



# THE FRIEND

11AM | 29 JUNE 2025

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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).



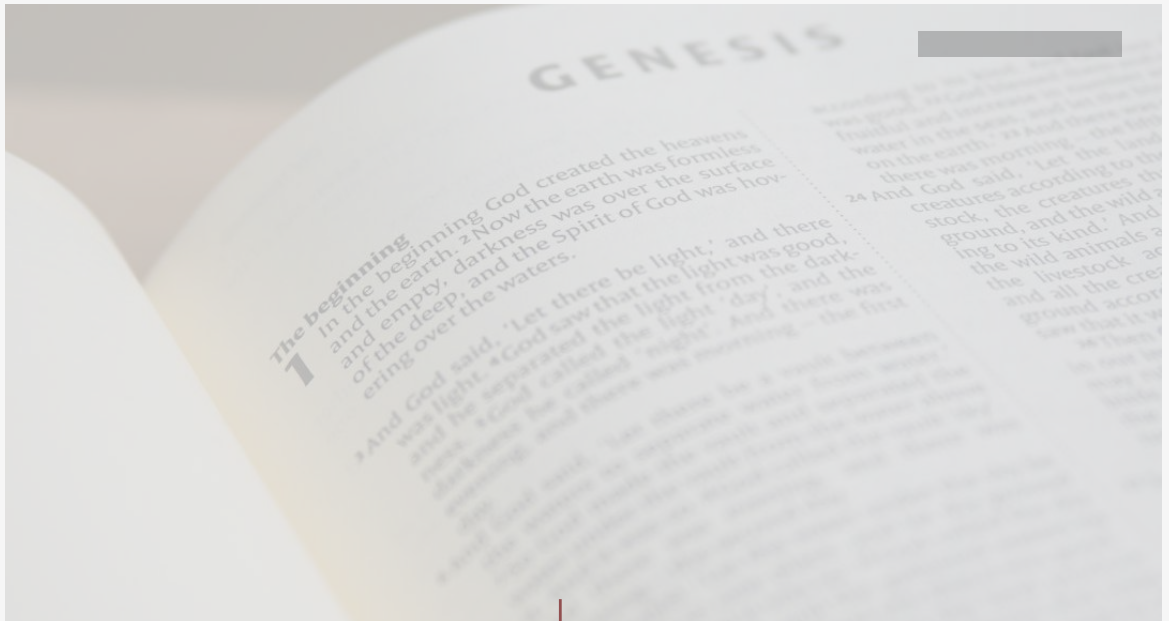
## OUR VISION & MISSION

*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.*



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# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

## — 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer

Offering

Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Sermon: Wisdom for the unmarried

Communion

Closing song: There is a higher throne

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



## **'YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN JESUS' - Sunday School Anniversary!**

It's here again! Fun, celebration, joy and best of all, we get to tell others about Jesus! This year's Sunday School Anniversary is on the 6th July 2025 (11 AM service). Please invite friends with children to come along. Let them find out what a friend we have in Jesus!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**

**YOU'VE GOT  
A FRIEND IN  
JESUS**

**SPEAKER: PHILLIP DAY (SCRIPTURE UNION)  
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS**



**Lygon Street Christian Church  
54 Lygon Street  
Carlton, VIC 3053**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **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](mailto: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

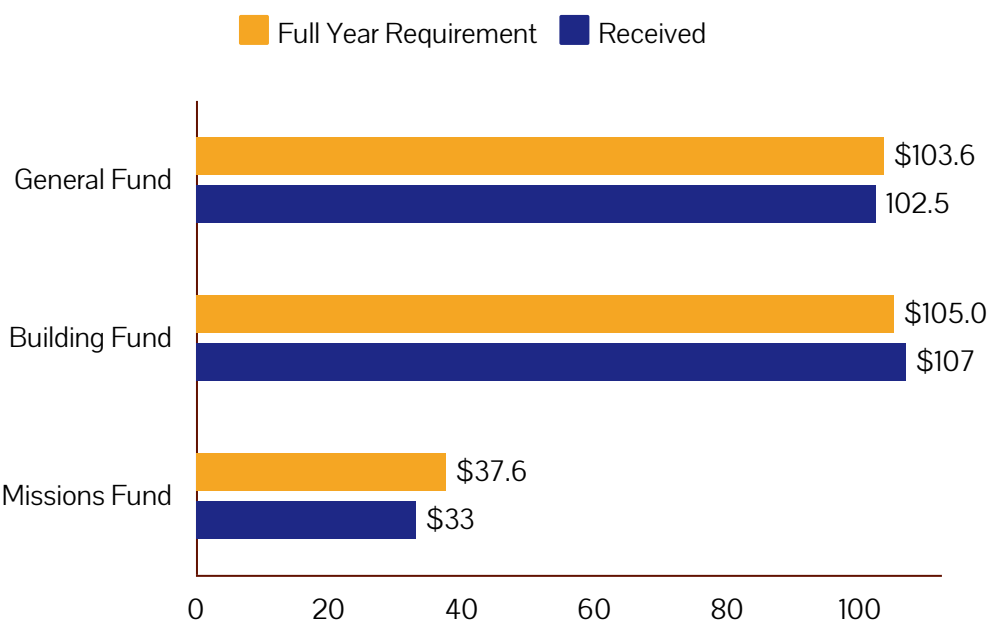
13.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 1-14/ BLESSED IN CHRIST  
20.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 3-14/ SAVED BY GOD  
27.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 15-23/ EYES OPENED BY THE SPIRIT  
03.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 1-10/ RAISED IN CHRIST  
10.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 11-22/ UNITED WITH CHRIST  
17.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 3/ GIVEN GOD'S MESSAGE  
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



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# CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

FY2025 Budget vs Actuals ('000)  
YTD 27th June 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2024 to 20 June 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,992	\$2,000	\$101,030	\$101,427	\$397
Building Fund	\$2,019	\$2,048	\$102,414	\$103,849	\$1,434
Missions Fund	\$723	\$625	\$36,670	\$31,718	(\$4,952)

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# 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](mailto: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](mailto:clsy147@gmail.com); or Swee Yue Tan at [sweeyuetan@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:greatnessjason@gmail.com) or 0423 475 560.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## **Conflict**

- As the Middle East is currently in turmoil with Israel and Iran trading blows, let's remember that our Lord is still seated at his throne.
- Praise God that he is ever sovereign and that nothing happens in his world catches him by surprise.
- As Israel and Iran are firing missiles at one another, pray for peaceful resolution to be arrived sooner.
- Pray that both sides of the government would come to know Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life in their hearts.
- Pray for families who have lost loved ones from all the recent attacks that they will find comfort in God.
- Pray that the church in both Israel and Iran would be powerful witness for Jesus in this time of need.

## **Sunday School Anniversary**

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

- Praise God that we will have members of Scripture Union's Children ministry team to present a children's talk that day. Please pray that the team would be faithful and clear in teaching the Gospel. Pray for our Lord's gracious leading for the speaker preparing the talk.
- Please pray for the children's ministry team who are preparing for the event that our Lord will continue to equip them. Pray that our Lord's wisdom would be upon them.
- Pray for the church to be active in inviting friends with children to share in the event. Pray for encouraging interest in the event.
- Pray that our Lord would that day and plant his gospel seed in the hearts of many.

## **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.

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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

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## 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](https://chinaconcern.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/FINAL_DIGITAL-ICC-AUS_single-pages_Annual_Report-024.pdf))

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## **CGF EXAMS AND ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Thank God for leading the students through their exams and in his protection upon them from any serious illness.
- 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 students who finished their Uni course and looking for potential employment. Pray for openings and opportunities. Pray that they would rest in God.
- 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.

## **CURRENT SERMON SERIES:**

The next series of talks will be from 1 Corinthians 6-7 under the theme of 'God and Sex in the City. It is a series of 4 talks that covers sexuality, marriage, singlehood and contentment.

- Praise God for the opportunity to explore such timely subjects from God's Word. We thank God for his word that is instructive.
- Pray for Melvin as he takes the talks that he would prepare well and that he would be sensitive to our Lord's leading.

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## SENIORS MINISTRY

- **Praise God** for the Seniors passion to study God's Word and grow in Jesus.
- Epilepsy appointment went ok on Friday. Surgery postponed until September. More tests required. Another neuro psychology exam coming sometime. Didn't do so well last time." – **Neil Hawthorn.**

Thank God that the epilepsy appointment has gone well for Neil Hawthorn and there is a clearer indication when his surgery might be. Please continue to pray for our Lord's protection to be upon him.

- Pray that our Lord will continue to watch over those who are wrestling with health challenges and they would continue to rest in our Lord's provision and protection.
- Pray that our seniors would continue to grow in Christ and in love for one another. ould continue to grow in Christ and in love for one another.

## THIS SUNDAY:

- We are well into the series of talks from 1 Corinthians 6-7 under the theme of 'God, sex and the city'. Pray for Melvin Lo as he speaks from 1 Corinthians 7:10-24 this Sunday that he would be faithful and be clear in explaining the passage. Pray that our hearts would be like the good soil that would welcome God's seed and bear rich fruit of Jesus Christ.
- Pray for the growth of LSCC spiritually and numerically.
- Pray for those who are searching that they would find rest in our Lord Jesus 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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# BIBLE READING

## 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

**25** Now about virgins: I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

**26** Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for you to remain as you are. **27** Are you married? Do not seek a divorce. Are you unmarried? Do not look for a wife. **28** But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this. **29** What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; **30** those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; **31** those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. **32** I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs--how he can please the Lord. **33** But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world--how he can please his wife-- **34** and his interests are divided.

An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world--how she can please her husband. **35** I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord. **36** If anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if she is getting along in years and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. **37** But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin--this man also does the right thing. **38** So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does even better. **39** A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord. **40** In my judgment, she is happier if she stays as she is--and I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

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# PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

1. Think of the best unmarried role models you know.
  - What have you learned from them?
  - How are they serving God?
  - In what ways do they serve God that would be difficult or impossible if they were married?
  
2. Do the same exercise thinking of the best married role models you know.
  
  
- 3a. How do our church view and treat single people?
- 3b. How can married people make sure they treat unmarried people better?