



THE FRIEND

11AM | 28 APRIL 2024

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).



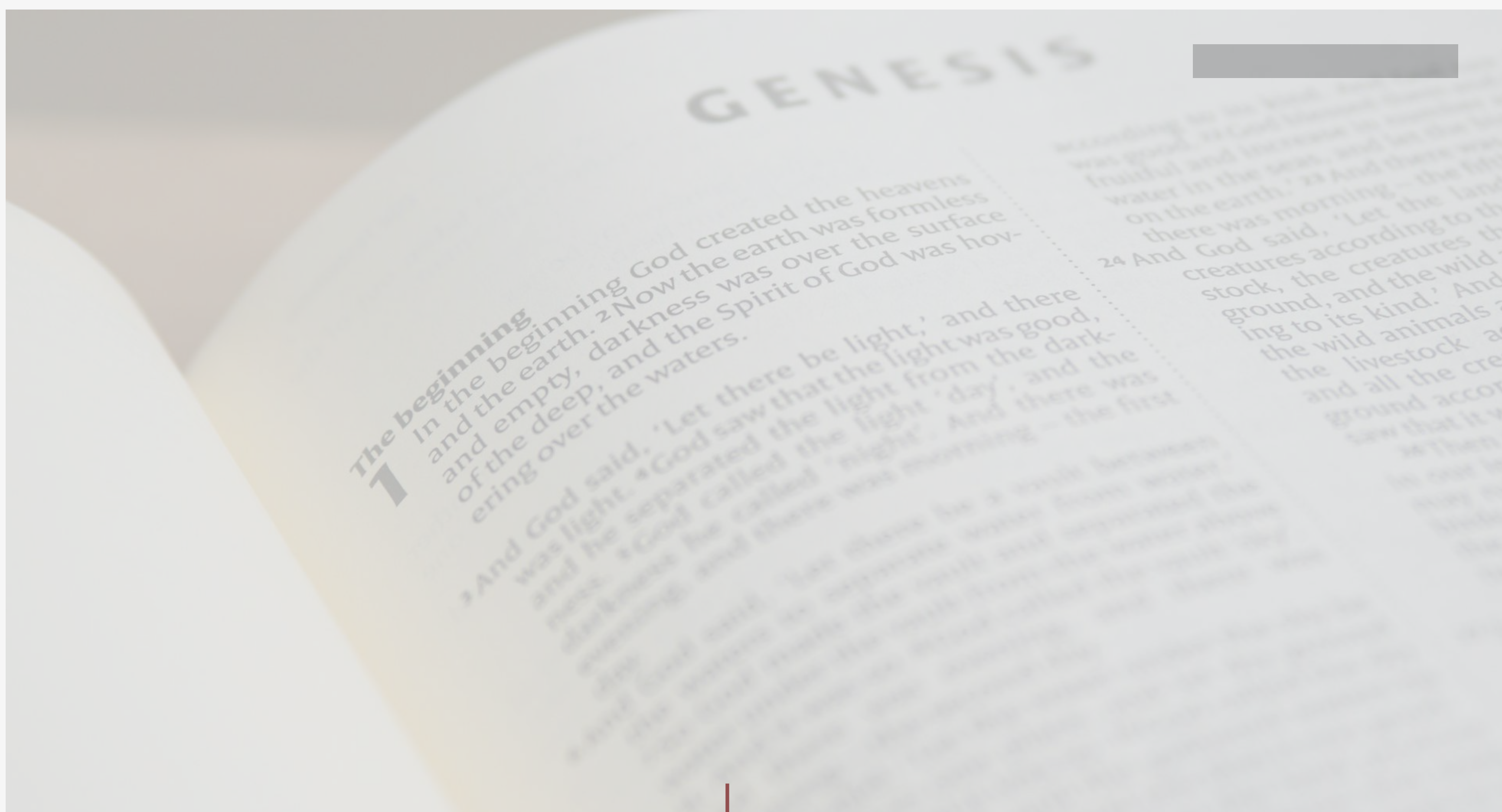
OUR VISION & MISSION

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: Colossians 4:7-18

Message: Gospel & friendships

Communion Closing song: God of grace

Closing prayer



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:

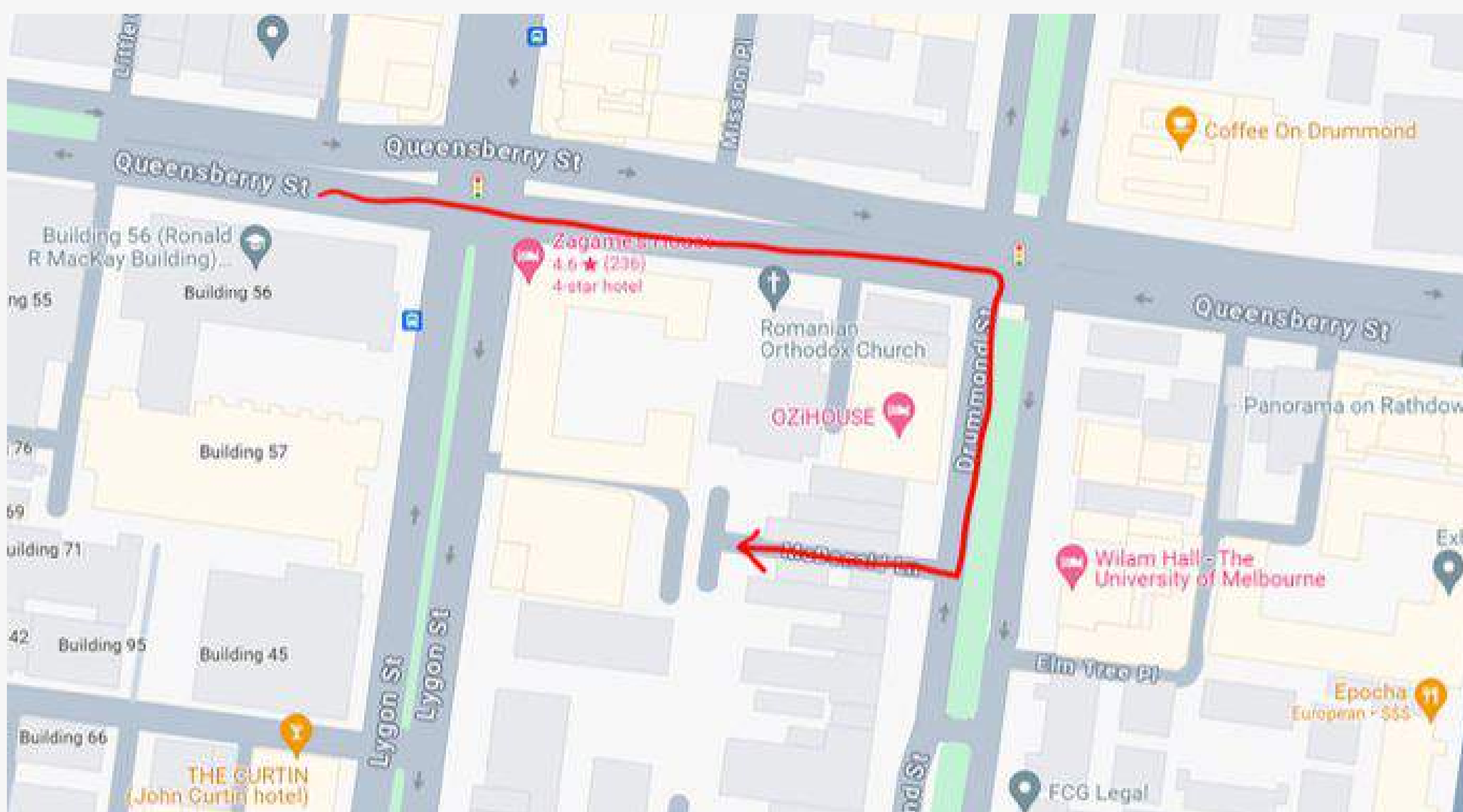
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CHURCH CARPARK RESTRICTIONS

Please be advised that access to the church carpark will be restricted next Sunday, **May 5, 2024**, due to the May Day Rally taking place on the section of Lygon Street in front of the church. The road is expected to be closed to traffic from 10:30 am onwards. Alternative access to the carpark will be provided via McDonald Lane off Drummond Street (refer to picture below). However, there will be limited parking spaces available to ensure smooth entry and exit through McDonald Lane. To avoid parking difficulties, we encourage everyone to plan to arrive earlier and explore alternative parking options near the church.



SUNDAY SERVICE PARKING

We understand that parking can sometimes be a challenge, especially on Sundays before and during the service. To ensure a smooth experience for everyone, we kindly ask you to consider the following:

- 1) Arrive Early:** Increase your chances of securing a parking spot by arriving a little earlier.
- 2) Street Parking:** If our parking lot is full, please consider parking on the streets around the church.

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Additionally, we would like to remind all car park users to please avoid parking on our neighbours' driveways on the long lane way leading up to our carpark, as this affects their access. Thank you for your kind cooperation and understanding.



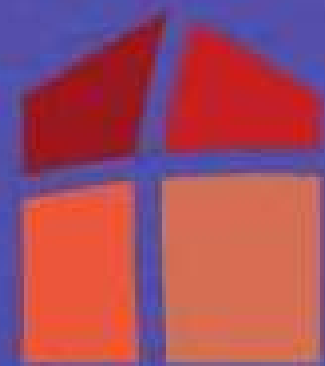
JOIN THE VBS TEAM!

Calling all volunteers! The VBS Committee is seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our VBS Team on July 4th and 5th. If you're willing to lend a hand in any of the following areas, we'd be thrilled to have you on board:

- *Activity Leaders
- *Group Leaders
- *Sound (PA) & Music
- *Kitchen Helpers
- *Set-up/Clean-up Crew
- *Decorations
- *Anything else you're passionate about!

Please reach out to Alethea Ashby (0419 932 412) to express your interest, or simply click below to indicate your availability:

VBS TEAM SIGNUP



LYGON ST CHRISTIAN CHAPEL PRESENTS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURE
WHERE WE'LL EXPLORE THE WONDERS OF GOD AND
IGNITE CURIOSITY ABOUT HIS INCREDIBLE CREATION
THROUGH STEAM ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND MORE!

REGISTER TODAY AS PLACES ARE LIMITED!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:



REGISTRATION CLOSES 2 JUNE

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE EMAIL
LSCCKIDSMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM

4YO KINDER – GRADE 6

4-5 JULY | 9.30AM-3.30PM

LYGON ST CHRISTIAN CHAPEL

54 LYGON ST, CARLTON VIC 3053

**\$20 PER CHILD (CAPPED AT \$50 PER FAMILY)
MORNING TEA, LUNCH & AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED**

ALL VOLUNTEERS HOLD A VALID WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

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CHURCH CAMP 2024

Church camp? Yes! Camp? Yes! Camping? Err no...not quite.
Learning and growing? Yes! Food? Yes! Fun? Yes! Church camp?
YES!!!

Save the date! Just SIX months from now from 13-15 September 2024, we'll be having our CHURCH CAMP! Woohoo! It's going to be a weekend of solid learning, growing, befriending, and fellowship at a superbly located holiday-feeling part of Victoria (hint, it's near the coast!). More details to follow in the weeks to come, but save those dates!!!

GROWTH GROUPS (Home bible study ministry):

We highly encourage all members of our congregation to be a part of our church's Bible study groups. This will not only encourage our personal walk with Jesus, but also foster a greater church community which serves to build each other up in Christ. If you're not part of a Bible study group and would like to be a part of one, please get in touch with pastor Melvin (Mob: 0402 227506)

CHURCH PRAYER MEET

Lygon church prayer meeting started on the 14th February 2024. It is held every Wednesday evening from 8 pm - 9 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Melvin Lo for the link.
(Melvin: 0402227506)

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CHURCH FINANCE: FY 2024 Budget

| FY24 - MAR'24 Year-to-date Tithing Update | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
| General Fund - Full year tracking | Amount Received | Balance Required |
| 86% | 119.0K | 19.2K |
| Building Fund - Full year tracking | Amount Received | Balance Required |
| 36% | 46.4K | 83.6K |
| Mission Fund - Full year tracking | Amount Received | Balance Required |
| 75% | 28.0K | 9.5K |

As the building funds will now be in a separate account, we have split our budget into Building Fund, Missions Fund and General Fund with respective bank accounts for each fund.

Over the year, we plan to provide snapshots in the Friend to show how we are tracking financially and where we may still need to meet our budget. For the moment, here is an update on the budget allocations for your donations.

General Fund: \$137,500. This fund pays the salaries of our staff, supports day-to-day and administrative costs.

Building Fund: \$131,000. This fund will be used for the maintaining and improving our church facilities. It also covers the costs for the Southside Garden construction works.

Missions Fund: \$38,000. This fund supports our mission partners.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your continued financial support. For any inquiries on the matters above, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the treasury team; Renhaw Lim, Andrew Low and Zhi Hui Lee.

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ACCESSING CHURCH LIVE STREAM DURING THE WEEK:

Some have enquired how they can watch the service during the week when the 'live' link is no longer showing it. If this link: <https://lsc.org.au/live> is not working, try the following:

- Go to '**Youtube**' on your device.
- In Youtube's search bar, type: **Lygon Street Christian Chapel**
- Press enter.
- Select the specific service you are searching for and watch.

Alternatively, the link to the channel is:

<https://www.youtube.com/@LygonStreetChristianChapel/streams>

We in LSCC continue to thank our Lord for your interest, encouragement, feedback, prayer and your partnership with us in the Gospel work of our Lord Jesus.

CHURCH CARPARK USERS ON SUNDAYS:

If you have parked your vehicle in the middle lane of the church carpark, we kindly request that you leave your contact details on the dashboard. This will enable those parked on the sides to move their vehicles when necessary, by contacting those parked in the middle directly.

We understand that parking can be a challenge, especially during busy times, and we want to ensure that all carpark users can park and exit the carpark with ease. By leaving your contact details on the dashboard, you can help make the carpark more efficient and convenient for everyone. Thank you for your kind understanding and cooperation.

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CHURCH CARPARK DURING THE WEEK:

We have available weekday parking spots for monthly rental at very competitive pricing. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might be interested, please reach out to Percival Wong (Mob: 0421 281 417) for more information.

Tax-Deductible Gifts

Tax-deductible monetary contributions can now be made to our church for building-related expenses (e.g. building projects, repairs, cleaning).

Up till now, non-tax-deductible offerings from you have been kept in a general church account, and all expenses have been drawn from this account. Recently, we have established that our church is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations for expenses limited to building-related items, so we have set up a new bank account to facilitate donations for those who are interested.

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) refers to non-profit organisations that can receive tax-deductible donations as a “Deductible Gift Recipient” (DGR), and we refer to these terms below.

Guidelines for DGR-related Giving:

1. Bank Transfers Only:

To facilitate accurate and secure management of funds.

Account Name: LSCC Building Fund

BSB number: 033-009

Account number: 805316

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2. Recommended Minimum Donation Amount:

As tax receipts will be manually issued, we kindly ask that you keep the Building Fund contributions to a minimum of \$250. This will allow our team to better manage the administrative requirements for issuing tax receipts.

3. Issuing of Tax Receipts:

For all first-time donors, please kindly email lsc54@gmail.com with your full name and amount contributed. This will allow our finance team to correctly issue the tax receipt in a timely manner.

AFTERNOON SERVICE - EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH:

Emmanuel Baptist Church, a gospel-centred Indonesian speaking service, begins at 4pm every Sunday. All are welcome.

CHURCH HALL USAGE:

We kindly request that church users submit a request for the use of the church halls before hosting any events or gatherings. This will help us to avoid any clash of events and ensure a smooth experience for everyone. To make a request, simply contact the church secretary at lygonstcc.secretary@gmail.com.

ACCESSING BACK HALL AFTER CHURCH SERVICE:

The Children's Church Ministry team would like to thank you for your continuing cooperation not to access the back hall until 12.30 pm. It has been so helpful to the teachers and helpers for pacing their classes.

(If you need to use the toilets, we kindly ask that you use the front door and go around the building).

We also like to remind parents to **please come collect your children from their respective classes** at 12.30 pm.

NEXT SERMON SERIES

BIG QUESTIONS FOR GOD

HABAKKUK

05.05.2024/ HABAKKUK 1: 1-11/ IS GOD GOD PARALYSED?

12.05.2024/ HABAKKUK 1: 12-2:1/ IS GOD GOOD?

19.05.2024/ HABAKKUK 2: 2-20/ WILL GOD WIN?

**26.05.2024/ HABAKKUK 3:1-15/ LORD, HOW DID I
GET IT SO WRONG?**



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

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

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: Lygon St Church of Christ General Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593302

Building Fund – *For all our building-related costs*

Account Name: Lygon St Church of Christ Building Fund

BSB: 033-009

Account Number: 805316

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

Account Name: Lygon St Church of Christ Mission Fund

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593310

GETTING INVOLVED

SENIORS' MINISTRY

Senior ministry is taking well deserved break. Meeting will resume again in the new year. Please stay tune. For more information, contact Melvin.

M: 0402 227 506 | E: melvinwylo@gmail.com

CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

Carlton Gospel Fellowship (CGF):

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

54 Lygon Street, Carlton.

Feel free to visit our site: bit.ly/carltongf

For more information, you can follow us on:

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

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

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 our Children and Youth Group worker:

Alethea at 0419 932 412 or her team members, 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 11am.

For more information, contact our Children and Youth worker: Alethea at 0419 932 412 or her team member, Vut Wong at vut.wong@gmail.com or 0425 299 804.

PRAYER MEETING

The church prayer meeting is held online on Wednesdays via Zoom.

Time: **8pm - 9pm**

To obtain the link please contact Melvin.

M: 0402 227 506 | E: melvinwylo@gmail.com



GETTING INVOLVED

GROWTH GROUPS

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 melvinwyllo@gmail.com or 0402 227 506

KINDNESS GROUP

Meets in the Eastern suburbs on Friday evenings

PATIENCE GROUP - Jonathan Yu

Meets fortnightly in-person/online (alternating fortnights) in Moonee Ponds on Friday evenings

SELF CONTROL GROUP - Micky Low

Meets in Maribyrnong on Wednesday evenings weekly

PEACE GROUP- Chris Tan & Grace Wong

Meets in Mont Albert/ Doncaster on Friday evenings weekly

JOY GROUP - Joel Tan & Jason Lau

Meets on Zoom Friday evenings

FAITHFULNESS GROUP - Melvin Lo & Swee Yue Tan

Meets on Brunswick West/ Doncaster/ Essendon on Friday evenings weekly

LOVE IN ACTION



CGF Evangelistic Night | 20th April – Saturday

- We thank God for the opportunity to partner with Him in proclaiming Christ.
- Praise God for working in the hearts of the non-believers. Two students responded to Jesus' call to come to Him for salvation. Pray that our Lord will protect their faith in Him.
- Pray for the 'follow-up' that God will use it to help them grow in their faith.
- Pray for those who have heard the Gospel and not receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour will come to know Him.
- We thank God for all the helpers who made the evening possible.

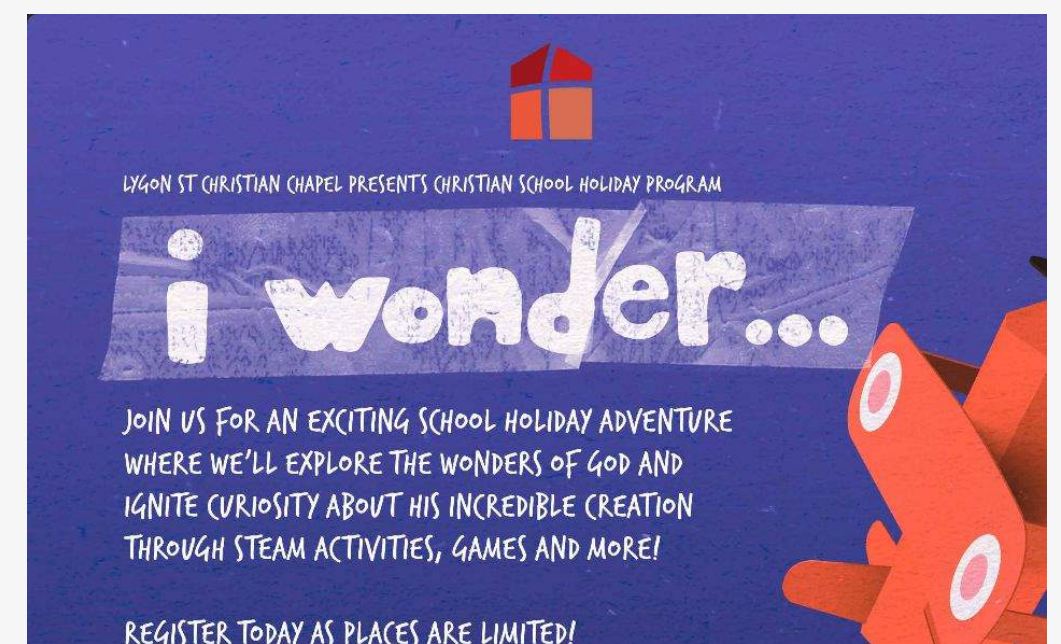
LYGON CHURCH & GOD'S WORLD

Last Sunday we looked at **Colossians 4:2-6** with Paul challenging his readers to be devoted in talking to God and in talking to others about God.

- Pray that we would be a church that is devoted to praying and not just keen on talking about praying.
- Pray that we would grasp increasingly the privilege of prayer and that we are coming to a generous heavenly Father.
- Praise God for the opportunity and privilege that we can be in partnership with Him in telling others about His Son, Jesus.
- Pray that we would be intentional in sharing the Gospel with friends and family who doesn't know Jesus.
- Pray for the salvation of our love ones who doesn't know Jesus.
- Pray for LSCC that we will see more growth numerically with many coming to know Him and spiritually as people grow towards maturity in Christ.

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MORE ABOUT OUR LYGON CHURCH FAMILY



Vacation Bible School:

- We thank God for the plan to implement VBS in July 2024.
- Pray for Alethea that as she hopes to organise a team of workers that God would raise the right people accordingly.
- Pray that VBS will not only take off but be effective in establishing contact with the community.
- Pray that many will be built and drawn closer to Jesus through VBS.
- Pray that many will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- Pray that there will be strong interest in VBS.

Sunday School & Youth Group:

Sunday School

- Please pray our Sunday School teachers as they prepare to teach their classes and the children that they will grow in their understanding of the lessons that the Bible teaches us.
- Pray for the VBS program that is coming up in July, pray for the planning team as they organise the program. We are also praying for God's provision for enough volunteers for the event.

Youth

- Pray for our Youth that they are able to enjoy the last week of their school holiday and will find rest and restoration before the beginning of term 2.
- Pray for the leaders, Swee Yue, Cindy and Alethea as they oversee the Youth Ministry. Please pray that God will raise up new leaders for our Youth Ministry.

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Seniors' Ministry:

- Pray for **Joseph Bautista's** ongoing health issues. His requirement for blood transfusion has been shortened to three weeks which would mean more regular visits to the hospital. Pray for improvement and continuing wisdom upon the doctors who manages his condition. Pray that through this time Joseph will continue to rest in the Lordship of Jesus who not only as Colossians 1 reminds He sustains His creation.
- Pray that **Don McCall** will enjoy safe travel to Western Australian.
- Pray for **Wesley Chow** as he continues to settle into his role as a trainee in staff at Southside Bible Church in Canberra.
- Pray that the seniors will continue to grow in Christ and our Lord's protection will be upon them.
- Pray that the seniors will continue to grow in Christ and our Lord's protection will be upon them

Carlton Gospel Fellowship:

- Pray for CGF's regular Friday meetings that it will continue to be a winsome meeting for Jesus.
- Pray for bible study leader's preparation as they set to help their group study God's word from Colossians 4:2-6 this coming Friday.
- Pray that CGFers will rest in Jesus the prize and finding sufficiency in Him.
- Pray for the non believers who have been attending that they will come to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.
- Praise God for the growth we have been seeing CGF. Pray for more to glory of our heavenly Father!

FIRST CAFÉ CORNER FOR 2024:

- Praise God that we are able to kickstart Café Corner again. Pray that God will use the space to enrich relationships and deepen our bond with one another.
- We thank God for the encouraging interest and for providing so many helpers in helping last Sunday's Cafe Corner run smoothly.
- We are looking for a coordinator. Pray that God will raise the right person for the role.

Church lunch ministry:

- Praise God for Jason Lau and his team of cooks and helpers who has served tirelessly in the ministry over the years.

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- Quite a few have availed themselves to be part of the team of cooks so far. Praise God for provision.
- We need more cooks and please continue to pray that God will provide.
- Pray for Jason and his team as they plan for the next church lunch which is this coming Sunday.

South-Side Garden development:

As the project starts, pray that the process will progress well. Pray for wisdom and fruitful working relationships in dealing with the local authorities as the board seek approval for all the permits. Pray for provision of funds and resources. Praise God for the opportunity to develop the space and be used for a variety of purpose.

DGR (*Deductible Gifts Recipients*):

Thank God for answering our prayer and that our DGR status remain intact and we are able to actively use it. We are thankful to God for those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes such as Renhaw Lim, Andrew Low, Zhi Hui Lee and Swee Yue Tan. Pray that God will continue provide for the maintenance needs for the building.

CROSS CULTURE - MISSION PARTNERS

YOKE LING WONG | Malaysia

- Please pray for the last Christianity Explored session this Sunday. We thank God for the people who have been faithfully coming each Sunday. Please pray that as they hear the Gospel through the book of Mark, God may be gracious to work in their hearts so that they will place their trust in Jesus.
- We have recently started our sermon series on the book of Revelation. Please pray that as we work through the book together, we will be reminded of the certainty of Christ's return, and wait for that day with patient endurance.
- Please pray for our Cathedral AGM next Saturday, that God will fill us with wisdom as we make decisions, and love as we relate to each other. Pray that in the decisions we make and in how we make them, we will glorify God and proclaim his kingdom in the world.

BIBLE READING

COLOSSIANS 4:7-18

Tychicus will tell you all the news about me. He is a dear brother, a faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord.

8 I am sending him to you for the express purpose that you may know about our circumstances and that he may encourage your hearts. **9**

He is coming with Onesimus, our faithful and dear brother, who is one of you. They will tell you everything that is happening here. **10** My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas.

(You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)

11 Jesus, who is called Justus, also sends greetings. These are the only Jews among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have proved a comfort to me.

12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings.

He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured. **13** I vouch for him that he is working hard for you and for those at Laodicea and Hierapolis. **14** Our dear friend Luke, the doctor, and Demas send greetings. **15** Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. **16** After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you in turn read the letter from Laodicea. **17** Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord." **18** I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.