



THE FRIEND

11AM | 13 JULY 2025

Hello! We are glad you could join us for today's worship service at Lygon Street Christian Chapel. We are a friendly, evangelical church in the city of Melbourne. As those seeking to love and follow Jesus Christ, we welcome people from all walks of life and all parts of the world.

In this bulletin, you will find our vision statement, the order of today's service, and other information you may find helpful. It is our prayer that you are blessed worshipping with us today. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the leadership (or anyone who looks like they would know).



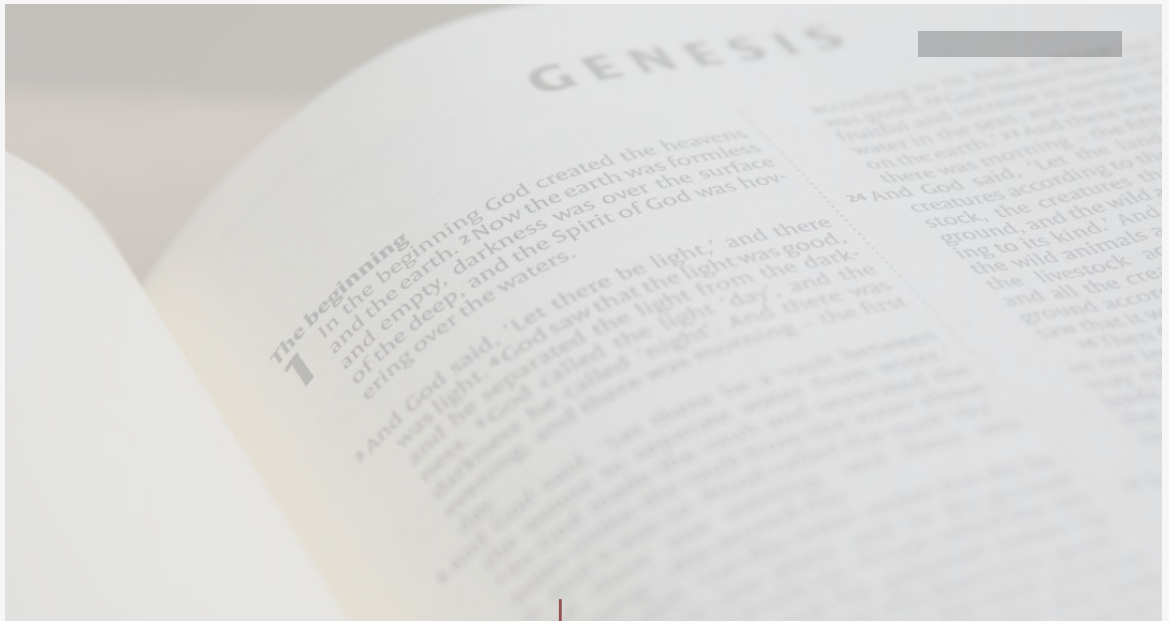
OUR VISION & MISSION

We are a Bible-centered church that exists to bring glory to God.

We believe what the Bible says – that it is God’s perfect word to us.

We seek to teach from His Word faithfully so that every member will build a deep and lasting personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and be equipped to share the Good News of God’s free salvation to everyone.

It is our mission to love one another passionately, serve selflessly and reach out lovingly so that those who are far away from God may find new life in Jesus.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

— 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer

Offering

Bible reading: Ephesians 1: 1-14

Sermon: Blessed in Christ

Closing song: To God be the glory

Mission Sharing

Closing



CONNECT

Hello! If you are joining for us for the first time, we welcome you to Lygon Street Christian Chapel. Here are some ways you can connect with us!

For newcomers:

[CONNECT FORM](#)

To view our Sunday service online:

[VIEW LSCC
LIVESTREAM](#)

Subscribe to our mailing list for important updates and announcements:

[SUBSCRIBE NOW](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CGF Welcome Night

Just arrived in Melbourne? Or maybe you've been around and are still looking to make meaningful connections?

Join us for CGF Welcome Night on Friday 18th July at 6:30 PM! Enjoy a relaxed evening with free food, fun games, and the chance to meet friendly faces in a warm, welcoming community. Bring a mate along! Feel free to reach out to the CGF community with any questions or just come and say hi!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Women's Ministry

LSCC Women's Ministry

Pilates class

SATURDAY 23rd August 10am - 12:30pm LSCC back hall	\$10 pp Includes morning tea & group prayer
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Suitable for
beginners and
ALL ages

Register [here](#)
For further enquiries contact Stephani or Jill

**Bring your
own mat**

Please sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0c2ap5EXvt4yFiB66P9eszNdxFwgM5S7VXm4GSelnn7oRg/viewform>

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SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday school will remain on break this Sunday 13th July and resume again on Sunday 20th July.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

A huge thank you to Fay Trevethick and Sandra Baldry for generously clearing and organizing our church library! You'll find a selection of books and media resources on tables at the front of the chapel. You are warmly welcome to browse and take home anything that interests you. Any items remaining will be donated.

AWAY - 'LEAVE':

Pastor Melvin Lo will be taking time away from the 1st July to the 21st July. During this period, please feel free to reach out to our Board and Eldership for any enquiries. We pray that Melvin and Swee Yue would have a restful and wonderful time of catching up with families and friends.

PRAYER MEETING

Our weekly Prayer Meeting is on every Wednesday, at 8:00 PM - 9 PM. We gather on Zoom to pray, support one another and learn to rest in God's goodness.. If you'd like to join, please contact Melvin, and he will send you the Zoom link. Let's come together in prayer and encourage one another.

GROWTH GROUP MINISTRY

Our Growth Groups are starting up again! These small groups meet during the week to reflect on God's Word, grow in faith, and build community as God's people. If you're not yet part of a group and would like to join one, please let Melvin know. It's a wonderful way to connect, learn, and grow together!

For all inquiries, you can reach **Melvin Lo** at [melvinwylo@gmail.com or **0402227506**]. We look forward to seeing you involved in these meaningful opportunities!

NEXT SERMON SERIES

GOD'S BIG PLAN FOR CHRIST'S NEW PEOPLE

EPHESIANS

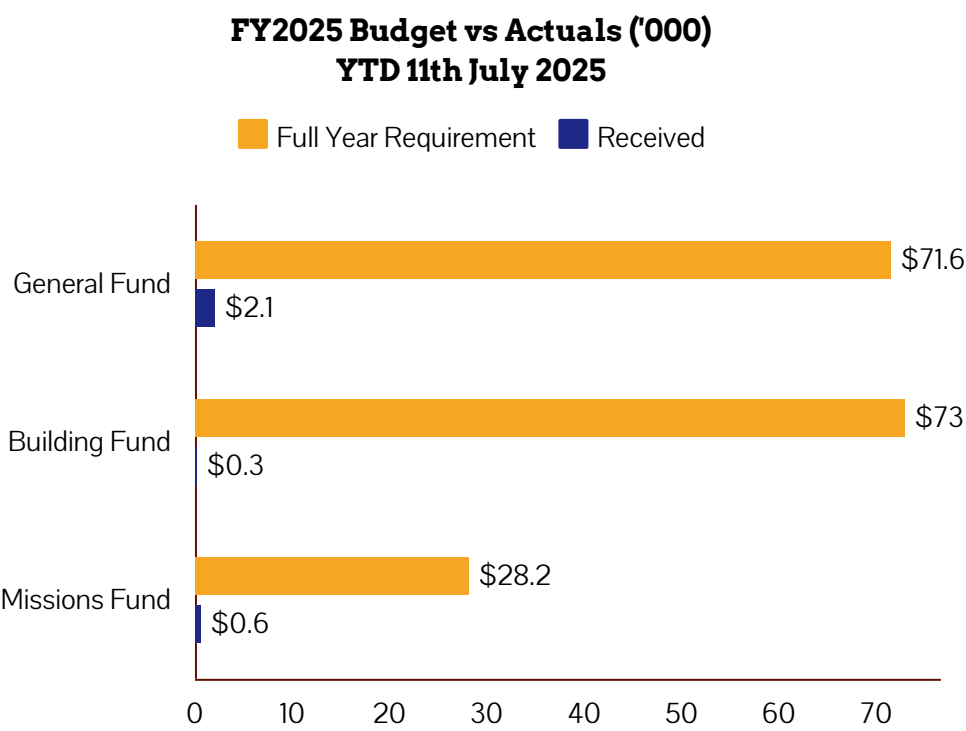
13.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 1-14/ BLESSED IN CHRIST
20.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 3-14/ SAVED BY GOD
27.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 15-23/ EYES OPENED BY THE SPIRIT
03.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 1-10/ RAISED IN CHRIST
10.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 11-22/ UNITED WITH CHRIST
17.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 3/ GIVEN GOD'S MESSAGE
24.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 4: 1-16/ GROWING IN CHRIST
31.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 4:17 - 5:17/ CLOTHED WITH NEW LIFE
07.09.2025/ EPHESIANS 5: 18- 6:9/ FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT
14.09.2025/ EPHESIANS 6: 10-24/ READY FOR BATTLE



Lygon Street Christian Church
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC 3053
11AM service
LIVE Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

The FY2026 budget has been finalised, reflecting an overall 30% reduction in budgetary requirements. While this decrease is largely due to the completion of the south-side garden project, we have allocated funds for other building-related improvements. We thank you for your continued support and should you have any queries on the budget, please reach out to us at lsc54@gmail.com.



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2025 to 11 July 2025					
	Weekly Average		Total Period YTD		Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
	Required	Received	Required	Received	
General Fund	\$1,377	\$1,307	\$2,164	\$2,054	(\$110)
Building Fund	\$1,404	\$159	\$2,206	\$250	(\$1,956)
Missions Fund	\$542	\$366	\$852	\$575	(\$277)

GIVING

There are a number of ways in which you can give financially to the work of the church. We have resumed the passing of offering bags during our church services. You may also continue to make your offering online. If you would like to contribute using online banking, transfers can be made directly to LSCC using the following account details:

General Fund – For all our day-to-day ministry & administration costs.

Account Name: LSCC General Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593302

Mission Fund – For mission partners, engaging in evangelism, discipleship, compassion, etc

Account Name: LSCC Missions Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593310

Building Fund – For all our building-related costs.

Account Name: LSCC Building Fund

BSB: 033-009

Account Number: 805316

*Givings to the Building fund are considered as tax-deductible donations and donors will be issued with a tax receipt for each donation. We kindly ask that you keep the Building Fund contributions to a minimum of \$50. This will allow our team to better manage the administrative requirements for issuing tax receipts. For all first-time donors, please kindly email **lsc54@gmail.com** with your full name and amount contributed.

GETTING INVOLVED

SENIORS' MINISTRY

They meet every first Sunday of the month and third Thursday evening of each month on Zoom for Bible study.

For more information: Contact Fay Trevethick on 0412 444 131

CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

University (local and international), post grad, fresh graduates meets every Friday 7 pm at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel:

54 Lygon Street, Carlton.

For more information, you can follow us on:

<https://lsc.org.au/about-us/university-students/>

<https://www.facebook.com/carltongf>

GROWTH GROUP

Men and women of all ages from different walks in life meet in different areas during the week to study the Bible.

For more information about the groups and the ministry please contact Melvin at melvinwylo@gmail.com or 0402 227506

YOUTH GROUP

Year 7 to Year 12 high schoolers meet fortnightly at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel on Sunday morning for bible study and fellowship.
Time: 10am

For more information, contact Cindy Lee at clsy147@gmail.com; or Swee Yue Tan at sweeyuetan@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

There is a Children's ministry and program every Sunday at 11 AM.

For more information: Contact our Children and Youth worker: Vut Wong at vut.wong@gmail.com or 0425 299 804.

CHURCH LUNCH MINISTRY

The church lunch usually starts in March and held on the first Sunday of every month after the 11 AM service. It is a vital ministry that brings the church together. The team always has room for more cooks, helpers in setting and cleaning up. For more details, please contact our coordinator: Jason Lau at greatnessjason@gmail.com or 0423 475 560.

LOVE IN ACTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY:

The Sunday School Anniversary was held on the 6th July. The theme of the day is 'You've Got a Friend in Jesus.'

- Praise God for the creation and gift of children. We also thank God for His love and grace for children.
- We thank God for the children's participation in Sunday's school anniversary.
- We praise God for the Sunday School Teachers and helpers for their love for the children and the hard work in preparing the student for the occasion.
- We thank for the blessings they have brought to the Body of Christ last Sunday.
- Please continue to pray our Lord's protection would be upon the children and they would grow up persevering in Jesus. For those who do not know Jesus yet, please pray that they will come to know Christ.
- Pray for the parents that they would be wonderful witness for Jesus' sake to the children place under their care.

THIS SUNDAY:

LSCC would be starting a new series from the letter to the Ephesians under the theme 'God's Big Plan for Christ's New People' this coming Sunday (13th July 2025)

- Thank God for the availability of Dr Lindsay Wilson (Ridley Bible College & St Jude's) in speaking from Acts 19. As he helps us to understand the background to the Ephesus church, pray that our Lord would lead him in his preparation. Pray that our Lord will help us understand his word well and that our hearts would receive it with humility.
- Kelvin, Yen Ping and family would also be sharing at the end of the service about our Lord's work through them. Please pray that our Lord would help Kelvin and Yen Ping as they organise and make preparations for the talk.
- Please pray in every aspect of the service it will build the body of Christ.
- Pray for the rest of the other service helpers such as the song leaders, service leaders, PA-tech teams would all work well harmoniously and that they would be strengthened to serve our Lord with joy.

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SENIORS CORNER:

- Praise God for the Seniors in LSCC's desire to study God's Word. As they started on studying from Ephesians, pray that they would realise in greater depth of Jesus' love for them. Pray that the seniors would grow in their sufficiency in our Lord Jesus.
- Pray for Don McCall, Min Thong Lee, Emma Tan who helps organises events and leads the bible study that they would prepare well for the studies. Praise God for their faithfulness and pray that our Lord would enable them to serve him with joy.
- We thank God for the recent event about 'Age Care, pension, asset and financial planning' organised by Min Thong Lee. Praise God for his availability and timeless of the issues that were being addressed. Pray that the seniors would find it helpful practically.
- Praise God that Shu Shan's stormwater drainage has been tested and proven to be working fine and suffering from no leakages as initially feared. Pray that the on-going investigation to the 'water problem' experienced by the neighbour would be resolved. Pray for Shu Shan that our Lord would continue provide her with wisdom as she works with the neighbour in resolving this matter.
- Pray for Neil Hawthorn as he experiences vertigo from time to time that our Lord would watch over him and provide him with relief. Pray as the doctors, surgeons are preparing for his upcoming surgery that our Lord would help them. Pray that the surgery would be successful and addressing Neil's epilepsy. Pray for our Lord's comfort, protection and provision upon Neil especially in the moments when he's experiencing seizure.
- Pray for Joseph Bautista and others who wrestle with blood complications that our Lord would bring healing. Pray that as they undergo their regular medical procedures our Lord would use it to bring them relief.
- Pray for Edwin Tai as he undergoes regular dialysis that our Lord too would continue to help him draw upon our Lord's unlimited grace. Pray for Emily Tai too that our Lord would continue to watch over her.
- Pray for Qing who is away in Malaysia that our Lord would provide her with a good time in catching up with family and friends.
- Pray that our seniors would continue to grow in Christ and in love for one another.

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CROSS CULTURE MISSION PARTNERS

Kelvin & Yen Ping Loo / PIONEERS

- Praise God that Kelvin, Yen Ping and family have arrived safely in Melbourne. It was fantastic to have them worshipping together as part of the body of Christ in Lygon Street church last Sunday.
- Pray that both of them would have a good refreshing break and wonderful time of catching up with others.
- Pray that our Lord would continue to provide for their needs.

David & Cathy Walter / AFES

- For Cathy: Pray for wisdom as the National Director selection committee (of which Cathy is part of) as they evaluate candidates for the new AFES National Director.
- Pray for a clear mind as she takes on more national responsibilities.
- For Dave: Pray for wisdom in preparation as he writes talks for:
 - Solomon Islands national student conference (June 24-25)
 - RMIT & Deakin Uni Summit (June 30-July 4).
 - Preparations for the South Pacific Regional Conference (Sept 11-14).

Pastor Chiwayan, Bruce & Judith Grayden / Lubuagan church

- Please continue to pray for Chiwayan's work that our Lord will continue to strengthen and sustain him.
- Pray for our Lord's protection upon the Lubuagan church that they would remain steadfast to our Lord Jesus.
- Praise God for the growth seen with church continually growing in Jesus.
- Please continue to praise God for the years of hard work put in by Bruce and Judith in translating the bible to the Lubuagan church which led to birth of this church

INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN

- Please pray for God's wisdom and encouragement for the local staff as they prepare and lead 11 summer camps for 580 children and young adults with disabilities. These camps are a wonderful opportunity to share God's love and create joyful, meaningful experiences.
- Pray for God's provision of the right volunteers and the financial support needed to make these camps possible. Each volunteer helps create a safe, fun, and loving environment for the children.
- (If you like to check out ICC's 2024 annual report, visit by using this link:
https://chinaconcern.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/FINAL_DIGITAL-ICC-AUS_single-pages_Annual_Report-024.pdf)

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CGF:

- Pray for the CGFer's Welcome Night that our Lord would bring a strong interest to the event.
- Pray for the committee organising the event that it would go smoothly.
- Pray for those looking for employment opportunities that our Lord would open doors for them.
- Pray for Nathan Han as he relocates to South Australia that he would settle down in the area quickly and find Christ-centered church to be part of.
- They are currently going through Ridley College's Bible Overview course conducted by Michael Raiter. Pray that they would benefit much and understanding God's salvation story in the bible.
- Pray for the students to use their semester break well.

EXPANSION OF PASTORAL STAFF:

- With Alethea stepping down from her role last year due to ill health, the eldership and board is the search for the suitable person to join the staff to serve alongside Melvin. Please pray that our Lord will provide the right person.
- Pray that the advertising would draw the right interest.
- Pray for wisdom upon the eldership in the entire employment process that they will choose and recommend well.

Brokenness in a broken world

We live in a world marred by sin and brokenness.

- Pray for those who are wrestling with depression that they will rest in God.
- Pray for healing and for the church to be compassionate, understanding, patient, kind and loving towards them.
- Pray that the church would be filled with our Lord's wisdom as they journey with those who are suffering.
- Pray for those who are unbelievers that they will find God's love for them through their pain and suffering.

BIBLE READING

EPHESIANS 1: 1-14

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: **2** Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace **8** that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

9 And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment-- to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. **11** In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12** in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.