



UNITING MATTERS



BENDIGO CENTRAL & AXEDALE

UNITING CHURCH

Minister: Rev Di Esbensen

WEEK COMMENCING 5th 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 Easter Sunday service for the Bendigo Central & Axedale Uniting Church. We extend you a very warm welcome.

Today's Services: 9.30am Easter Day Communion Service at Forest St led by Rev Di Esbensen
2.30pm Easter Day Communion Service led by Rev Di Esbensen

THIS WEEKS UPCOMING EVENTS...

Monday 6 th	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 7 th	
Wednesday 8 th	
Thursday 9 th	10am – 1pm Cuppa with Company at Forest St
Friday 10 th	
Saturday 11 th	
Sunday 12 th	9.30am Worship service at St Andrew's led by Rev Di Esbensen 12 noon Church Picnic at Axedale Park



- **Lectionary readings Easter Day 5th April:** Acts 10: 34-43 or Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 or Matthew 28: 1-10
- **Lectionary readings next week 12th April (Easter 2):** Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5th DUTY ROSTER – Forest St

Communion: Carol McKinstry*, Gwenda Watson, Jeannie Turnbull, Di Farrar, Glenys Shirley

Church Openers and Welcomers: Janice West, Ken Crouch

Vestry: Carol McKinstry

Readings and Prayers: Susan Clarke, Dean Shirley

Morning Tea: Due to the Bonsai exhibition in the hall there will be no morning tea today.

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

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

- **NANCY'S NEW HOME.** Nancy Bomford has now moved into the Chalkley unit at "Bethlehem". If you wish to visit her at any time, please ring the direct staff number, 54508264, as there is a code number to get in. Please ask Judy Causon if you want further information.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY...

- **TV WANTED** - about 32" (82cm), preferably thin screen, for use as a monitor in the children's corner at Forest Street. Let Bob Causon know if you can help.

- **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

- **CHANGED OFFICE HOURS**

The office hours will be slightly different in the week after Easter. The office will be closed on Monday 6th April and open Tuesday 7th and Friday 10th April (9am – 3pm).

- **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

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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