



UNITING MATTERS



BENDIGO CENTRAL & AXEDALE

UNITING CHURCH

Minister: Rev Di Esbensen

WEEK COMMENCING 31st 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 Forest St led by Rev Kevin Dobson

THIS WEEKS UPCOMING EVENTS...

Monday 1 st	
Tuesday 2 nd	
Wednesday 3 rd	9am Uniting Threads at St Andrew's
Thursday 4 th	10am – 1pm Cuppa with Company at Forest St
Friday 5 th	9am Meditation Group
Saturday 6 th	
Sunday 7 th	9.30am Communion service at St Andrew's led by Rev Di Esbensen. 2.30pm Communion service at Axedale led by Rev Di Esbensen.



- **Lectionary readings this week 31st May (Trinity Sunday):** Genesis 1: 1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13; Matthew 28: 16-20
- **Lectionary readings next week 7th June (Pentecost 2):** Genesis 12: 1-9, Hos 5: 15-6:6; Psalm 33: 1-12, Psalm 50: 7-15; Romans 4: 13-25; Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

SUNDAY MAY 31st DUTY ROSTER – Forest St

Church Openers and Welcomers: Bruce Johnson, Janice West

Vestry: Ken Crouch

Readings and Prayers: Dean Shirley, Kevin Dobson

Morning Tea: Barb and Glen Fordham (please bring milk), Gwenda Pratt

SUNDAY JUNE 7th DUTY ROSTER – St Andrew's

Communion: Barb Fordham*, David Shield, Judy Causon, Tilby Hayward, Di Farrar

Church Openers and Welcomers: Dean Shirley, Jenny Bursill

Vestry: Gwenda Watson

Readings and Prayers: Vi Sutherland, Garth Phillips

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

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of June Reid who passed away on Tuesday. We surround them with love at this difficult time. Funeral details will be announced as soon as they are available.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY...

- **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

A draft version of the 2026 Members and Friends Directory will be available at the service on Sunday for everyone to check their current entry. If you are unable to attend and need to make an update please email the details through to Belinda at bendigocentralaxedale.uc@gmail.com

- **FREE PLASTIC CHAIRS**

Following the building project at St Andrews, many leftover white plastic patio chairs, used by contractors, were given to us. They have been offered to residents, some have gone to Axedale, but there are still some remaining. Some have been cleaned, but not all: they've been outside in a construction site, so some may be muddy or dusty.

If you would like to have one or two, please see Belinda in the office on 0434 730 900 for a suitable collection time. Or take one after church when we meet at St Andrews.

- **RECONCILIATION WEEK**

Reconciliation Australia has been celebrated for 25 years.

National Reconciliation Week 2026 will be celebrated between 27 May and 3 June Commencing with National Sorry Day on May 26

- **INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL**

The Central Victorian Indigenous Film Festival is being held across Bendigo between Wednesday 27th May – Wednesday 3rd June. Details of the program are in the attached flyer.

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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