



UNITING MATTERS



BENDIGO CENTRAL & AXEDALE

UNITING CHURCH

Minister: Rev Di Esbensen

WEEK COMMENCING 10th MAY 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 11 th	
Tuesday 12 th	
Wednesday 13 th	9am Uniting Threads at St Andrew's
Thursday 14 th	10am – 1pm Cuppa with Company at Forest St
Friday 15 th	9am Meditation Group
Saturday 16 th	
Sunday 17 th	9.30am Worship service at Forest St led by Rev Tim Angus 2.30pm Worship service at Axedale led by Rev Tim Angus 2025 Annual Report released



- **Lectionary readings this week 10th May (Easter 6):** Acts 17: 22-31; Psalm 66; 8-20; 1 Peter 3: 13-22; John 14: 15-21
- **Lectionary readings next week 17th May (Easter 7):** Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68; 1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11; John 17: 1-11

SUNDAY MAY 10th DUTY ROSTER – St Andrew's

Church Openers and Welcomers: Nathan Morsillo, Dean Shirley

Vestry: David Shield

Readings and Prayers: Lorraine Castles, Bruce Johnson

Morning Tea: Janice West (please bring milk), Jenny Bursill

SUNDAY MAY 17th DUTY ROSTER – Forest St

Church Openers and Welcomers: Doug and Jeannie Turnbull

Vestry: Judy Causon

Readings and Prayers: Peter Judd, Vi Sutherland

Morning Tea: David and Lorraine Castles (please bring milk)

ANNUAL REPORT 2025 and ANNUAL MEETING 2026

The Annual Report for 2025 will be released via email. Printed copies of the report will be available on Sunday 17th May.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 24th May 2026 following the service at St Andrew's. At this meeting, the agenda will include:

- Presentation of the Annual Report
- Election of Church Councillors and Elders
- Election of Chairperson and Secretary of the Congregation
- Election of congregational representative to Presbytery

The following nominations for Elders and Church Council have been received:

Elders:	Isabel Thomas Dobson	4 years
	Jennifer Bursill	1 year
	Barb Fordham	5 years
	Glenis Pitson	2 years

Church: Council:	Geoff Barker	2 years
	Glenis Pitson	2 years
	Dean Shirley	1 year

Secretary of the Congregation

At the Annual Meeting on 24 May this position will become vacant and I will not be accepting nomination for another year in the position. My tenure ceases at the end of the meeting so I will complete the minutes of the meeting, Please give some thought to filling this role.

Dean Shirley

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

- **LOST**

Wondering if the kind person who picked up a partly covered, black & white photo of an adolescent male plus some paperwork could return items to Garth Phillips.

These were picked up from Forest St UC hall at end of Morning Tea on 19 February last, Many thanks.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY...

- **REQUIEM WOLFGANG AMADEAUS 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**

The duty roster is currently being drafted. If you have any unavailable dates or any other requests for the second half of the year please submit these to Belinda no later than Thursday 28th May. Thanks

- **BENDIGO BAPTIST CHURCH EVENTS**

The Bendigo Baptist Church invite you to attend their upcoming events:

Listening Skills Workshop – Trainer Mairi Girgis

Monday 18th May 7- 9pm Bendigo Baptist Church Prayer Conference Room

This workshop will be a deep dive into listening skills to suit a variety of situations which might arise in caring for people. We will look at aspects of body language, empathy responses, paraphrasing and summarising, open and gently curious questioning, the use of silence, and the more difficult skills of challenging and immediacy. We will touch on the different listening skills which might be employed where there is grief, trauma, conflict, physical illness, distress, and so on. There will be opportunity to watch role plays, as well as practice skills in small groups. This will aim to be a fast moving and engaging evening where you will come away energized and equipped.

Gather the Girls - Abolishing Human Trafficking

Saturday 30th May 6pm. Bendigo Baptist Church Junortoun.

Tickets \$60 / \$50 Concession. \$500 for table of 10.

Live music by Imy Lou. Eden Jewellery. Silent and Live Auctions

Canapes and Mocktails by Hoo-Gah. MC Gaelle Broad. Guest Speaker Destiny Rescue. Further enquiries: Michelle Cook 0429 125 596

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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.

Congregation Website bendigocentralaxedale.ucavictas.org.au