



THE FRIEND

11AM | 1 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).



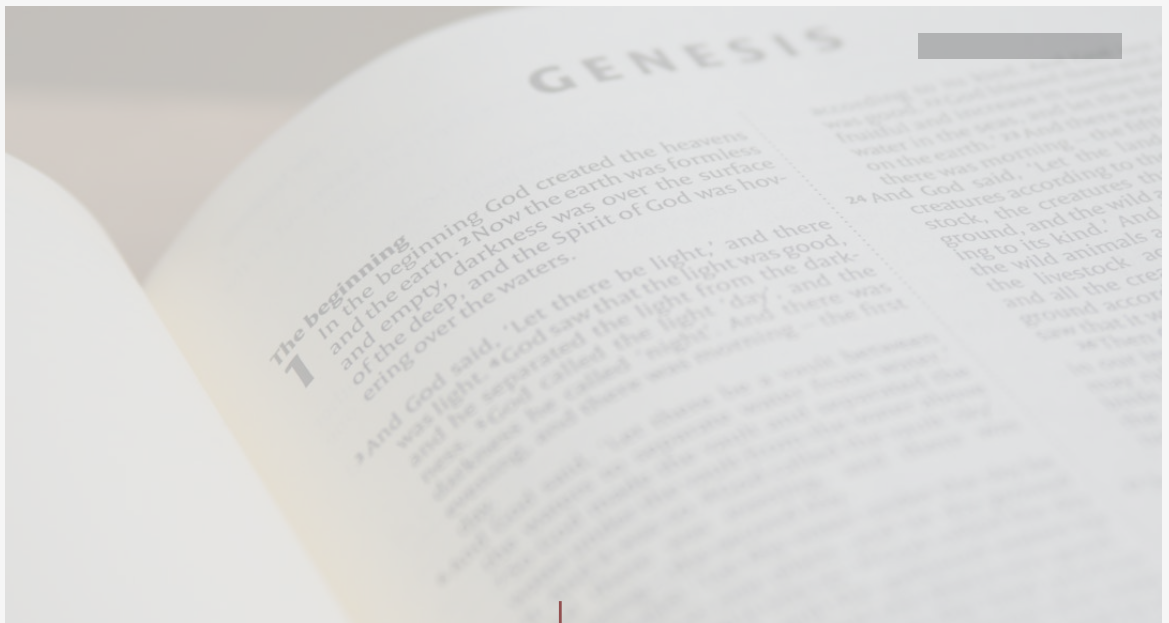
OUR VISION & MISSION

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.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

— 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer

Offering

Esther 8-10

Sermon: A Great Deliverance

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:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH LUNCH

There will be church lunch after the service today. The kitchen is ready to serve at 12:30 pm. If you are visiting us today, we're delighted to have you here. After the service, please join us for a warm welcoming church lunch in the back hall. While we kindly suggest a \$5 donation per adult, please know that our first time visitors are not expected to contribute. Simply pass the slip or voucher in your welcome pack to the cashier to collect your lunch.

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!

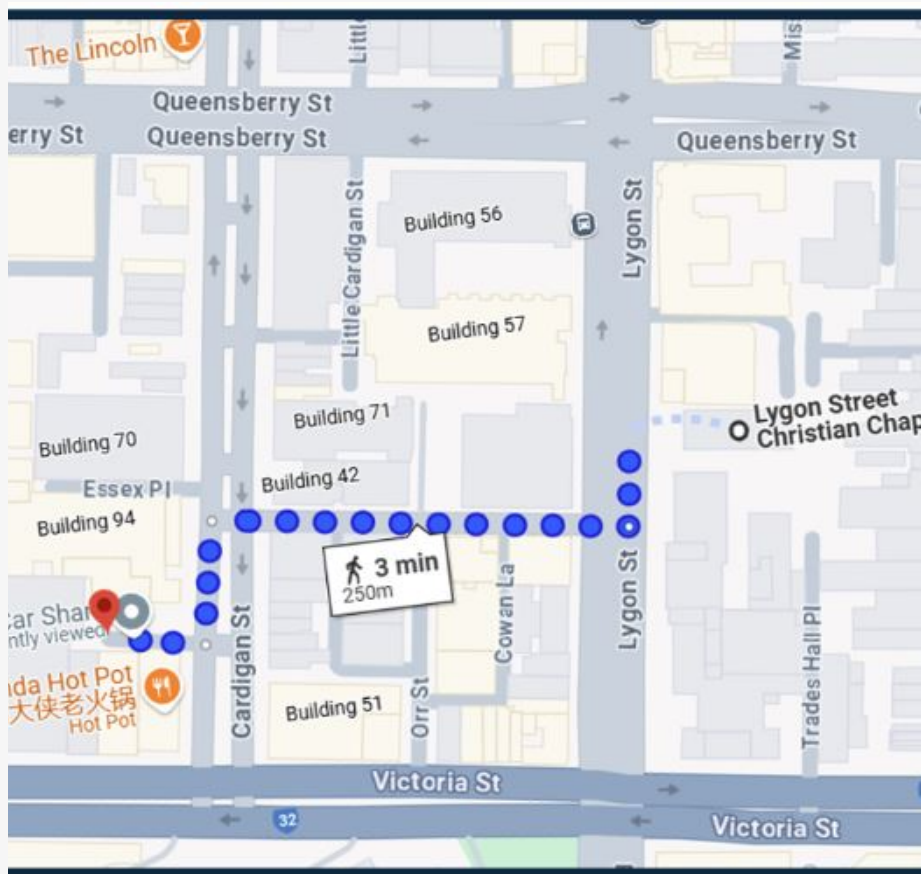
For all inquiries, you can reach **Melvin Lo** at [melvinwylo@gmail.com or **0402227506**]. We look forward to seeing you involved in these meaningful opportunities!

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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.



NEXT SERMON SERIES

God & Sex In The City

08.06.25 /
1 Corinthians 6:6-20 /
Who is Lord?

15.06.25 /
1 Corinthians 7:1-9 /
Husbands & wives

22.06.25 /
1 Corinthians 7:10-24 /
Stay as you are

29.06.25 /
1 Corinthians 7:25-40 /
**Wisdom for the
unmarried**

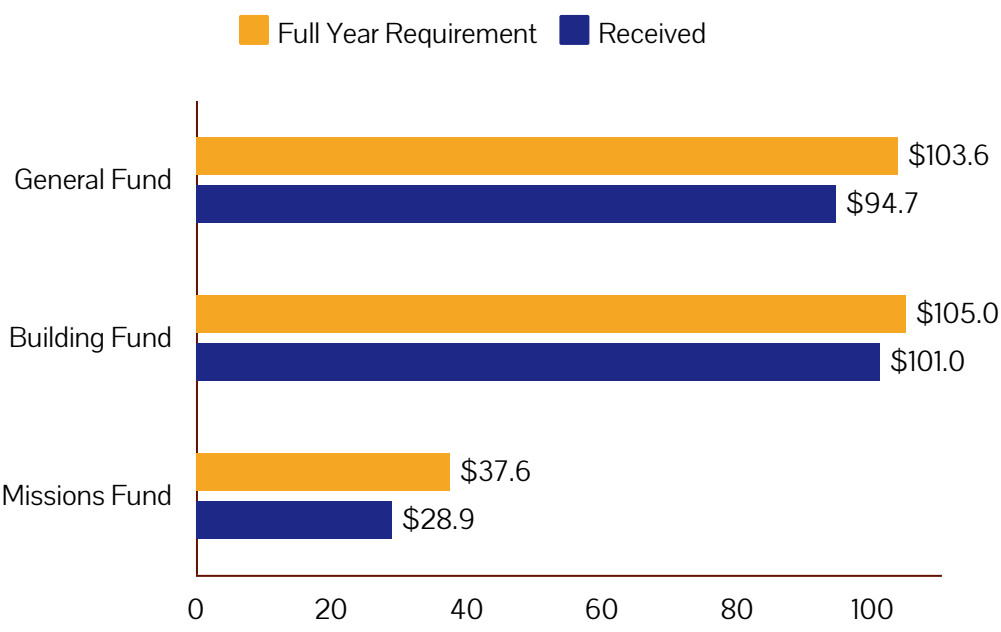
Lygon Street Christian Chapel
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC 3053
11 am service

Live Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>
11 am (Melbourne Time)



CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

FY2025 Budget vs Actuals ('000)
YTD 31st May 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2024 to 31 May 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,992	\$1,980	\$95,338	\$94,743	(\$595)
Building Fund	\$2,019	\$2,111	\$96,645	\$101,049	\$4,404
Missions Fund	\$723	\$603	\$34,604	\$28,853	(\$5,751)

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 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)

KELVIN & YEN PING - PIONEERS THAILAND

- For a team of people willing to serve with the children's program for the pre-field training.
- 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.



GOODBYES

JOSH & JULIE HALE

- Thank God for giving this friendship and the partnership in the Gospel. We praise God for Josh and Julie's generous friendship and how they have been a blessing to LSCC.
- Pray for smooth transition as they relocate back to Ottawa, Canada.
- Pray for a safe journey and that they will continue to be a blessing wherever they are.



LOVE IN ACTION



CLAUDIA (CGF)

- Praise God that she has graduated from her course and that she will be living temporarily staying in Sydney before returning to Singapore.
- Pray that she will find a good church to be part in Sydney and resettle well to her home church in Singapore eventually.
- Pray for safety in her travels.
- Pray that our Lord will continue to help grow in Jesus and we are thankful for the friendship as well as partnership in the work of the gospel.

CGF EXAMS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

- The students like to thank God for the opportunity to be able to come to Australia to further studies.
- It's assignment peak period with exams around the corner, please pray for good health and that the students would rest in Jesus. Pray for the students, that they will remember God's ultimate glory and love. Pray that despite the busyness from their final assignments/examinations, that they will rest in Jesus..
- Pray that they would enjoy uninterrupted preparation for their up coming exams in June.
- Praise God that many are still actively attending Friday evening Bible studies. Pray for spiritual growth. Please also pray for numerical growth.
- Thank God for His faithfulness in guiding us through the Book of Esther. Pray for open hearts and open minds as we continue to receive His Word.
- Thank God for a productive Working Bee, that people of willing hands were able to come together to help clean for the church.
- Pray for the students who joins us on Sundays, that they will also join our fellowship and Friday bible studies. Pray that, through God's strength, CGF would make them feel at home and loved.

LOVE IN ACTION

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 would 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.

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 for protection for **Jeanette Gan's** mum and also for her healing suffered from a recent fall.
- 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 for those who are away that they will enjoy a restful trip. Pray for our Lord's leading and protection upon **Garry & Joyce Jackel** (UK-Europe), **Oi Lee Chan, Wai Leng Low** (China).
- Pray that our seniors would continue to grow in Christ and in love for one another.

NEXT SERIES OF TALKS:

- 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.

LOVE IN ACTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL - CHILDREN & YOUTH

- Sunday School has resumed and please continue to pray that the children will grow in Christ.
- Pray that the ministry will grow with many children coming to Jesus.
- Praise God for all the teachers and helpers. Pray that they will prepare themselves well for the coming Sunday.

BIBLE READING

ESTHER 8-10

8 That same day King Xerxes gave Queen Esther the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came into the presence of the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her. **2** The king took off his signet ring, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai. And Esther appointed him over Haman's estate. **3** Esther again pleaded with the king, falling at his feet and weeping. She begged him to put an end to the evil plan of Haman the Agagite, which he had devised against the Jews. **4** Then the king extended the gold scepter to Esther and she arose and stood before him. **5** "If it pleases the king," she said, "and if he regards me with favor and thinks it the right thing to do, and if he is pleased with me, let an order be written overruling the dispatches that Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, devised and wrote to destroy the Jews in all the king's provinces. **6** For how can I bear to see disaster fall on my people? How can I bear to see the destruction of my family?" **7** King Xerxes replied to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, "Because Haman attacked the Jews, I have given his estate to Esther, and they have hanged him on the gallows.

8 Now write another decree in the king's name in behalf of the Jews as seems best to you, and seal it with the king's signet ring-for no document written in the king's name and sealed with his ring can be revoked." **9** At once the royal secretaries were summoned-on the twenty-third day of the third month, the month of Sivan. They wrote out all Mordecai's orders to the Jews, and to the satraps, governors and nobles of the 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush. These orders were written in the script of each province and the language of each people and also to the Jews in their own script and language. **10** Mordecai wrote in the name of King Xerxes, sealed the dispatches with the king's signet ring, and sent them by mounted couriers, who rode fast horses especially bred for the king. **11** The king's edict granted the Jews in every city the right to assemble and protect themselves; to destroy, kill and annihilate any armed force of any nationality or province that might attack them and their women and children; and to plunder the property of their enemies. **12** The day appointed for the Jews to do this in all the provinces of King Xerxes was the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar.

BIBLE READING

ESTHER 8-10 (CONT'D)

13 A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so that the Jews would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. **14** The couriers, riding the royal horses, raced out, spurred on by the king's command. And the edict was also issued in the citadel of Susa. **15** Mordecai left the king's presence wearing royal garments of blue and white, a large crown of gold and a purple robe of fine linen. And the city of Susa held a joyous celebration. **16** For the Jews it was a time of happiness and joy, gladness and honor. **17** In every province and in every city, wherever the edict of the king went, there was joy and gladness among the Jews, with feasting and celebrating. And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews had seized them.

9 On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.

2 The Jews assembled in their cities in all the provinces of King Xerxes to attack those seeking their destruction. No one could stand against them, because the people of all the other nationalities were afraid of them. **3** And all the nobles of the provinces, the satraps, the governors and the king's administrators helped the Jews, because fear of Mordecai had seized them. **4** Mordecai was prominent in the palace; his reputation spread throughout the provinces, and he became more and more powerful. **5** The Jews struck down all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and they did what they pleased to those who hated them. **6** In the citadel of Susa, the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. **7** They also killed Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, **8** Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, **9** Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai and Vaizatha, **10** the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the plunder. **11** The number of those slain in the citadel of Susa was reported to the king that same day. **12** The king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men and the ten sons of Haman in the citadel of Susa."

BIBLE READING

ESTHER 8-10 (CONT'D)

What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? It will also be granted." **13** "If it pleases the king," Esther answered, "give the Jews in Susa permission to carry out this day's edict tomorrow also, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on gallows." **14** So the king commanded that this be done. An edict was issued in Susa, and they hanged the ten sons of Haman. **15** The Jews in Susa came together on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar, and they put to death in Susa three hundred men, but they did not lay their hands on the plunder. **16** Meanwhile, the remainder of the Jews who were in the king's provinces also assembled to protect themselves and get relief from their enemies. They killed seventy-five thousand of them but did not lay their hands on the plunder. **17** This happened on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, and on the fourteenth they rested and made it a day of feasting and joy. **18** The Jews in Susa, however, had assembled on the thirteenth and fourteenth, and then on the fifteenth they rested and made it a day of feasting and joy. **19** That is why rural Jews-those

living in villages-observe the fourteenth of the month of Adar as a day of joy and feasting, a day for giving presents to each other. **20** Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, **21** to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar **22** as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor. **23** So the Jews agreed to continue the celebration they had begun, doing what Mordecai had written to them. **24** For Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them and had cast the pur (that is, the lot) for their ruin and destruction. **25** But when the plot came to the king's attention, he issued written orders that the evil scheme Haman had devised against the Jews should come back onto his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

BIBLE READING

ESTHER 8-10 (CONT'D)

26 (Therefore these days were called Purim, from the word pur .) Because of everything written in this letter and because of what they had seen and what had happened to them, **27** the Jews took it upon themselves to establish the custom that they and their descendants and all who join them should without fail observe these two days every year, in the way prescribed and at the time appointed. **28** These days should be remembered and observed in every generation by every family, and in every province and in every city. And these days of Purim should never cease to be celebrated by the Jews, nor should the memory of them die out among their descendants. **29** So Queen Esther, daughter of Abihail, along with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter concerning Purim. **30** And Mordecai sent letters to all the Jews in the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Xerxes-words of goodwill and assurance **31** to establish these days of Purim at their designated times, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had decreed for them, and as they had established for themselves and their descendants in regard to their times of fasting and lamentation.

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10 King Xerxes imposed tribute throughout the empire, to its distant shores. **2** And all his acts of power and might, together with a full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king had raised him, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Media and Persia? **3** Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, preeminent among the Jews, and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.