



# THE FRIEND

11AM | 28 DECEMBER 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).



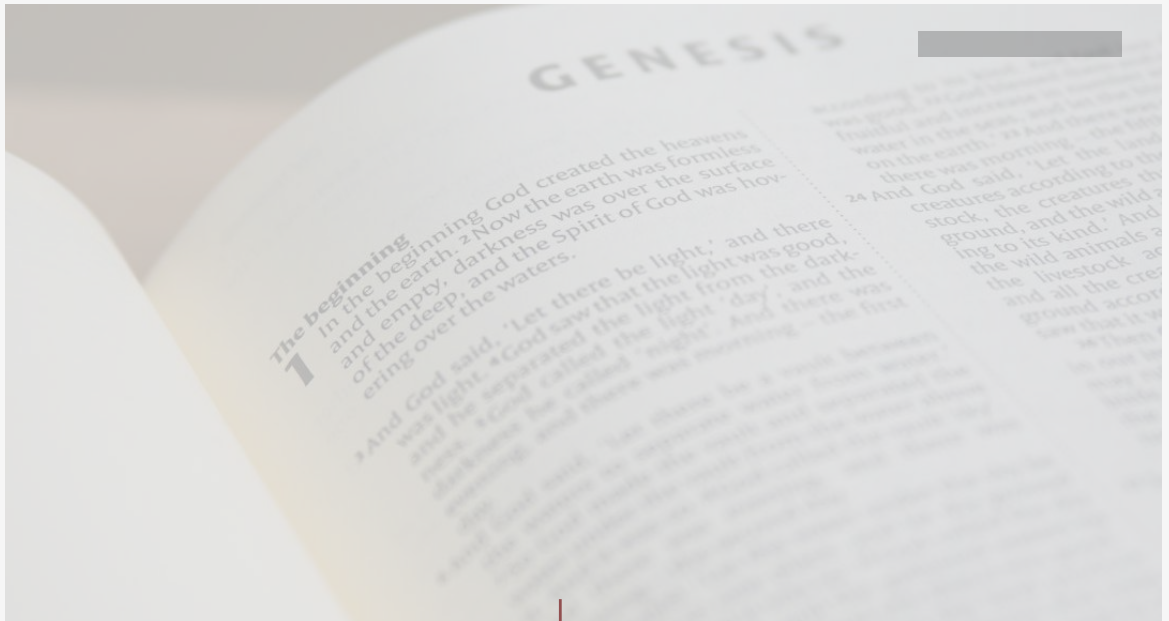
## OUR VISION & MISSION

*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: Luke 9:10-27

Sermon: The King's Provision

Closing song: In Christ Alone

Closing



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## 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



## **HEARTFELT THANK YOU & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

With joyful hearts, the LSCC Board extends a deep thank you to everyone who served so sincerely to make our Christmas services meaningful. It was a beautiful reminder of how many of you

serve our Lord tirelessly and with great joy all year long. Your perseverance in Christ and your commitment to His people here at LSCC mean so much to us.

We eagerly look forward to 2026 and to partnering with you to pursue even more opportunities for the gospel. May your new year be happy, joyful, blessed, and safe!

— The LSCC Board

## **WELCOME, BABY WESLEY!**

We rejoice with David and Joanna Nguyen on the arrival of their son, Wesley, born December 22nd, 2025. Praise God for his safe entry into the world and for Joanna's good health.

Let's surround this growing family with our prayers and congratulations!



## **PRAYER MEETING RECESS:**

Hi everyone, thank you all for praying for God's work through LSCC in 2025. We really appreciate your encouragement. Our final prayer meeting for the year would be on the 10th December 2025 before taking a brief recess. We will keep everyone informed as to when we are starting again for 2026. Stay tune!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **A NEW YEAR, A FRESH LOOK: JONAH!**

Join us this January as we dive into the exciting, surprising book of Jonah. In just four weeks, we'll rediscover the breathtaking depth of God's loving compassion for the world—and for us. This is a perfect series to invite a friend to! Together, we'll be encouraged by the God who relentlessly pursues, saves, and transforms.

### **The Compassionate God & The Reluctant Prophet**

A 4-Week Series at LSCC

- Jan 4 | God Pursuing! | Jonah 1:1-17
- Jan 11 | God Saving! | Jonah 2:1-10
- Jan 18 | God Convicting! | Jonah 3:1-10
- Jan 25 | God Pitying! | Jonah 4:1-10

Let's start 2026 with fresh eyes on God's gracious heart. We can't wait to see you there!

## **A NOTE ABOUT OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**

Starting today, our Children's Church will be taking a short recess to refresh and prepare for the new year. We look forward to seeing this wonderful ministry resume in early 2026.

In the meantime, we are joyfully inviting all our children to join the congregation in the front chapel for worship. Let's embrace this special season of worshiping together as one church family, from the youngest to the oldest. Please help us give our children a warm welcome!

We're grateful for this time to all gather together at the feet of Jesus.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **PASTOR MELVIN - LEAVE:**

A Note from Pastor Melvin & Swee Yue

Dear Church Family,

With joyful hearts, we want to let you know that Melvin will be taking leave from December 20th, 2025, through January 8th, 2026.

During this time, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our wonderful church board members with any questions or needs you may have. They are here for you.

Once again, both Swee Yue and I want to express our deep gratitude for your love for Jesus and for this church. Serving alongside you is a true joy and encouragement to us both. We look forward to 2026 and to continuing our partnership in the gospel!

With much thankfulness and anticipation,

Melvin & Swee Yue

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!



## NEXT SERMON SERIES



# The Kingdom has Come!

*The book of Luke*

- 16.11.25 / Luke 1:1 - 2:40 / Nothing is Impossible*  
*23.11.25 / Luke 2:41 - 4:13 / Walking in Our Shoes*  
*30.11.25 / Luke 4:14 - 5:39 / Into the Kingdom*  
*07.12.25 / Luke 6:1 - 7:50 / How to be Happy*  
*14.12.25 / Luke 8:1-56 / Of Soils and Storms*  
*21.12.25 / Luke 9:1-62 / Following the King*  
*25.12.25 - Christmas Day*  
*28.12.25 / Luke 10:1 - 11:36 / You Know the Kingdom*  
*04.01.26 / Luke 11:37 - 12:34 / Freed from Worry*



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

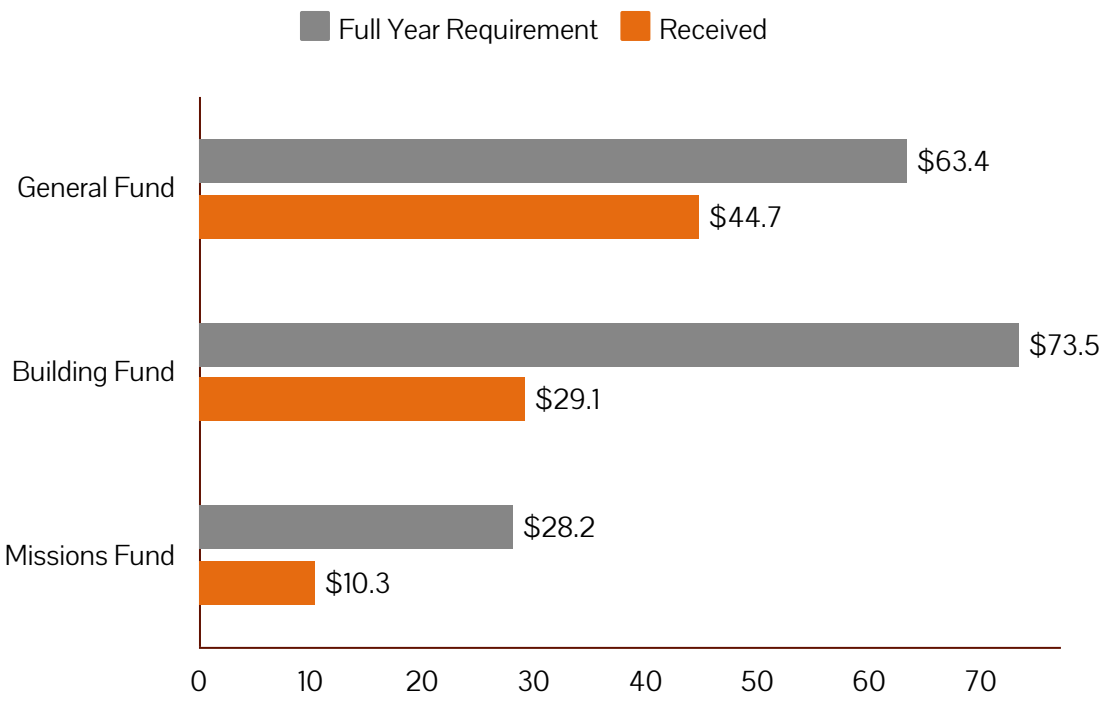
*Live Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>*



# CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

We have undertaken a budget revision to reflect some of the recent changes. Please refer to the below for the latest budget figures

**FY2026 Budget vs Actuals ('000)**  
**YTD 15 December 2025**



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2025 to 15 December 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,219	\$1,862	\$29,262	\$44,683	\$15,421
Building Fund	\$1,413	\$1,210	\$33,923	\$29,050	(\$4,873)
Missions Fund	\$542	\$430	\$13,015	\$10,327	(\$2,688)

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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.



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## 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 Friday evenings for singing, Bible discussions, and activities.

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information, contact Swee Yue Tan at [sweeyuetan@gmail.com](mailto:sweeyuetan@gmail.com) or Godfrey Ong at [jinwen.ong@gmail.com](mailto:jinwen.ong@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: Siew Yuen 0432 890 499 or Dicky 0478 884 438

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## **MISSION PARTNERS | Shao Xiong, Levene and Emma:**

*Brief extract of what we can pray for them as they serve in Japan from their latest bulletin:*

- We are grateful that Oka sensei was discharged from the hospital just in time for Christmas! However, he is still not well and is supposed to be recovering at home. We are unsure how much of the ministry load he is able to pick up and we hope that you will continue to pray alongside us for his continued recovery.
- Shao finally passed his driving test! After 3 failed attempts (Japanese driving testers are notoriously strict), he managed to pass on the 4th try! It is a big relief for our family because he is now able to help with dropping and picking up Emma from kindergarten.
- Emma has adapted so well to kindergarten in a few short months, from not being able to speak Japanese at all, to having a full 20 min conversation with her teacher on their daily walks. She has also made many friends and keeps inviting them to church events and to our house. She is our little missionary!
- Finally, we would like to share with you that we are expecting a second child in July next year! Emma has been praying specifically for this, and we know some of you have been too ;) Do pray for Levene and the baby to continue to be safe and healthy.

For the complete bulletin, please click on this link:

<https://bit.ly/shaoleveneDec2025>



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## 🙏 Praise & Thanksgiving

*Let's joyfully thank God for the safe arrival of baby Wesley on December 22nd 2025! We're so grateful for answered prayers over David and Joanna's successful pregnancy.*

**For New Parents:** *Uplift David and Joanna as they embark on this beautiful journey of parenthood. Pray for God's grace, wisdom, and abundant joy as they adapt to their new roles and welcome Wesley into their family.*



## With Grateful Hearts for Our Christmas Service:

- Thank you, Lord, for a wonderful service that beautifully centered our praise on Jesus, our Saviour.
- We give thanks for Brian Harper's faithful and clear preaching. May the seeds of Your Word planted in hearts continue to grow, drawing many closer to Christ.
- We're grateful for every person who served—from organising, to providing refreshments, to the children's presentation. Bless each one.
- Please multiply the gospel efforts of all Victoria churches this season, letting the joy of Christ resonate long after the decorations are packed away

## Looking Ahead to 2026:

- We praise You for Your gracious faithfulness to LSCC throughout 2025, for sustaining us and helping us grow in Your grace.
- As we enter a new year, we pray for dependent hearts that rest in You. Keep us faithful and clear in proclaiming Jesus Christ above all.
- We ask for open doors and open hearts—that many in our community would come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
- Deepen our love for You and for each other, binding us together in genuine care and fellowship.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## Praying for Our People & Opportunities

- **Friends & Family Exploring Faith:** Praise God for their curiosity; pray they respond to Jesus' call with open hearts.
- **Travel Safety:** Ask God to protect all who are traveling to visit loved ones or for work.

## Practical Needs & Leadership

- **Building & Finances:** Thank God for the temporary pipe repair! Pray for lasting solutions, generous provision, and wisdom for the board.
- **Heating/Cooling System:** Pray for discernment as the board explores efficient long-term options.
- **Leadership:** Pray for Melvin Lo and the elders as they plan next year's preaching and study programs.
- **2026 Church Camp:** Thank God for Christian Ong as our coordinator! Pray for a great team and a suitable campsite.

## MANY ARE AWAY!

- Pray for our Lord's protection to be upon the many who are travelling during this holiday period.
- Pray that they would enjoy a restful break and wonderful reunion with their family and friends.
- Pray for the salvation of the loved ones who do not know Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

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# BIBLE READING

## LUKE 9:10-27

**10**When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, **11**but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing.

**12**Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here." **13**He replied, "You give them something to eat." **14**They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish-- unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About five thousand men were there.) **15**But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." The disciples did so, and everybody sat down. **16**Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people. **17**They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. **18**Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

**19**They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

**20**"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

**21**Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. **22**And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." **23**Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

**24**For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. **25**What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

**26**If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. **27**I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God."