



# UNITING MATTERS



**BENDIGO CENTRAL & AXEDALE**

**UNITING CHURCH**

**Minister: Rev Di Esbensen**

**WEEK COMMENCING 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

<b>St Andrew's Bendigo</b> <b>26 Myers Street</b> <b>Bendigo, 3550</b>	<b>Forest Street</b> <b>21 Forest Street</b> <b>Bendigo, 3550</b>	<b>St Andrew's Axedale</b> <b>80 High Street</b> <b>Axedale, 3551</b>
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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 Communion Service at **Forest St** led by Rev Kevin Dobson  
2.30pm Communion Service at Axedale

## **THIS WEEKS UPCOMING EVENTS...**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am – 1pm Cuppa with Company at Forest St
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9am Meditation Group
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Worship service at St Andrew's led by Rev Di Esbensen.



- **Lectionary readings this week 5<sup>th</sup> July (Pentecost 6):** Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 10-17 or Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30
- **Lectionary readings next week 12<sup>th</sup> July (Pentecost 7):** Genesis 25: 19-34, Isaiah 55: 10-13; Psalm 119: 105-112, Psalm 65 (1-8), 9-13; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

## **SUNDAY JULY 5th DUTY ROSTER – Forest St**

**Communion:** Gwenda Watson\*, David Shield, Barb Fordham, Jenny Bursill, Isabel Thomas Dobson

**Church Openers and Welcomers:** Ken Crouch, Glenis Pitson

**Vestry:** Judy Causon

**Readings and Prayers:** David Shield, David Castles

**Morning Tea:** Marion Allan (please bring milk), Jenny Shield

## **SUNDAY JULY 12<sup>th</sup> DUTY ROSTER – St Andrew's**

**Church Openers and Welcomers:** Nathan Morsillo, Gwenda Pratt

**Vestry:** Glenys Shirley

**Readings and Prayers:** Bill Lidgett, Isabel Thomas Dobson

**Morning Tea:** Doug Turnbull (please bring milk), Bruce Johnson

### **Change of Worship Venues for June & July:**

A problem has emerged with the gas heating on our St Andrew's site. As a result, the heaters cannot be used for the next month or so. The Church Council Executive has decided that we will move most of our services in that time to our Forest St site until the heaters are repaired.

At the beginning of July, there will be some repairs conducted on the organ at Forest St, so we will go back to St Andrew's for one Sunday to accommodate that work.

Here are our worship venues for June and July:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Forest St

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: St Andrew's

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Forest St

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July: St Andrew's

## **IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY...**

- Ray Outhred has moved into his new home at Andrew's House Trafalgar. We are waiting on confirmation of Ray's postal address and will publish it in the new directory. If you would like to contact Ray he can be reached on 0490 334 037.

## NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY...

- **BENDIGO CLIMATE CAFÉ – Six Key Truths about Climate Change**

Video featuring Atmospheric Scientist Katherine Hayhoe

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 3.45pm upstairs of the Bendigo Library

Drop by for a free cuppa and a chat, in an open, supportive setting. Everyone welcome including children. Coping, adjusting, taking action, supporting each other. No demands, no expectations.

- **NAIDOC WEEK FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

Join our flag raising ceremony to celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week 2026.

Please join us for the celebrations, which includes a Dja Dja Wurrung Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony and a morning tea as part of the flag raising ceremony taking place at Larnangurrak this year.

10am, Monday July 6, 2026. Larnangurrak (our place), Dja Dja Wurrung Corporate & Community Centre, 43 Hattam St, Golden Square. Parking via Stanistreet Cres.

- **UNITING THREADS**

Uniting Threads are currently on school holiday break. The first session back will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am at St Andrew's. New members are very welcome!

- **WEEKEND AT SILVERBAND LODGE AT HALL'S GAP: 7 - 9 AUGUST 2026**

Our annual weekend in the Grampians at Hall's Gap is booked for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to share time together, make new friends and enjoy the wonderful scenery.

Accommodation is motel style, all rooms have ensuites, and all meals on Saturday and Sunday are provided. Registration forms are now available - cost is \$120 per person per night, School-age children \$60, under 3 free. Registration and deposits need to be completed by **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** with Belinda in the St Andrew's office. Email: [bendigocentralaxedale.uc@gmail.com](mailto:bendigocentralaxedale.uc@gmail.com) If you have questions, please contact Belinda or David Castles

- **KEYS OF GOLD MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026**

Bendigo Fine Music are again presenting the “Keys of Gold” Festival during July. This outstanding classical music festival of 17 concerts, features the spectacular pipe organs in and around Bendigo played by Thomas Heywood and also incorporating other talented artists. Two of the concerts will be held at St Andrew’s (17<sup>th</sup> July) and Forest St (4<sup>th</sup> July). The Bendigo Chamber Choir will be featured in the “Castlemaine Double” concert on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Brochures detailing the whole program are available at each of our churches and tickets are available at the <https://bendigofinemusic.com/> website. As some venues are small, you may need to book tickets early to ensure a seat. If you have questions, please chat to David Castles.

**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](mailto:bendigocentralaxedale.uc@gmail.com)

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

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