



UNITING MATTERS



BENDIGO CENTRAL & AXEDALE

UNITING CHURCH

Minister: Rev Di Esbensen

WEEK COMMENCING 2nd AUGUST 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 services: 9.30am Communion Service at **St Andrew's** led by Rev Tim Angus
2.30pm Communion service at **Axedale** led by Rev Tim Angus

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Monday 3 rd	
Tuesday 4 th	4pm Social Justice Meeting at St Andrew's
Wednesday 5 th	9am Uniting Threads at St Andrew's
Thursday 6 th	10am – 1pm Cuppa with Company at Forest St
Friday 7 th	9am Meditation Group
Saturday 8 th	
Sunday 9 th	There will not be Bendigo Central service , but those of our congregation not at Hall's Gap are warmly invited to join the Weeroona Congregation at Neale St at 10am



- **Lectionary readings this week 2nd August (Pentecost 10):** Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17: 1-7, 15; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21
- **Lectionary readings next week 9th August (Pentecost 11):** Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

SUNDAY AUGUST 2nd DUTY ROSTER – St Andrew's

Communion: Di Farrar*, Tilby Hayward, Glenys Shirley, Gwenda Watson

Church Openers and Welcomers: Glenis Pitson, Doug Turnbull

Vestry: Carol McKinstry

Readings and Prayers: Erin Mollinar, David Castles

Morning Tea: Gwenda Pratt, David and Lorraine Castles

Creative Corner: Susan Clarke

SUNDAY AUGUST 9th DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE – SUNDAY 9th AUGUST:

On Sunday 9th August, many of our congregation will be in Hall's Gap.

There **will not be Bendigo Central service next Sunday**, but those of our congregation not at Hall's Gap are warmly invited to join the **Weeroona**

Congregation at Neale St at 10am for their service with Rev Dr Julian

Hamilton who is in Bendigo to conduct a special workshop on the Saturday evening. Details of the Saturday workshop are included below and you may wish to attend this event as well.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP

We thank Rev Stan Clarke, Rev Tim Angus and Rev Bill Lidgett for stepping in to lead the services while Di is on leave.

Sunday 26th July: Rev Stan Clarke (St Andrew's)

Sunday 2nd August: Rev Tim Angus (St Andrew's and Axedale)

Sunday 9th August: No service at Bendigo Central & Axedale UC. For those who are not attending Halls Gap Camp we will be joining the Weeroona UC at 10am (Neale St) for their special service with Rev Dr Julian Hamilton.

Sunday 16th August: Rev Bill Lidgett (St Andrew's and Axedale)

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY...

- **GOING DEEPER DISCUSSION GROUP**

Going deeper will be having a break over Winter and will return in September.

- **MEMBERS AND FRIENDS DIRECTORY 2026**

The new Directory has been printed and will be available at the service over the coming weeks. If you require a copy to be mailed please contact the office and we will ensure you receive a copy.

- **ENGAGE THE CHANGE**



Join us for an evening of conversation, reflection, practical workshops and worship as we explore how communities can navigate change with courage, creativity and hope.

Key Speaker: Rev Dr Julian Hamilton is a minister, writer and retreat leader whose work creates thoughtful grounded spaces for leaders and communities navigating change, pressure and complexity. Based in Northern Ireland, Julian works internationally across faith, education and community settings. Offering reflective leadership formation shaped by deep listening, honesty and imagination.

Workshop: Saturday 8th August 4.00pm-5.30pm

Community Dinner: 6.00pm-7.00pm

Worship Gathering: 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Cost: \$10 including dinner pay at the door

RSVP: Saturday dinner and any dietary requirements to Mick:
weeroonauc@gmail.com

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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