspiration to the unfulfilled. Have a look at the website and discover people who've tried to go it alone and have failed. They share their stories honestly, and how putting Christ first has bought them the hope, peace and healing they longed for.

Great as they are, we love to hear the stories of what God is doing in a New Zealand/North Shore context even more. Consider your own testimony, perhaps use the template on this page, and see what God has been doing in and through you. What difference has He made to your life? Remember these stories do not have to be dramatic and Hollywood scale. God moving in the smaller details is just as powerful.

Speak to Sarah or Shane if you would like to practice, or take a turn in the hot seat.

I AM SECOND®



How to write my testimony

Before: What was my life like before I accepted Christ? What did it revolve around? Where did I get my security or happiness from? How did those areas begin to let me down?

How: When did I first hear about Jesus or was exposed to Christianity? What were my initial reactions? When did my attitude begin to turn around? Why? What were the final struggles that went through my mind before I accepted Christ? Why did I go ahead and accept Christ?

After: What changes has Christ made in my life? Why am I motivated differently?

Helpful Hints

Write the way you speak; make the testimony yours. Be honest but be careful. remember your story does not have to be amazingly dramatic to see God's work in it. Read it to yourself, and hear it back. Practice, or try it with someone you trust.

If you need an example - look at the I Am Second website, or read Paul's story in Acts 22. Follow through the before, how and difference Jesus makes. See how he puts himself second to Christ.

We'll see you in the chair!

IT'S TIME TO END POVERTY IN NEW ZEALAND



RED SHIELD APPEAL

SOME OF OUR SERVICES OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS*

56,000 food parcels
TO 28,871 families/individuals



12% 
IN BUDGETING SESSIONS AND 18% more families/individual

THE SALVATION ARMY PROVIDED ACCOMMODATION THROUGH:

social housing

111,075 BED NIGHTS
397 CLIENTS

supportive accommodation

106,013 BED NIGHTS
1,296 CLIENTS

emergency and transitional housing

18,069 BED NIGHTS
198 CLIENTS

6,708 people RECEIVED ALCOHOL OR DRUG TREATMENT

7%  IN CLIENTS SUPPORTED

300 clients HOUSED AND SUPPORTED VIA THE SALVATION ARMY'S REINTEGRATION SERVICE



36% 
IN COUNSELLING SESSIONS TO 27% more families/individuals

810 TEENS HELPED THROUGH THE Aspire youth development programme

Statistics taken from our 15/16 Annual Report (12 months to 30th June 2016)

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

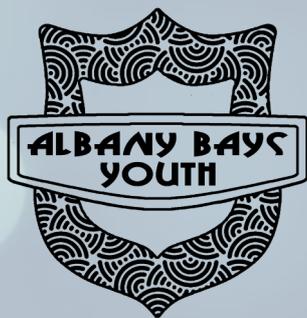
Thursdays 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Cost \$3 per child incl dinner

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

Main themes

Belonging	Worth
Independence	Generosity

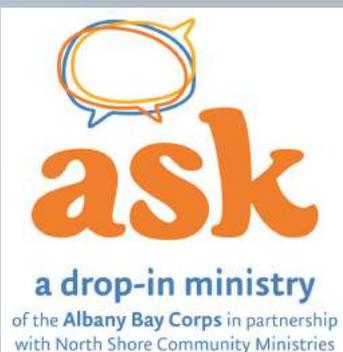


AB Youth

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.



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?

Do you want to be able to hear God better? Do you want to know what His plan for you is? Do you want to grow deeper in your faith and step out in trust? Do you want to be around people that listen, care, support and encourage you? If nothing changes then nothing changes. Perhaps this is the month you actively seek out more of what God has for you by growing your relationship with him.

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 Movie
Night June 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 the
over fifties. Includes
lunch. Next events
lunch on May 2nd
& June 6th

**SMALL
GROUPS**
connect | encourage | grow



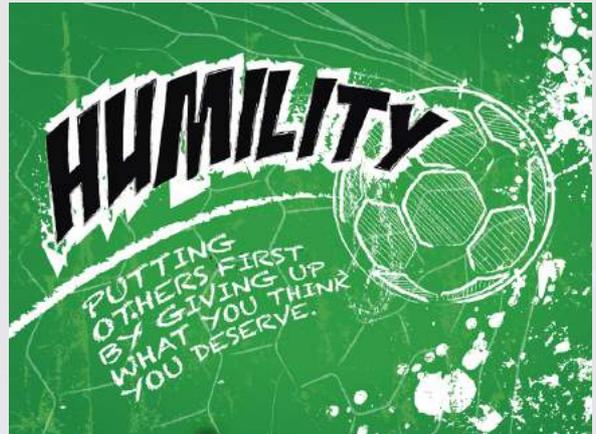
Kids Church

For the next five weeks all our kids activities will be exploring humility.

We live in a world that's all about putting ourselves first. Jesus lived in a world like that too. He could have looked out for Himself, called 10,000 angels to come and rescue Him. But He didn't. Out of His love for us He chose the humble route and put us first.

It cost Him everything. Putting others first will cost you something: your time or money.

Maybe it will cost you some pride. But when we choose to follow Jesus with our lives, believing that His death and resurrection made it possible for us to be right with God, the least we can do is put others first even if it's a bit uncomfortable and cost us something. We think it's important for us to help our kids and families discover more about **humility—putting others first by giving up what you think you deserve.**



WEEK 1 - I can put others first by serving them - John 13:1-17

WEEK 2 - I can put others first by letting go of what I want - Matthew 26:36-56

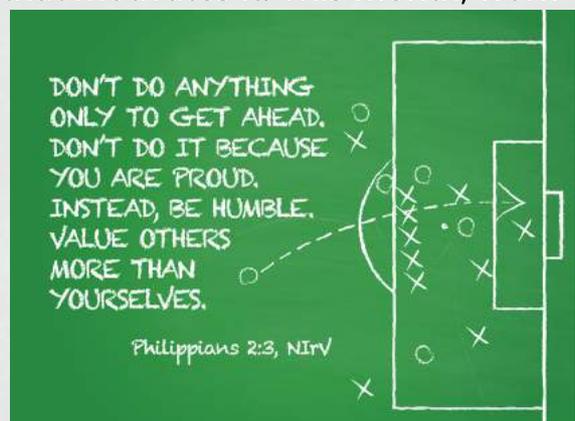
WEEK 3 - I can put others first because Jesus put me first - John 18:12-20:23

WEEK 4 - I can put others first by doing what Jesus said - Matthew 28:16-20

WEEK 5 - Put others first - Philippians 2:3-8

TIPS FOR PARENTS

As a parent, it can feel like all day, every day is a lesson in putting our kids first. And most of the time we do it with little to no recognition. But humility isn't just about the serving. It's about the attitude behind it and love that motivates it. This month, work on going above and beyond to do things for your children with a humble heart—and not a tired, reluctant or frustrated one. As the most powerful people in the house, we have the opportunity to set the tone for what serving others in humility looks like. Because our kids are more than just the recipients of our humility, they are observers of it, and taking cues on how to do it themselves.



Whats on this month?

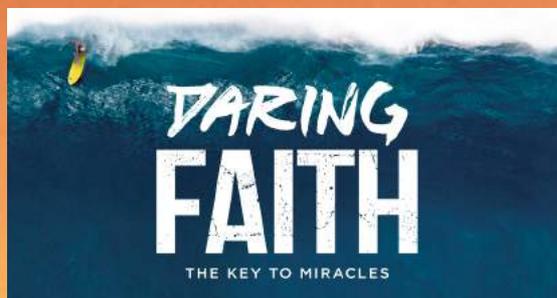
Sunday Worship
Services 10.30am

May 7 - Daring Faith 3

May 14 - Mothers Day

May 21 - Holy Spirit with guests
Majors Linda and Allan Bateman

May 28 - Holy Spirit with
Tom Bryant



Kids Church and Morning Tea Roster

7 May

Welcome Team - Glenn and Will
Morning Tea - Ann and Keith
Kids Church- Brittany and Caelyn

14 May

Welcome Team - Cindy and Alastair
Morning Tea - Jennifer and Jack
Kids Church- Brittany and Debbie

21 May

Welcome Team - Cedelia and Theo
Morning Tea - Sarah and Will
Kids Church- Brittany and Peter

28 May

Welcome Team - Julie-Ann and Michael
Morning Tea - Heather
Kids Church - Brittany and Kaitlyn

4 June

Welcome Team - Glenn and Will
Morning Tea - Lesley and Luisa
Kids Church - Peter and Kim

May - Haratua

- May 1 School term 2 begins
- May 1-6 Red Shield Appeal
- May 2 Choosedays Seniors' Lunch
- May 6 Auckland Fellowship Band rehearsal
- May 6 Harcourt's Blanket Fundraiser
- May 6 Blokes' Breakfast
- May 12 Community Bread Distribution
- May 14 Mothers Day
- May 20 Auckland Fellowship Band rehearsal
- May 26 Community Bread Distribution

June - Pipiri

- June 3 Blokes Breakfast
- June 4 Pentecost Sunday
- June 5 Queen's Birthday - Office closed
- June 6 Chooseday Birthday Party
- June 9 Community Bread Distribution
- June 10 Blokes Breakfast
- June 10 Ladies Night Out



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