



THE FRIEND

11AM | 20 APRIL 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).



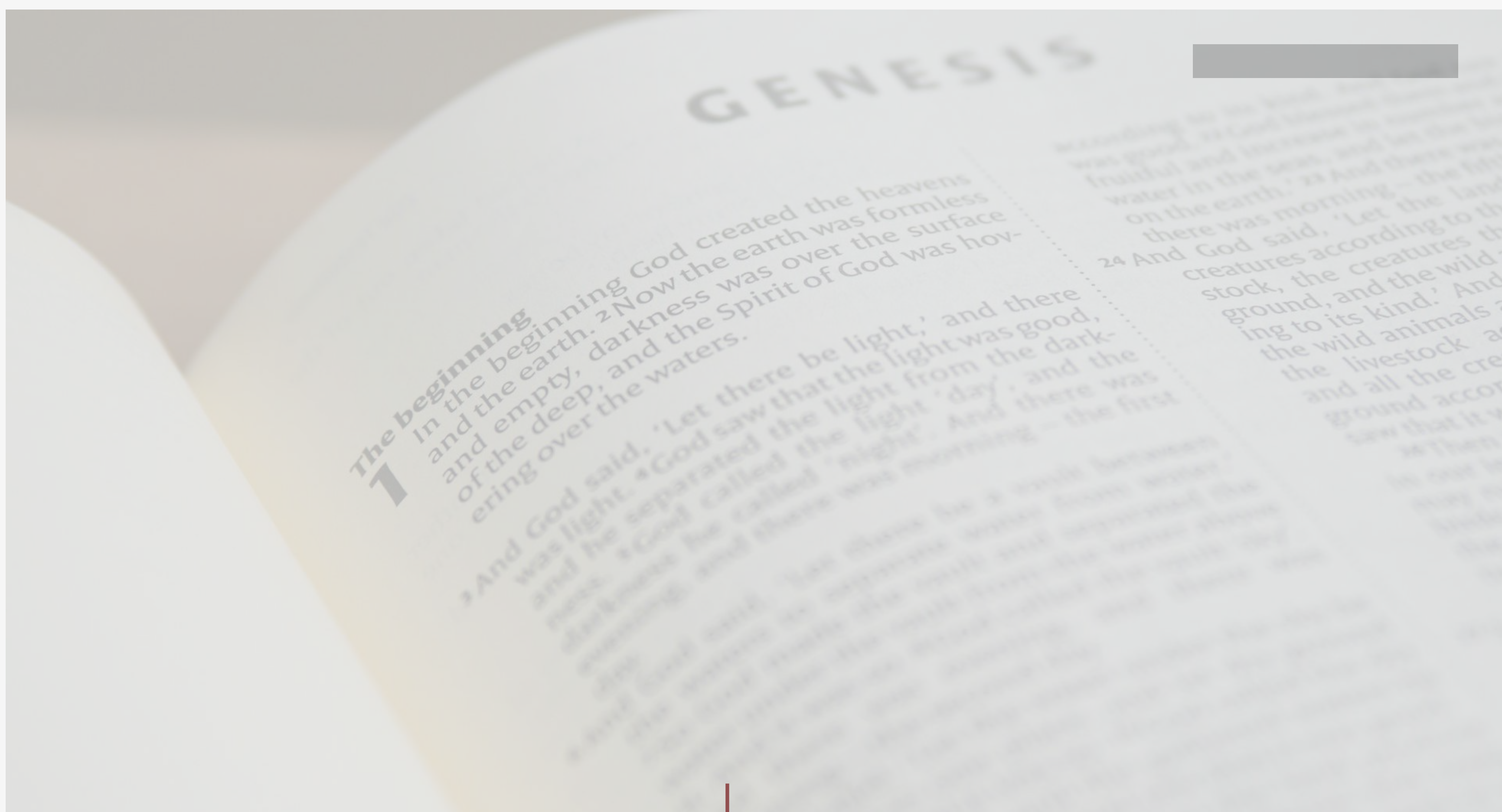
OUR VISION & MISSION

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.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

— 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Offering

Prayer

Bible reading: Romans 6:8-10

Sermon: Rejoicing in hope

Communion

Closing song: Because he lives

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:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Carlton Gospel Fellowship will be having their E-night on the 25 April (Anzac Friday). Do invite your friends along as it'll be a good chance for them to learn about the gospel and talk to people about it! Please also register using this link: <https://forms.gle/dmRgp3YbY5R2WdUz8> or scan the QR code in the flyer by 24 April. It'll be a potluck dinner so do bring a plate to share as well.

Dinner is at 6:30 pm.

CHURCH WORKING BEE:

Our church Working Bee is scheduled for 17 May (Sat) from 9.30am. Please join us to help spruce up our church - any help is appreciated! Lunch will be provided. Please contact Zhi Kai (Mob: 0430 343 416), for further information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECESS:

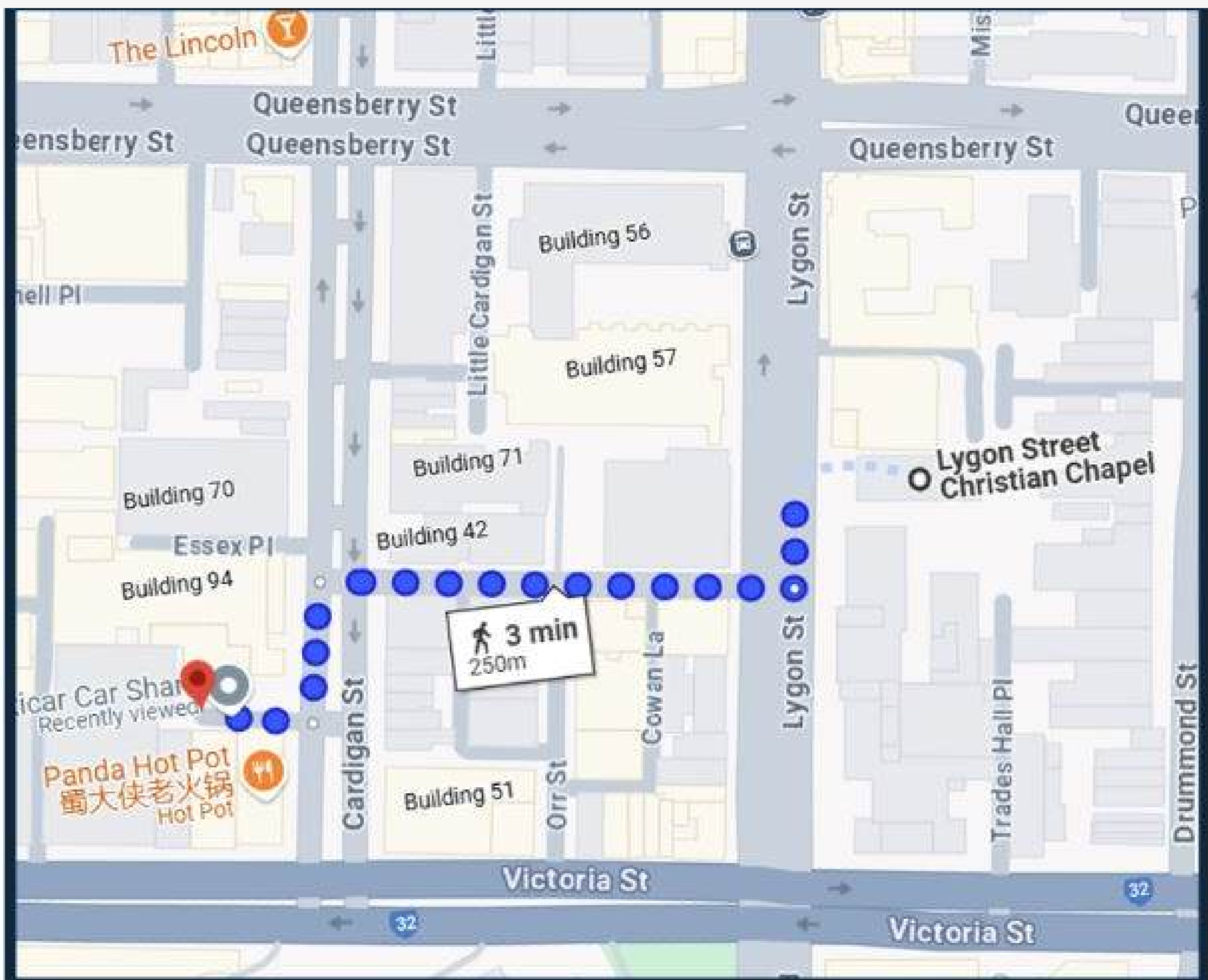
Please note that the Sunday School Ministry will take a 2 week recess from this Sunday.

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ALTERNATIVE PARKING

As you might already be aware, kerbside parking around LSCC has been changed to 2P Meter. In situations where you might require parking for more than 2 hours and there is no available parking at LSCC, we encourage you to consider alternative parking at CarePark on 15 Cardigan Street. This is a multi-storey carpark located around 3-5 minutes' walk from LSCC where weekend rates are set at \$8 for full day parking. If this does interest you, please refer to the below map for directions to this carpark. Thank you..



ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEXT PREACHING SERIES **Royal Rescue - The book of Esther**

27/04/25

Esther 1:1-22 | Party time at the palace

04/05/25

Esther 2:1-23 | Waiting in the wings

11/05/25

Esther 3:1-4:14 | For such a time as this

18/05/25

Esther 4:15-5:14 | The pride before the fall

25/05/25

Esther 6:1-7:10 | A rollercoaster ride

01/06/25

Esther 8:1-10:3 | A great deliverance

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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 learning 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 Groups 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!

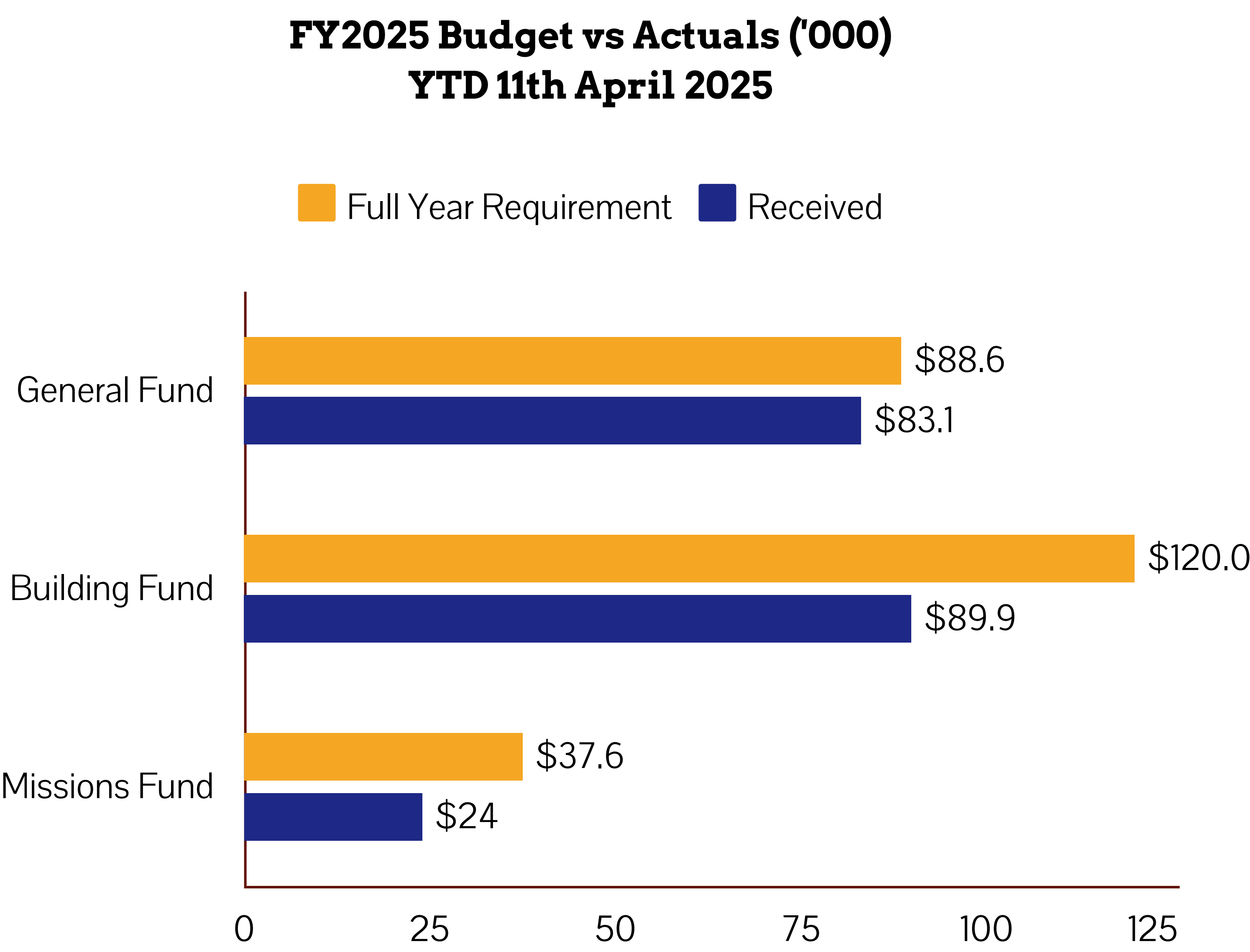
For all inquiries, you can reach **Melvin Lo** at melvinwylo@gmail.com or **0402227506**. We look forward to seeing you involved in these meaningful opportunities!

Church Lunch Ministry 2025

The Church Lunch team would appreciate more helpers for the ministry. If you are able to help serve in this ministry by being part of a roster that contributes dishes or cleaning up, please contact **Jason Lau (0423 475 560)**

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

If you have previously contributed to the building fund but have not received a tax receipt, please kindly email lsc54@gmail.com. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.



Financial Tracker – 1 July 2024 to 11 April 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/ (Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,704	\$2,040	\$69,364	\$83,056	\$13,692
Building Fund	\$2,308	\$2,209	\$93,965	\$89,944	(\$4,021)
Missions Fund	\$723	\$590	\$29,440	\$24,037	(\$5,402)

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

Cross culture - Mission Partners

David & Cathy Walter / AFES

Dear friends,

Thanks for your prayers for my time in the Solomon Islands. It was great to spend time with the staff team, and the board, and really important to chat with the local SPARC working group and visit potential SPARC sites. The photos below show and tell the exciting journey we went through in trying to find an appropriate (enjoyable and non-lethal) venue. We haven't signed any contracts yet, but it looks like we have a home for SPARC'25 in the Solomons.

The camp with Ballarat and Geelong CUs (Christian Unions) went really well. Was great to meet country students and hear about how they're living for Jesus and seeking to speak about Jesus on their campuses.

Now we're off to Saipan and Guam (yes, you might need a map). Saipan is a research trip, to visit the campus, chat to some pastors, and get a sense of the island and what priority it should have in our attempts to plant new student ministries. Guam is a pastoral trip, to encourage, train and strategise with the team there, and to meet students and study the Bible with them. It's so helpful to still get to do that with real live students.

Please pray...

- For safe travel and good health as we travel
- That time with pastors (who are cold contacts) would be encouraging and insightful
- That we could gain an accurate assessment of the campuses in Saipan
- That God would use us to encourage the ministry leaders in Guam
- Thanking God for providing a venue for SPARC'25

As always, thanks for your prayers and support!

David & Cathy Walter



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Kelvin & Yen Ping / Thailand, Pioneers

Our Wider Ministry Team

As we had shared previously, our work here involves various initiatives and collaboration with many brothers and sisters from several other organisations. Over the past 2 and a half years, we saw how God brought each of us to Thailand with the common vision to see mentally, emotionally and spiritually healthy Ch missionaries thriving on the mission field.

At the start of this year, as things began to set in, our team's various initiatives started to fall into place. We are picking up momentum, and each project is gaining traction as everyone aligns their efforts, leveraging their unique gifting and skills to tackle challenges more effectively. The different projects and initiatives include debrief retreats, sabbatical retreats, pre-field trainings, small group studies for the team, spiritual formation cohort, prayer ministry, internship program for member care providers, etc.

Next Step Pre-field Training

Similar to last year, Kelvin & I are coordinating Next Step this year. This is an intensive 3-week pre-field training for the Ch brothers and sisters exploring their next steps in responding to the Great Commission. The training focuses on spiritual formation, intercultural studies and ministry skills. This year the training is set on 28 September to 18 October. We have started our planning and are amidst of refining the teaching sessions to better meet the needs of the participants. Please pray for us as we start to confirm the trainers and mentors for Next Step. Another area you can uplift to Father is the children's program during Next Step. As of now, we are gathering a team from Boston and another from Hong Kong to partner with us in leading the children's ministry.

A Time of Reconnecting with you this Mid-Year

We will be back in Melbourne from early June till end July for a time of home assignment. A home assignment is a time where we take every 2 years to reconnect with our sending church, supporting churches and base, family and friends, and share about our term of ministry. We look forward to a time of connecting and catching up with those of you who are in Melbourne.

Member Care Conference

We are currently attending a Member Care conference. We are encouraged that out of the 200 participants, about 60 are involved in supporting Ch workers. We had a great time brainstorming different ways we can collaborate and do this better.

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Prayer Points

- For a team of people willing to serve with the children's program for the pre-field training.
- Kelvin will be teaching some modules on Perspectives in Mandarin over Zoom in the end of April. Pray for his preparation and a smooth delivery over Zoom.
- For our team in preparing for our first two-month Sabbatical Retreat for Ch workers.
- For our language learning amid busy ministry
- For good connection for our Home Assignment in June.

Thank you for all your love, prayers and support.

We love knowing you are standing with us for the Ch cross-cultural workers.

Blessings

Kelvin and Yen Ping with Nathan, Ian & Jovan

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

- We thank God for the talk presented by Heather Reid and how it has encouraged the ladies who attended.
- Please continue to pray that the women's ministry would draw many to come to know Christ.
- Pray for the committee as they plan for the future programs that our Lord's wisdom would be upon them.

CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

- Pray for the upcoming CGF's E Night on the 25th April that it will draw an strong interest in the event. Pray for the organisers that the event would be planned well.
- Pray for the speaker's preparation of the message and that the sermon to be clear and faithful in pointing listeners to Jesus Christ.
- Pray that many will respond to Jesus.
- Praise God for the Belgrave Heights Convention and it has ministered to many International students from CGF.
- Pray for the planning and that God's wisdom be upon the student committee.
- Pray that many would be encouraged in their faith through the Belgrave Heights Convention.
- Pray that international students will be open to the Gospel and to seeking a relationship with God through Jesus.
- Pray for strong relationships with friends and 'mentors' to help navigate challenges.
- Pray for numerical and spiritual growth.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – CHILDREN AND YOUTH:

- As they take a 2 weeks term break, pray that the teachers and helpers would enjoy a restful break.
- Pray that children's ministry would continue to grow.
- Pray that children and youth would grow in Jesus. For those who don't know Jesus personally, pray that they will come to understand his love for them and they will respond accordingly.

GROWTH GROUPS & YOUNG FAMILIES

- Pray for those who are away that our Lord would continue to watch over them. Those travelling are Keene, Hannah and family, Gavin, Boz and family and etc. Praise God for bringing Wai Leng Low & Daneil Chung (work) back safely to Melbourne. Pray for our Lord's protection to be upon them.
- Praise God for Growth Group ministries that provides a platform for members from the church to know each other on a more personal level.
- Growth Groups would be embarking on some structural changes for 2025. Praise God that it is well received so far and please pray that it will be implemented well. Pray for wisdom as the elders plans and navigates the ministry through these changes. Pray for patience as the ministry undergo 'teething issues' especially in the early stages of the changes.
- Pray for those parents who are expecting. Pray that the mums would enjoy a successful pregnancy.
- As the school terms have started with parents busy on the run wearing different hats, pray that they would strengthened in their different roles. Pray that they would be a good witness to their children what honouring our loving good Lord looks like. Pray that each of the children in our church will grow knowing and loving Christ.
- Thank God for the provision of job opportunities to those who have been looking for one.

THIS SUNDAY:

- This Sunday David Walter will be speaking from 1 John 5 under the title, 'True confidence'. Please pray for his preparation so that he would have a good grasp of the passage. Pray that the delivery of the sermon be faithful, clear and pastoral. Pray that our Lord would use his word to build up his church.
- Pray for newcomers and visitors this Sunday that would feel welcomed.
- Pray for our non-Christian friends that would come to faith in our Lord Jesus. Praise God for his work in their hearts, especially those who have been attending.

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SENIORS MINISTRY:

- Thanking God for granting Jeanette Gan a safe trip to Malaysia to care for her mum who fell and sustained a fracture on her pelvic bone. She is 95 years old. Despite her age, she is alert and from latest report, she also fractured her left neck of femur bone. Pray for complete recovery and pain relief especially she is being moved from her bed to the wheelchair. Pray for wisdom as the family continues to make decision for her care.
- Pray for Neil's broken rib to heal completely and that our Lord will look after him. Pray for the upcoming surgery that it would be successful in bringing him relief.
- Thank God providing Don McCall with a fruitful and enjoyable trip to Perth. We thank God for bringing him back safely back to Melbourne.
- Thank God that Peter Armitage's house move from Carlton to Mont Albert has been smooth. He's contemplating whether to be part of a local church in Mont Albert or continuing worshipping at LSCC in Carlton. Pray for wisdom.
- Pray that the Seniors will grow in grasping Jesus' love for them.
- Pray that they will grow in their love for each other. .



BIBLE READING

Romans 6:8-10

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.