



THE FRIEND

11AM | 23 FEBRUARY 2024

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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).



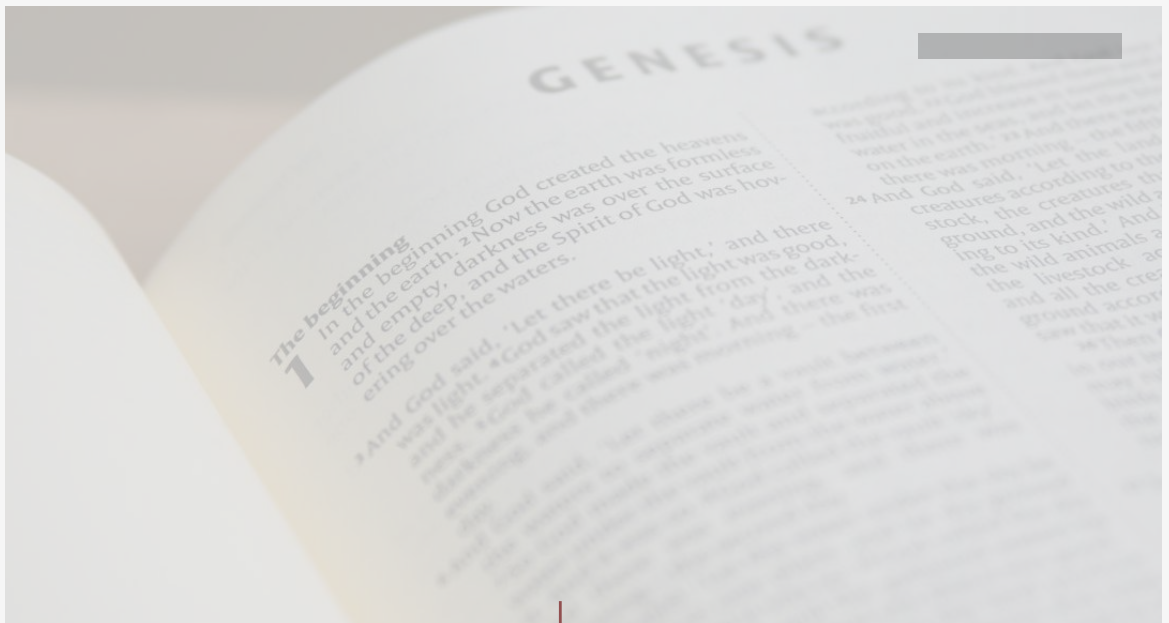
OUR VISION & MISSION

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: Luke 7:36-50

Sermon: Meeting lavish love

Communion

Closing song: The power of the cross

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



Baptism

Baptism Class is running again! If you are considering baptism or would like to learn more about what it means to take this step of your commitment to Jesus, we invite you to join us. Please indicate your interest to Melvin and he will provide you with all the details. If you are a believer but not yet baptized, don't miss this opportunity to broaden your understanding of Jesus and deepen your walk with him!

Prayer Meeting

Our weekly Prayer Meeting will resume on Wednesday, 26th February 2025, 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Carlton Gospel Fellowship Welcome Night

CGF has been around for a while and we have served international and local students for a while now since the 1980's. We have been known to be a home away from home (especially for our international and interstate students). It is a great place to make new friends and build lifelong friendships. CGF is also a safe place to learn about God. Or investigate further about Jesus if you are not yet a believer.

See you this Friday at 6:30pm! Please RSVP via this link so we can ensure sufficient food for all! For more details please speak to **Kenneth Thong** (Mob: **0423 944 489**)

Church Lunch Ministry 2025

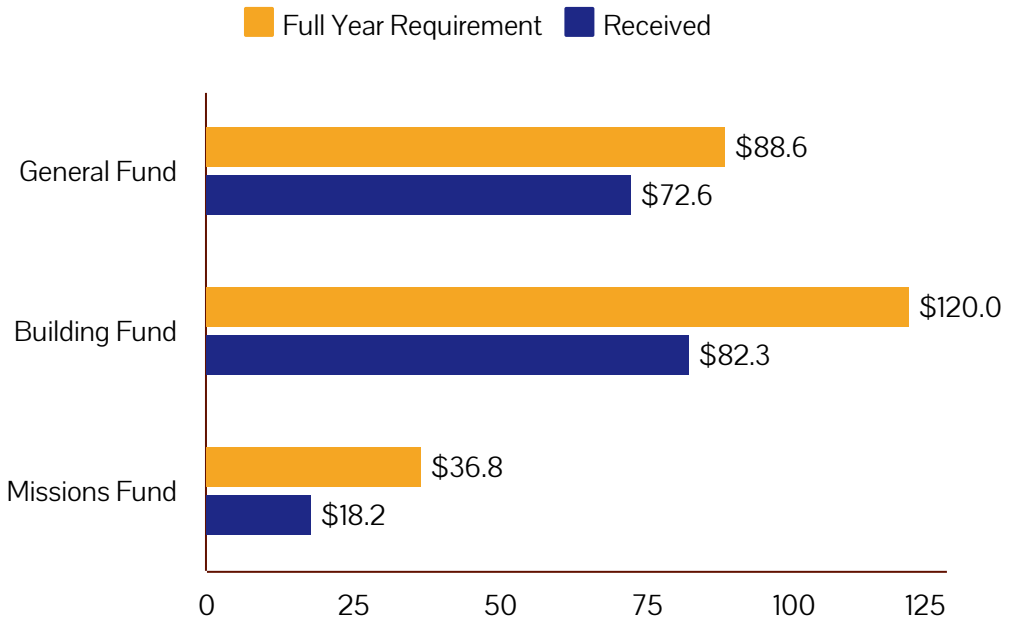
The Church Lunch team would appreciate more helpers for the ministry. If you are able to help serve in this ministry by being part of a roster that contributes dishes or cleaning up, please contact **Jason Lau** (**0423 475 560**).

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

Budget 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.

FY2025 Budget vs Actuals ('000)
YTD 21st February 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2024 to 21 February 2025

	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,704	\$2,152	\$57,438	\$72,554	\$15,116
Building Fund	\$2,308	\$2,443	\$77,809	\$82,348	\$4,539
Missions Fund	\$708	\$539	\$23,859	\$18,168	(\$5,691)

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

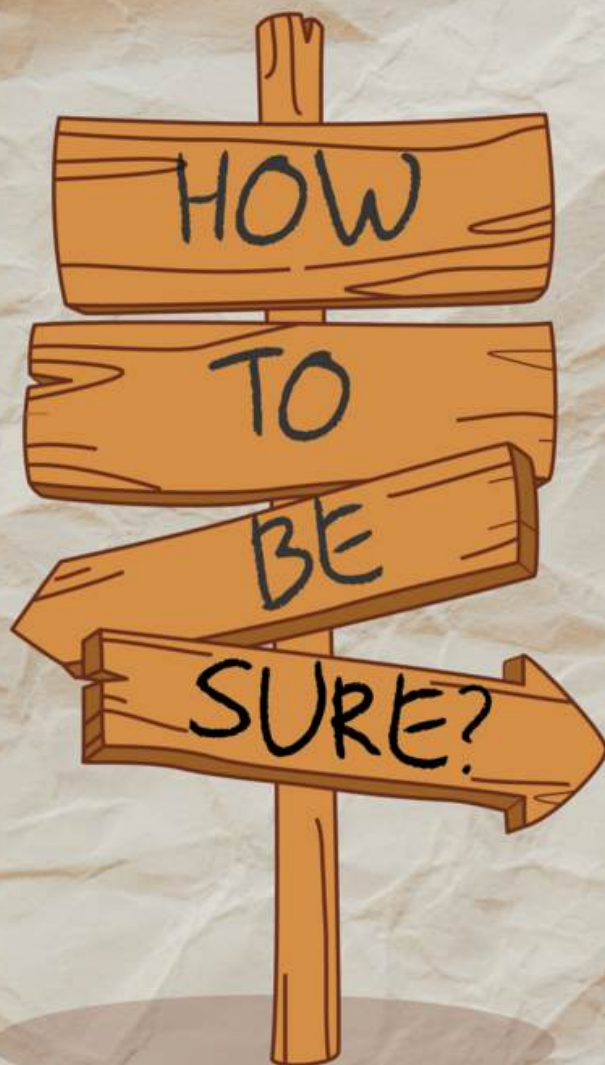
BSB: 033-009

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.



NEXT SERMON SERIES



02.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 1: 1-10
THE HEART OF THE MATTER

09.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 2: 1-14
WALKING THE TALK

16.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 2: 15-27
STAYING THE COURSE

23.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 2: 28- 3: 10
FAMILY LIKENESS

30.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 3: 10-24
FAMILY TIES

06.04.2025 / 1 JOHN 4: 1-21
TRUE LOVE

13.04.2025 / 1 JOHN 5: 1-21
TRUE CONFIDENCE

Lygon Street Christian Church
59 Lygon Street
Carlton, VIC 3053
11am (Melbourne time)

LIVE Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>

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 Emma Tan on 04028126842

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

CURRENT SERMON SERIES - Doubt & Faith (Luke)

- We thank God for his living Word and the privilege of knowing our loving Lord through His Son Jesus.
- Praise God for Zhi Ying Lee and Debbie Remang's testimonies in the 'Doubt & Faith' postcard invites. We thank God for working in their lives. Pray that God will use their testimony to draw others to Jesus.
- Pray that there will be a good interest in these series of talks from Luke 7.
- Pray that God's Spirit would speak to the hearts of many building up his church and draw many close to Jesus.
- Pray for Melvin Lo and David Walter as the speakers for this series of talk. Pray for their preparation. Pray that our Lord will strengthen them as they explain the passages. Pray that the messages will be faithful, clear and winsome.

NEXT SERMON SERIES - 1 JOHN

- We thank God for the next series from 1 John will another opportunity to grow God's people in his word.
- 1 John is written to affirm the readers that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Please pray that the church would be affirmed in their confidence in Jesus.
- Please pray for all the speakers for this series that they will be faithful and our Lord would help them in their preparation.
- Pray for the CGF, Seniors and Growth Group members who are studying 1 John in their respective groups would enjoy their discussion and grasp of this precious letter from God's word.

GROWTH GROUP MINISTRY 2025

- We thank God for all the group's love for Jesus and commitment to grow in knowing the gospel.
- We praise God for his sustaining grace and helping many groups to grow in Jesus as they abide in him.
- As groups align their bible study plans with the church preaching calendar, pray that they will grow in deeper understanding of the passage taught weekly.
- Pray that our unity in Jesus would deepen as a body of Christ.
- As eldership and groups consider changes to sharpen the ministry, pray for wisdom.
- Pray for members to grow in their appetite to know Christ more in 2025 and love one another deeper.
- Pray that each Growth Group would be gospel centred and our Lord would protect, provide the leaders for each group.
- Pray that each group would be a wonderful outreach arm in bringing others who do not know about Jesus to come in contact with His word and God's people.

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CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

- Praise God for the Welcoming Night with the many students attended.
- Pray that CGF will grow spiritually and numerically.
- Pray that their campus outreach would be effective.
- Pray that many will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour this year.
- Pray for CGF committee that our Lord would fill them with wisdom as they lead the group.

CHURCH LUNCH MINISTRY:

- Praise God how this ministry has served the church well by bringing people together.
- Pray for provision of cooks and helpers for the ministry.
- Pray for Jason Lau as he and his team plans and prepares for the ministry.

KID'S CHURCH - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

- Thank God for the restful summer break the children had.
- We thank God for the Sunday school teachers who are available to serve this year.
- Pray for their weekly preparation that they would be faithful and clear in helping the children to understand the bible passages they are studying.
- Pray for our children's protection from the evil one. Pray that they will grow up knowing Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour.
- As they start their first Sunday School of the year, pray that they start the year well. Pray for the Sunday school ministry to grow.

SOUTH SIDE GARDEN UPDATE:

- Praise God for his gracious provision through his people's generosity. We are close to meeting the budget (1.5k short).
- We thank God that the project is close to completion.
- Praise God once again for many in the board who help serve in so many ways in bringing this project to completion. We especially are thankful for Percival Wong and Christian Ong for their help in coordinating and supervising this project. Without them, we would not have progressed this far with the development of the South side garden.

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BOARD OF ELDERS & DEACONS

- Pray for wisdom upon the Eldership and Deacons as they continue to play for 2025.
- Pray for our Lord's protection and provision as they serve our Lord in their roles.
- Pray that each of them would grow in their grasp of Jesus' love for them and his church. Pray that each of them would grow in Christ.
- Praise God for each of them as they willingly serve our Lord as board members.

SENIORS MINISTRY:

- We thank God for providing safety for those who are travelling. Please pray for **Oi Lee Chan, Wai Leng, Shu Shan** (Malaysia). Pray that they will have a great time of reunion with family and friends. Praise God for bringing **John** and **Kim Wong** safely back from their trip to Thailand. We also thank God for bringing **Jeanette Gan** safely back to Melbourne from Singapore and Malaysia.
- Praise God that **Richard Aldon** has recovered from Covid.
- Pray for **Neil Hawthorn** that our Lord will continue to watch over him and protect him. Pray for his preparation for the scheduled brain surgery in June 2025. Please pray for success in this operation and it will help Neil's health in the long term.
- **Jenny Loo** would like to thank God for providing her with safety in travel to Hong Kong and for bringing her back safely to Melbourne. She like to thank God for providing her daughter Fiona and family with a good rental place close to the schools in Blackburn. Please pray for provision for good tenants to rent their place in Hillside.
- Pray for **Joseph Bautista** in his work that he will be a wonderful witness for Jesus. Pray that his health will hold up with the white cells increasing to the required level. Pray for strength as Joseph feels tiredness after blood transfusion.
- Pray for **Edwin Tai** as he goes for his dialysis three times a week. Pray that our Lord will continue to provide for his needs and look after him. Praise God for Edwin and Emily's joyful outlook and their thankfulness to our good Lord.
- Pray for **Emily Tai** as she continues to recover from the recent mild heart attack.
- Pray for the Seniors' ministry as they take a brief recess over the summer break from their studies that they will continue to grow in Christ. Pray for their protection and provision.

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INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN

- Praise God for the creativity He has given our workers at ICC to celebrate Christmas in a meaningful way, bringing sensory delights that share the Christmas story with our high-needs kids.
- Pray that children with profound disabilities, who often have extremely limited ways to experience the world, may still encounter God's love and presence through their senses.





PLEASE PRAY FOR US



- The kids finished school and is amidst their 3 weeks of school holidays. Pray for a good quality family time during this period.
- We ask for prayers as we discern how, as a team we can best fit in the trainings, retreats, debriefs and happenings in 2025. You can pray for good collaboration among the various teams involved and that God will continue to humble us to be in a learning posture as we serve the Ch Ms through the various initiatives.
- We are praying for the development of a dedicated TCK (Third Culture Kid) focus team to serve children better during debriefs, retreats, and trainings. Please pray that the Lord will bring along suitable workers who have hearts to serve the TCKs.

We thank you for partnering with us through your prayers for us.

Blessings

Yen Ping & Kelvin, with Nathan, Ian & Jovan



Cleaning crew after the flood



Christmas Eve in church

BIBLE READING

LUKE 7:36-50

36 Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. **37** When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, **38** and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. **39** When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is--that she is a sinner." **40** Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. **41** "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now

which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. **44** Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. **45** You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. **47** Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven--for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." **48** Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" **50** Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."