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From the editor

Garry's life has totally turned around. Staying in rehab over the holiday time was the best Christmas present he ever had, Garry says in this issue of *Warcry*.

And his story has me thinking differently about Christmas. I'm now wondering what my Christmas takeaway might be this year. Is there something in my life that needs an overhaul? What help do I need to make it happen? Can I help someone else make a change that will be positively impactful?

Christmas is not going to be the same again. It won't only include thanking God for Jesus Christ, giving/receiving gifts, work functions, family celebrations and food. I want it to include change.

Jesus entering the world was a game changer. His life, death, resurrection and offered relationship can turn our life around. The Salvation Army invites you come to any of our Christmas events to find out more.

Laurie Robertson, Lieut-Colonel

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At the top of the tree

The beauty of the Christmas tree is not found in the ornaments decorating it.

BY FAYE MICHELSON



Christmas trees have had a somewhat precarious existence in our lounge room for the past 14 years. That was when two of our daughters brought home the scruffy black and white kitten they'd rescued from a vacant house.

Nichie was just a few months old when she spied her first Christmas tree in the corner of the room. She scaled it in a flash, perching among the top branches and looking down at us. We thought she looked adorable there, peeping out among the baubles and handmade decorations. She was so light and little she hardly disturbed the tree.

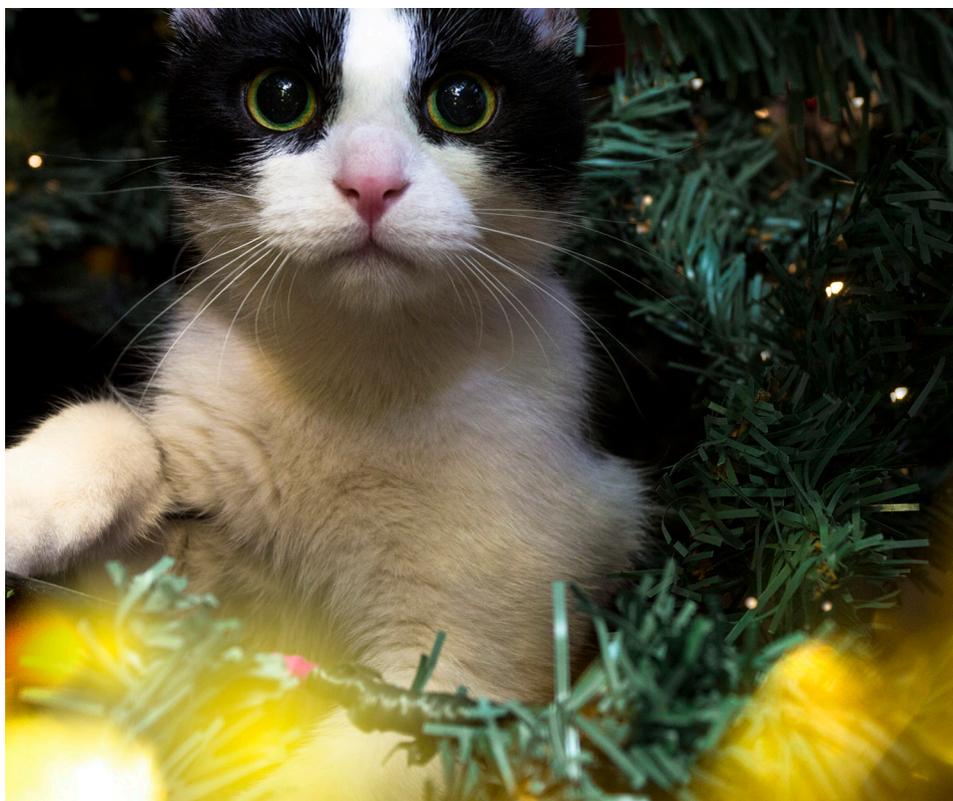
The following years were a different matter. The first time I came home from work to find the tree prostrate on the floor I had no idea what could have happened as I struggled to stand it upright. An hour or so later I heard it crashing to the floor again, and ran in to see Nichie stepping unconcerned out of the foliage. After that, we tried to put her outside in December while we were at work and school. If she managed to evade us — as she often did — the tree was usually down by the time we got home. As a result, it often looked a bit the worse for wear by the time Christmas morning rolled around.

As she got older, she stopped climbing the tree but would knock the ornaments off the lower branches and hit them around the floor. Our Christmas tree spent more time upright, but because the kids decorated it, it still looked like someone had flung the mostly homemade ornaments on it from a distance.

Even though I rarely buy ornaments, I like wandering among the Christmas displays in shops, admiring how pretty everything is. Last year, while looking at a department store's festive stock, a shopper, searching through a nearby shelf of decorations, told me she needed to find a particular style of bauble to finish off her tree.

"My colour scheme this year is rose gold and purple," she explained.

I smiled, but was laughing inside when I thought about our tree's decorations — a collection of objects made from silver doilies and pipe cleaners that could resemble angels, foam balls stuck with sequins, dried pasta wreaths sprayed gold, felt things and cotton ball creations. I'd only just negotiated with my 33-year-old-daughter to throw out the battered Santa she'd made in kindergarten,



pointing out that it was now just a plastic milk container with no face, a thinning cotton wool beard and a crepe paper hat that had faded to pale pink.

The good news, of course, is that I'll never need to buy any shiny, new decorations from any shop. My grandchildren are now presenting me with *their* versions of things made from silver doilies, foam balls stuck with sequins, dried pasta wreaths sprayed gold and cotton ball creations.

Each year they decorate the tree, and each year Nichie, with the cat of Christmases past still stirring in her brain,

sits on the back of the couch and hits off any decorations her old paws can reach. And each year the tree looks as if someone has just hurled decorations at its branches.

But once the fairy lights are turned on, the brightly-wrapped presents are underneath it and we're together on Christmas Day, it's a beautiful thing.

It doesn't matter what's on the tree; it's who is around it that is important. And, most important of all, it's a reminder that God gave us the greatest gift of all on that first Christmas — Jesus, the baby who grew up to be our Saviour.

Hampers overflowing with love and hope

Providing Christmas hampers filled with toys and treats for mothers and children at a Salvo refuge was emotional and rewarding for Rabecka and her family.

BY BILL SIMPSON



Rabecka Stokes was only four when she, her older sister and mother were forced to flee, terrified, from their home because of domestic violence.

She was seriously assaulted in the incident.

The little family found safety and security at The Salvation Army's unpretentious Bramwell House for women and children in Adelaide.

Life at Bramwell House was far happier than at home.

Here, there were people who cared and kept the fractured family safe. There were other children impacted just like her. Christmas was wonderful, with presents provided and enough food for everyone.

Rabecka, her sister and mum stayed at Bramwell House for almost a year. When they were ready, the family was able to move to their own home in the community.

Despite her hard start to life, Rabecka prefers to remember the good things; the times that brought happiness to herself, her mother and sister.

And there were many of those times.

Now the mother of four children, aged four to 16, Rabecka says she can look back with some positive thoughts about her childhood days.

"While I definitely have some horrendous childhood memories, as hard as my journey has been, I am truly grateful, because it has shaped me into the woman I am today," she says.

"As a child, I remember Bramwell House

being so welcoming and it was such a beautiful place that has provided me with fond memories.

"To me, it was a place where I felt safe and it provided an avenue for us to feel like we were part of something.

"When we left Bramwell House and moved into our own home, my mum still struggled financially. We received hampers through The Salvation Army, even gift vouchers for setting up our home.

"I remember The Salvation Army was a place of hope for my mum, where she knew she could go whenever we really needed some support.

"I remember the feeling of excitement as a child coming home [close to Christmas] and seeing a basket on the doorstep full of food and a little doll inside for me.

"It was very exciting because I knew that we were going to have a Christmas and my mum didn't need to worry any more."

Rabecka's mum died 15 years ago.

Rabecka studied nursing and has been a community services professional for more than 20 years. She is writing a book titled *Breaking the Cycle* about her experience and to help others deal with domestic violence.

"It has taken me a long time to share aspects of my past," she says. "I have invested a lot of time in my own personal growth and development over the years, which has opened my eyes to the importance of sharing my story and experiences.

"I now embrace my past and use it as a



platform to create awareness, empower others and provide a sense of hope to those living in a similar situation to my disrupted childhood.”

Last Christmas, Rabecka and her family did just that.

With gifts and other items, including food, donated by themselves and the community, they packed 27 giant hampers and delivered them to Bramwell House. Rabecka knew, intimately, what it would mean to the children and their mums staying there.

“It was the most rewarding and humbling experience, one that will stay with me for years,” she says. “No amount of money, recognition or reward could ever come

close to giving me that feeling.”

For Rabecka, it was also a very emotional and important aspect to have her own children involved in the giving process.

“It especially impacted my 16-year-old daughter. She was very moved, especially as she filled the hampers with gifts for teens. It was really beautiful for her to feel like she was making a difference,” she says.

Rabecka and her family are already planning to provide more hampers this Christmas.

For Bramwell House manager Naomi Thiel, the hampers from Rabecka’s family last Christmas were a “godsend”.

“We had had an extraordinary couple of months leading up to Christmas, with some extra complex cases and time got away,” Naomi says.

“Then, out of the blue, we received an email telling us that Rabecka’s family wanted to donate the baskets, which were overflowing. They had been put together with such amazing thought. The staff were overwhelmed.

“I wish Rabecka and her family could have seen all the faces. The children’s faces were beaming and the women were so incredibly grateful. They couldn’t believe a complete stranger would care about them and go to such an amazing effort to help make their Christmas brighter.”

Many years earlier, Rabecka experienced the same emotion. She understood. This was personal. It bought back memories of when strangers did something special

for her — then, just a little girl trying to understand life.

It’s personal, too, for Naomi.

“No woman plans on having to be at a refuge,” she says. “While they are with us, we want them to feel safe, valued, loved and connected.

“I get to meet and know so many amazing, strong, courageous women. I watch a woman go from being broken physically and mentally, to being able to hold her head up, bruises healed, hair grown back, emotional wounds starting to heal.

“They start to have hope that their future can be different. And their children, so frightened and clinging to Mum when they arrive ... it breaks my heart. But then we watch them transform into happy children, running around, playing, laughing and enjoying life. What a blessing.”





Good news needs to be shared

Jesus brings hope to those who are lost, light to those in darkness, joy to those in despair.

BY GENERAL BRIAN PEDDLE

“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child” (Luke chapter 2, verse 17).

When you experience something good you just can't help talking about it. That may be a memorable meal, a good book, an enjoyable film, stirring music, dramatic theatre or beautiful countryside. Whatever the experience, it leaves such an impression on us that we want to share it with others. We have to share it! Good news needs to be shared.

These days, when people discover they are expecting a baby, many find creative ways to share the news; some hold parties to reveal the gender of the unborn baby; some have parties and — when the child is finally born — they announce it loud and clear.

Jesus' birth was announced through a new, bright star that appeared in the sky. An angelic choir burst into song to communicate the great news.

Unsuspecting shepherds were looking after their sheep, like any other night, when the sky lit up and they heard the most astonishing news in a most spectacular way. An angel appeared to personally deliver a message to the shepherds (Luke 2:9-12). This was a detailed message — the angel clearly described who Jesus was (verse 11) and how they would find him (verse 12). So the shepherds journeyed to the manger and found Jesus “just as they had been told” (verse 20).

Such was the impact of their experience on the hillside and in the stable, they just had to tell other people about it. The news was so joyous and tremendous that they couldn't keep it to themselves. The news about Jesus brought light into the darkness of a shattered world. Like the shepherds, we need to realise that this good news is not just ours — it needs to be shared.



In my message to The Salvation Army, employees, supporters and friends this Christmas, I'm calling us to have a renewed confidence in the Gospel. John the Baptist preached a message of repentance and prepared the way for Jesus. God sent his one and only son into this world to save it. Jesus then sent out his disciples to preach the good news, perform miracles and make disciples. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to share the Gospel in a myriad of languages and empowered the early church to spread the story of the saviour to new lands and new people.

The apostle Paul declared: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes" (Romans chapter 1, verse 16). We are a Salvation Army — the Gospel is the saving message we preach in words and express in actions.

The good news of Jesus brings hope to those who are lost, light to those in darkness, joy to those in despair. It offers real transformation to the person who is caught in addiction, disillusioned by materialism or seeking purpose and direction. We share the Gospel because we have experienced its truth and power for ourselves, and we know, personally, the "author and perfecter", so we have confidence in the Gospel's transformative power on others.

This Christmastime and beyond, let us follow the example set by the angels and shepherds. Let us use every opportunity and every means possible to spread the word about who Jesus is while showing people where they can find him so that they, too, can have a saving, personal relationship with the living Christ. It's not just good news — it's the best news. Let's share it!

General Brian Peddle is the world leader of The Salvation Army.



The story of Christmas

“Watch for this — a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; they will name him Immanuel (Hebrew for ‘God is with us’)”
(Matthew chapter 1, verse 23).



In those days Emperor Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world, so everyone went to their own town to register.

Joseph went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him

in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room at the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, which terrified them.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This



will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the

baby, who was lying in the manger.

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what they had been told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

— Luke, chapter 2, verses 1-20



A moveable feast

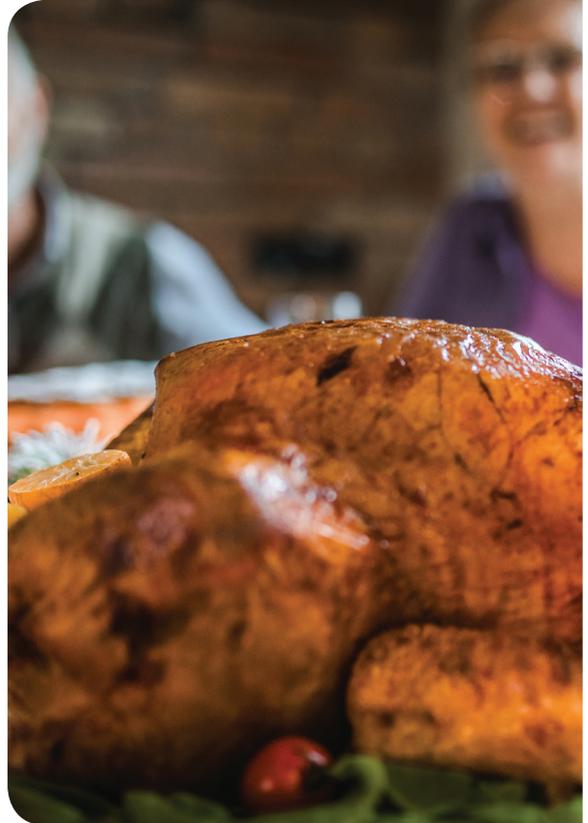
Don't throw out your Christmas dinner leftovers — make them into delicious dishes.

BY FAYE MICHELSON

Christmas Day is the meal of the year for millions of families around Australia. Festive tables groan under feasts of turkey, ham, lamb, seafood, roast vegies, pudding and pavlova; families groan with the amount of food and beverage consumed and our wallets groan with the expense of it all.

According to finder.com, on average Aussies spent \$122 of food per person over the 2018 Christmas period —and it's likely to increase this year. That's a lot of food for each person. But if you think that's a staggering statistic, consider this: research also shows that an astounding 20 per cent of what we buy to eat will end up in the rubbish bin.

Research by foodwise.com shows that each year we waste more than \$8 billion worth of edible food, with households on average throwing out more than \$1,300 worth of food — around 350 kg per household.



How do we waste food? The website suggests we often throw it out before its use-by date, cook too much, don't know how to use leftovers, or over-buy because we don't stick to a shopping list or check our pantries and fridges before heading to the shops.

DoSomething!, a not-for-profit organisation aiming to promote positive social and environmental change, encourages us to do something about it. Its foodwise website (foodwise.com.au) offers simple, effective suggestions on ways we can save food and money during the Christmas period.





Start by planning what you are going to cook for your Christmas festivities. Knowing how many people you will be catering for, calculating the portions you will serve and writing down what you'll need for each recipe takes the guesswork out of quantities and ingredients. Avoid doubling up on items by taking stock of what you have in your pantry and fridge/freezer before you make your shopping list. Make plenty of room for your festive fare by cleaning out the fridge and freezer, and store food in airtight containers so it will keep longer.

But once the big day is over and the

guests have gone home, how often do we open our fridges on Boxing Day, look at the plates of leftover turkey, the half-filled bowls of fruit salad and the cold roast potatoes — and quickly close the door?

That's where National Leftovers Day comes in. Boxing Day is the day of the year when our nation's refrigerators are bursting with food — but it doesn't mean our rubbish bins need to be full as well.

National Leftovers Day is a reminder that by reusing and correctly storing our leftover festive fare we can reduce the hundreds of millions of dollars worth of food at risk of being thrown away.

Websites such as lovefoodhatewaste.com, foodwise.com.au and www.taste.com.au have a collection of creative meals to whip up from leftovers. Whatever you need to use up, there are 270 recipes in taste.com.au to inspire you. Or go to foodwise.com.au's recipe finder, type in the food you want to use up and choose from a range of delicious dishes. Do the same at lovefoodhatewaste.com or download an app such as *Love Your Leftovers*.

Too much turkey? Not a problem — how about turkey and chickpea coconut salad, or turkey noodle soup? Too many jars of cranberry sauce? Try the recipe for cranberry brownies. Leftover lamb? The lamb with spices in puff pastry is a tasty idea. And if the family balks at even the mention of another dish with ham in it, cook up a meal and freeze it.

Don't let a bin full of discarded food leave a bad taste in your mouth this Christmas; with a little bit of planning we can all cut the amount of food we waste.

‘What can we do?’

The answer is a game changer

BY DANIELLE STRICKLAND

Some time ago, I spent a few days in Rwanda. It was incredibly challenging. Pretty much everyone knows Rwanda because of the terrible thing that happened there 25 years ago. More than 800,000 people were slaughtered in less than 40 days. In total, 1.2 million people perished. It was the Rwandan genocide, and it's horrific to ponder even still.

That's not what was challenging me, though. I had read about the genocide and how it came to be. To simplify it, think about what would happen if you mixed poverty, fear, discrimination, colonisation, violence, abuse of power, global apathy, and deep-seated racial disunity and prejudice over many decades. You'd have a recipe for the unthinkable. The overflow of all of these factors is extreme violence and hatred and a massacre that decimated a people and a country.

I know, I know, it's Christmas and I'm talking about genocide. Oh wait, I keep forgetting those are more related than we think. I forget how divorced the Hallmark glow of a happy Christmas is from the reality Jesus faced: unwelcome, global apathy, violence and fear, indifference and prejudice, disunity and poverty.



It was a bloody entry for Jesus in a violent and cruel world. Can you picture all the children killed to try to stop him (Matthew chapter 2, verse 16)? Darkness trying its best to extinguish the light of the world.

To be in Palestine during Jesus' early childhood must have felt like the darkness won. That's how some leaders I met in Rwanda told me they felt post-genocide. The country was decimated, the leaders of all political parties were either dead, gone or guilty. And the only question they had to ask after they had 'cleaned up' and assembled a gaggle of young politicians to rebuild the country, was this: "What can we do?"

It's important how you ask that question because it's related to how you will answer it. If you shrug your shoulders in an apathetic "This is too hard!" and ask, "What can we do?", it will lead to more apathy, indifference and a 'get you off the hook but change nothing' kind of reality. But if you ask it like you really want to get to the reality of what you can do right now to change things; to live, to make a future, to move forward — well, that's a



dangerous question. And the latter is how they asked it: “What can we do?”

It’s the same thing the Trinity — God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit — might have asked pondering the ultimate condition of humanity without the sacred flame of divine intervention and presence. “What can we do?”

When we get to that question, honestly and authentically and even vulnerably, it offers us so many opportunities. Because there are things that can be done. In Rwanda, it turns out that refusing colonial ‘naming’ was one important thing. Gone were the divisive labels of Hutu and Tutsi and in came the ‘one people’ policy that ensured all Rwandans were equal, sacred, respected, united, precious and valuable. One people. It seems that the first thing they could do was also the most radical: they didn’t just change sides, they changed the whole game. Remind you of anything? Anyone?

God did the same thing. Instead of the never-ending cycle of retributive violence that fuelled humanity, instead of the increase in division between the

sacred and the secular, the holy and the ordinary, Jesus entered humanity as one of humanity, one of the least of humanity. An oppressed, poor, peasant baby. One person. Sacred, equal, united, precious and valuable — not because he was God but because he was God in human flesh: The Human One.

When God entered humanity he didn’t just respond to an ‘us or them’ paradigm that kept us perpetually suspicious of power and forever sceptical of love. He changed the whole game. ‘God with us’ means exactly that. There is no longer a schism between the divine or human, us or them, male or female, slave or free, Hutu or Tutsi, white or black, king or servant. God is with us and we are with God. And that changes everything.

The Apostle Paul puts it in this awe-inspiring question: “If God is for us who can be against us?” (Romans chapter 8, verse 31).

So, what can you do? If you face a lot of fear, if you are worried and anxious and feel like there isn’t much left to work with, if you’re ready to really ask, “What can I do?”, the answer might just surprise and possibly delight you.

You can join the new game. Stop fighting the old one of fear and violence, status and privilege, blame and shame. Lay your weapons down and embrace this new world where God is on your side. Let’s stop fighting each other and spend all our energy fighting for a new world together. That’s just the first thing we can do. But to be sure, it’s also the most radical thing to do.

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The best Christmas present

Staying at a Salvation Army recovery services centre gave Garry a new start.





For most people, a rehabilitation centre at Christmas would be the last place they'd want to be. For me, seven weeks into my second attempt at recovery from an alcohol addiction, being told my rehabilitation centre would close for two weeks over Christmas was devastating.

I'd tried rehab the year before and had relapsed the moment I got home. I didn't want that to happen again so I asked the centre if there was any option to remain in residential recovery over Christmas.

A lady from the Salvos' Canberra Recovery Services got in touch and told me I could stay there. Looking back, I believe it was a 'God thing'. It was just such a coincidence that the rehab I was at closed for two weeks, and so I went to the Salvos.

My whole attitude to recovery changed. It was the spiritual side with The Salvation Army that made all the difference. On Tuesday nights they have family night, and if you had family in Canberra they could come in and have dinner with you. Then afterwards, you had chapel. The way Captain Amanda and Daniel (Ross) preached, the way they brought the Bible to life through the way they spoke, was really uplifting.

I started to reconnect with my childhood faith. When I got to Canberra Recovery Services it was like a faith renewed, and I'm forever grateful. I'd lost two marriages due to my addiction and also my job. I would go to work drunk, and then drink while I was there. I would have alcohol in the car, and I used to sneak out and have a drink. I couldn't live without it.

But spending Christmas at The Salvation Army's Recovery Services centre — sober, free and safe from temptation — was the best Christmas present I'd ever had. And it was the start of a wonderful transformation. I slowly learned to take responsibility. Before, when I was in my addiction, I had no responsibility. I was blaming everyone else, but at the recovery services centre I got better every day.

After spending nearly a year at Canberra Recovery Services Centre, then living for a few months at a Salvation Army transitional housing accommodation service — which kept me connected with chapel and supported by my counsellors — I felt strong enough to return home. The first thing I did was go to the Salvos.

I stayed in Salvation Army transitional housing in Griffith until I found my own accommodation. I also began working 15 hours a week at the Griffith Family Store, driving the truck, making and picking up deliveries. I now go to chapel at The Salvation Army in Griffith.

The feeling of freedom from not having to feed my addiction is amazing. I've made new friends and reconnected with old ones, and I'm looking forward to undertaking further study in the community services sector so that I can give back to others, just as God, through The Salvation Army, has given me so much.

And I'll never forget the best Christmas present I've ever received — when I got to spend Christmas Day at a Salvation Army Recovery Services centre.

**As told to Lauren Martin*





Shaping up to Christmas



Use your Christmas cookie cutters for more than biscuits this year and make our festive soap and candles.



Lemon goat's milk soap



You will need: 450g goat's milk soap base, lemon zest of 1-2 lemons, lemon essential oil (optional), soap colourant (optional), cookie cutters

Makes six medium bars.

- 1 Spray the inside of cookie cutters and place on a baking paper covered board.
- 2 Cut soap into cubes and microwave for 30 second intervals until melted.
- 3 Add zest and/or fragrance.
- 4 Pour into moulds and allow to harden for at least one hour. (Dry herbs or lavender or different essential oils can be added for various fragrances.)

Christmas candle

You will need: melting soy wax (or recycle old candles), wicks, Christmas cookie cutters, double boiler or equivalent, baking paper and board to protect work surface, tin foil, scents (optional), colourants (optional)

Caution: Melting wax can be a fire hazard – never leave unattended.

1. Seal open bottom of cookie cutter with tin foil. Press in to minimise gaps (and leakage).
2. Spray the inside of each cookie cutter.
3. Cover board or tray with baking paper. Put wicks in the centre of shapes on tray.
4. Heat shredded wax slowly in double boiler. Do not melt wax directly on heat as it may catch fire or evaporate.
5. Add scent and/or colour.
6. Pour wax into moulds. Wicks may move, so re-centre once poured.
7. Allow to cool for five hours and then remove from moulds.





Have a laugh

With all the preparations for the festive season going on, the rubbish was piling up in the kitchen.

Mary said to Joseph, "Could you please put out the garbage, dear?"

"I can't," Joseph replied. "There's no room in the bin."



Spot the difference

Can you spot seven differences between Santa's holiday snaps?



Answers: 1. Glasses lenses 2. Mountains missing 3. Stripy present colour 4. Plain present colour 5. Santa's shirt stripes swapped colours 6. Missing palm leaves 7. Santa's paddle board colour;

Carol Codes

- 1.
- 2.
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- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Answers: 1. Angels We Have Heard on High 2. Caroling the Bells 3. While the Shepherds Watched 4. Silent Night 5. Little Drummer Boy 6. What Child is This? 7. Do You Hear What I Hear? 8. We Three Kings 9. I Saw Three Ships 10. Hark the Herald Angels Sing





Wordsearch

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| DECORATIONS | NATIVITY |
| ELF | NOEL |
| FAMILY | STOCKING |
| FESTIVE | TINSEL |
| GARLAND | TURKEY |

Quick quiz



1. In 'Twelve Days of Christmas', what do you get on the ninth day?
2. Who composed 'Jingle Bells' in 1857 under the name 'One Horse Open Sleigh'?
3. From what country does 'O Christmas Tree' originate?
4. On which feast did Good King Wenceslas step out, according to the well-known hymn?
5. Who banned carol singing and the celebration of Christmas in the 1600s?

Tum-Tum



On which page of this week's *Warcry* is Tum-Tum hiding?

Answers: 1. Nine ladies dancing 2. James Pierpont and the Puritans
 3. Germany 4. Feast of Stephen 5. Oliver Cromwell
Tum-Tum: Is hiding out in the hampers on page 9.

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