



UNITING MATTERS



BENDIGO CENTRAL & AXEDALE

UNITING CHURCH

Minister: Rev Di Esbensen

WEEK COMMENCING 12th APRIL 2026

St Andrew's Bendigo 26 Myers Street Bendigo, 3550	Forest Street 21 Forest Street Bendigo, 3550	St Andrew's Axedale 80 High Street Axedale, 3551
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We recognize that we meet on Jaara land, the traditional home of the Dja Dja Wurrung People. With respect we acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of the Region & pray for reconciliation & justice.

Welcome to the Sunday service for the Bendigo Central & Axedale Uniting Church. We extend you a very warm welcome and invite you to join us for morning tea following the service.

Today's Service: 9.30am Worship Service at St Andrew's led by Rev Di Esbensen

THIS WEEKS UPCOMING EVENTS...

Monday 13 th	
Tuesday 14 th	7.30pm Going Deeper at Forest St
Wednesday 15 th	
Thursday 16 th	10am – 1pm Cuppa with Company at Forest St 11am – 2pm Welcome Event for Residents
Friday 17 th	
Saturday 18 th	
Sunday 19 th	9.30am Worship service at Forest St led by Rev Di Esbensen 2.30pm Worship service at Axedale led by Rev Di Esbensen



- **Lectionary readings this week 12th April (Easter 2):** Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31
- **Lectionary readings next week 19th April (Easter 3):** Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1: 17-23; Luke 24: 13-35

SUNDAY APRIL 12th DUTY ROSTER – St Andrew's

Church Openers and Welcomers: Jenny and David Shield

Vestry: Di Farrar

Readings and Prayers: Peter Judd, Glenis Pitson

Morning Tea: Lorraine Castles (please bring milk), Ron and Kathy Ratcliff

SUNDAY APRIL 19th DUTY ROSTER – Forest St

Church Openers and Welcomers: Bruce Johnson, Gwenda Pratt

Vestry: David Shield

Readings and Prayers: Garth Phillips, Gwenda Watson

Morning Tea: Gwenda Pratt (please bring milk), Kevin Dobson, Isabel Thomas Dobson

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

- **WELCOME EVENT FOR RESIDENTS**

On **Thursday 16 April, 11.00 am to 2.00 pm** Uniting will be hosting an event for residents, which will be held outdoors and in the St Andrew's Main Hall. Members of the congregation are welcome to call in and stay as long as they wish and leave when they will.

In the words of the organisers:

"This event will launch the Myers Street Community Engagement Action Plan at Bendigo's first high density community housing site. It will set a positive, inclusive culture for high-density living, build pride in home and community, and connect residents to Land, Design, Community Spaces, wider local community and Uniting Housing supports through a warm, fun, carnival-style welcome event."

The event features lots of stalls, food trucks, a Smoking Ceremony, and looks to be quite a production. Our church will have a stall so that residents can pick up quilts, pot plants, welcome cards and information sheets. The official part of the event is at the beginning. Dean Shirley: Secretary

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY...

- **GOING DEEPER** will be held on Tuesday April 21st in the Forest Street vestry at 7.30 pm all welcome. We will continue to explore "What is it I believe and how do I share it?" This months topic is "reclaiming evangelism"
Any questions, talk to Bill Lidgett.

- **BENDIGO CLIMATE CAFÉ**

Make Hope, not War. How warfare is destroying the environment (as well as people) Emissions, ecocide, and the hidden costs of war. Friday 10th April 3.345pm upstairs at the Bendigo Library. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat. All Welcome.

- **THE UNIQUE ROLE CHURCHES CAN PLAY IN A CLIMATE-CHANGING WORLD**

Friday 1st May 8-45am for 9am start 249 Sugarloaf Road, Axedale.

Rev Ken Rookes has been undertaking a course which culminates in the web presentation that includes, stories and music from 5 congregations in New England, USA. The congregations have been exploring the unique contribution Churches can make in a climate changing world. Ken has drawn our attention to the presentation, so Frances and I are opening our home early on Thursday to screen the presentation to the first 10 people who register. Coffee and good conversation will follow the presentation, which takes 90minutes.

To register ring Tim Angus on 0400383628

- **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

It is the time to compile the Annual Report for 2025. Can all reports please be submitted in Word format to bendigocentralaxedale.uc@gmail.com no later than Thursday 30th April. Thank you

- **CHURCH PICNIC**

Church Picnic 12th April at the Axedale Park on High Street, from 12 pm. BYO food and drinks, BBQ available and there is a café nearby. Bring a chair if

possible. There will be games for the children, and play equipment is onsite. Come along and enjoy a fun day in Axedale! "If you are able to offer transport to Axedale for someone, or if you would like transport to Axedale for the picnic, please let Jenny Bursill or Glenys Shirley (0423 769 771) know. "

For picnic related enquiries contact Jenny Bursill or Glenis Dyason

- **REQUIEM WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART**

The Bendigo Chorale & Glen Eira City Choir will be performing on Saturday 23rd May, 2.30pm at St Paul's Cathedral – Myers St, Bendigo

Director Elena Varshavskaya / Organ Hugh Fullarton with Lisa Robinson, Chloe James, Nicholas Shepperd and Christine Smith

Tickets: \$35, \$30 concession, Under 16 free

gotix@bendigo.vic.gov.au, eftpos at the door

- **DUTY ROSTER REQUESTS**

It is nearly time to compile the Duty Roster for the second half of the year. If you have any unavailable dates or any other requests please submit these to Belinda no later than Thursday 28th May. Thanks

St Andrew's office is normally open Mondays: 8:45am-11:45am, Tuesday and Thursday: 9:00am - 3:00pm. Please contact Belinda Smith on 5441 3100 or email bendigocentralaxedale.uc@gmail.com

Forest Street office is normally open Thursdays from 11am. Please contact Judy McCarthy at foreststuca@bigpond.com on 5442 4123 or phone her on 5435 2099 on Wednesdays.

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