



THE FRIEND

11AM | 14 DECEMBER 2025

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).



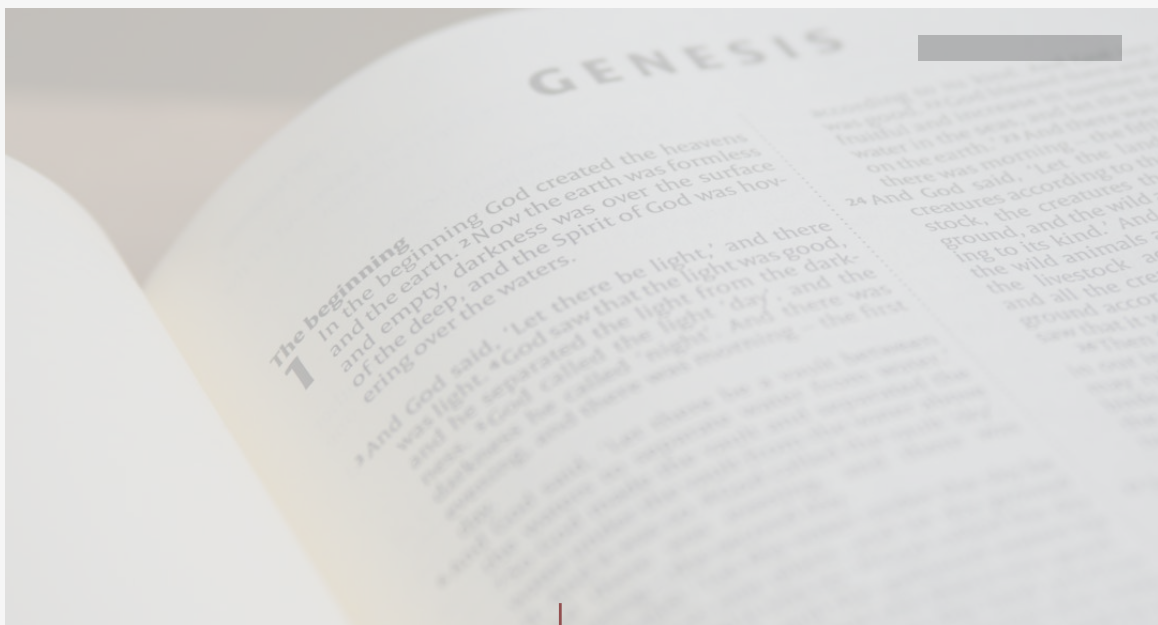
OUR VISION & MISSION

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

Bible reading: Luke 8:1-18

Sermon: Responding to the King

Communion

Closing song

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



ARRIVAL OF BABY ASHTON!

We rejoice with Shane and Dolly Goh on the arrival of their son, Ashton Goh! Ashton made his debut on the afternoon of December 9th.

The proud and happy parents are thankful to God for a successful pregnancy and for the prayers of our LSCC family. They would appreciate our continued prayers for Dolly's smooth recovery from her C-section. Let's surround this growing family with our love and congratulations

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:

Amid the gifts and gatherings, come and be centered on the greatest gift of all. On Christmas morning, **December 25th**, we welcome you to a **10:00 AM** service of carols and celebration. Brian Harper will open God's Word to share a message on the profound reason for Jesus' coming.

We encourage you to invite others to this warm and welcoming service, ending around **11:15 AM**. Let's point our hearts and our community to the wonder of Emmanuel, God with us.

There will be refreshments served after the service at the backhall. Please bring a plate!

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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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!

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CARPARK REMINDER:

We would like to gently remind everyone who uses our carpark on Sunday to ensure that you move your vehicles out of the carpark by 3 pm. This will allow our brothers and sisters from the EBC church to start using the carpark space uninterrupted from 3 pm onwards. We thank you for your understanding and kind consideration in this matter.

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 Sails 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



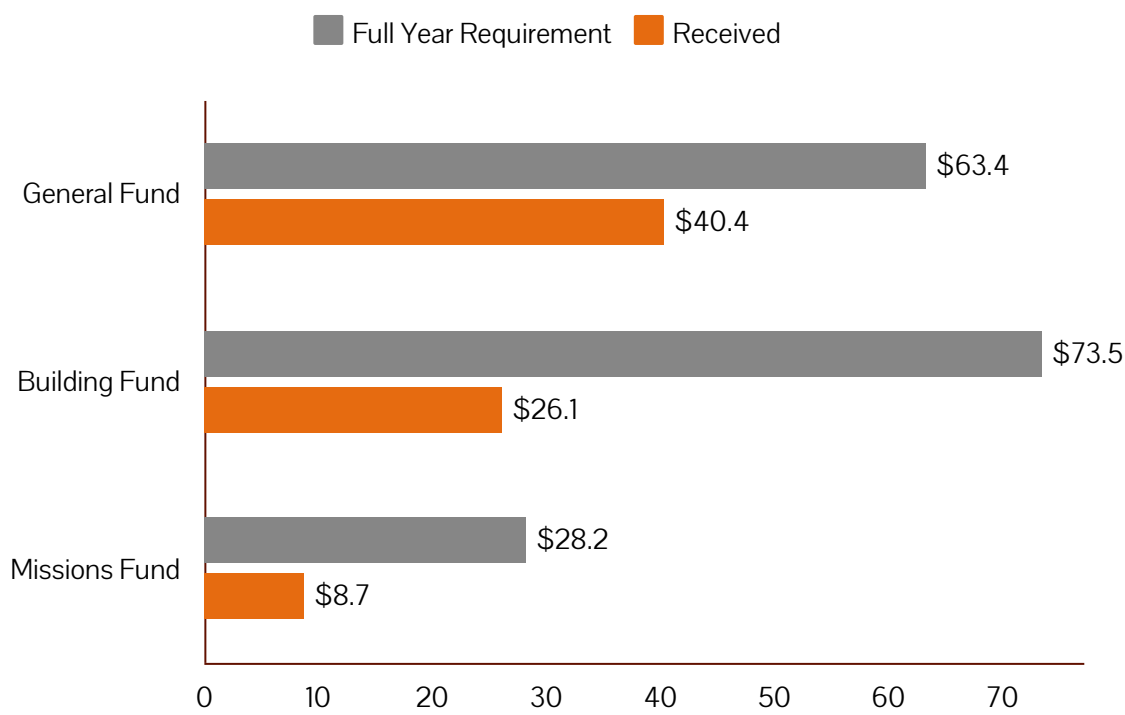
Lygon Street Christian Church
54 Lygon Street
Carlton, VIC 3053
11am (Melbourne time)

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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 30 November 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2025 to 30 November 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,219	\$1,848	\$26,649	\$40,384	\$13,735
Building Fund	\$1,413	\$1,192	\$30,894	\$26,050	(\$4,844)
Missions Fund	\$542	\$400	\$11,853	\$8,737	(\$3,116)

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 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 or Godfrey Ong at 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 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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🙏 Praise & Thanksgiving

Praise & Thanksgiving: Let's joyfully thank God for the safe arrival of baby Ashton Goh on December 9th! We're so grateful for answered prayers over Dolly and Shane Goh's successful pregnancy and for Dolly's health.



- For Recovery: Please pray for Dolly, asking God to grant her a smooth, quick, and complete recovery from her C-section.
- For New Parents: Uplift Shane and Dolly 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 Ashton into their family.

LSCC Prayer Meetings

- Praise God for His faithful presence at our Prayer Meetings, where we've seen Him answer prayer in wonderful ways.
- We thank God for sustaining LSCC and helping us grow in maturity and number this past year.
- Pray that as a church we would remain humble and depend on Jesus in everything.
- Pray that more would be part of 2026 prayer meeting ministry.

🙏 Praying for Our Church & Mission

- **Christmas Outreach:** Pray that many would discover the true hope of Jesus this season.
- **Pray for Brian Harper** who would be speaking on the Christmas Day service that our Lord would use his message to draw many to Jesus.
- **Sermon Series – “The Coming Kingdom”:** Ask God to use our time in Luke's Gospel to strengthen faith and welcome seekers.
- **Last Sunday:** Thank God for the powerful reminder of Jesus' offer for the ultimate rest in him from Luke 6:1-11.
- **This Sunday:** Pray for Melvin Lo as he speaks from Luke 8:1-18, for clarity and faithfulness. As we look at Jesus' Kingdom expand which is through his word falling on the good soil; please pray that LSCC would be a church that is responsive to his word.

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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.

For Our Youth Ministry to Flourish

- **Give Thanks for Our Youth:** Join us in praising God for last Saturday's wonderful Youth Gathering! We thank Him for the encouraging turnout, for Oi Lee's fun cooking lessons, and for all the leaders and helpers who served. It was a joy to see our CGFers helping—a beautiful picture of the Body of Christ in action.
- **Pray for Our Youth:** Let's pray that the young people who came will return, build meaningful connections, and come to know Jesus personally as their Lord and Savior. Ask God to deepen this work and draw many to Himself.



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CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

- **A Year of Grace:** Join us in giving thanks for a wonderful year of CGF! Let's praise God for His faithful provision and for the many ways He has been at work among the students.
- **Celebrating Matthias and Kai:** We are rejoicing with **Matthias Ong** and **Kai**, who welcomed Jesus as his Saviour this year! Pray that his faith would continue to grow deep roots and that his life would shine brightly for Christ.
- **Open Hearts:** Please pray for the many friends who have been attending with open and seeking hearts. Ask that God would make Himself known to them in powerful ways and draw them into a saving relationship with Him.
- **Planning for 2026:** As CGF takes a break, pray for the committee as they plan for the year ahead. Ask God for wisdom, creativity, and unity as they prepare for February.
- **New Leaders:** Pray for God to provide passionate and caring leaders to serve in 2026, especially as we thank Him for those who are graduating and moving on.
- **A Growing Fellowship:** Let's ask the Lord to prepare even more students to be part of CGF in the new year, creating a community where many can find life and hope in Jesus.

🙏 For Our Seniors Ministry

• We rejoice over the wonderful buffet lunch and rich fellowship enjoyed last Saturday! Thank You, God, for that joy and for the new friends who joined. We pray they feel welcomed to visit LSCC soon.



- We're so thankful for the lively discussions and growing enthusiasm in the Seniors' Bible Study as they explore Ephesians together.
- Let's give thanks for the faithful leadership of Don McCall, Min Thong Lee, and Emma Tan. Bless them as they serve.

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Health & Healing

- Please join us in praying for **Neil Hawthorn**, asking God for relief from vertigo and wisdom for his medical team planning epilepsy surgery. May he feel God's comforting presence during seizures.
- We lift up **Joseph Bautista**, asking for God's healing from blood complications and for success in his upcoming procedures.
- Pray for **Edwin Tai** to know God's strength during dialysis, and for **Emily Tai** to find relief from back pain. May God's perfect peace sustain them both.

Travel & Safety

- Pray for traveling mercies and a truly restful, refreshing break for **Don McCall** as he journeys in WA.



Continuing to Pray for Our Seniors

- Pray that as the group studies Ephesians, everyone would be captivated anew by the incredible depth of Christ's love for them.
- Ask God to knit this ministry even closer together—a true family, growing richer in love for Jesus and for one another, becoming a deep well of support and encouragement.

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GROWTH GROUPS (Home Bible Study Ministry) MATTERS:

For Our Growth Groups

- Let's thank God for the gift of studying His Word together each week.
- Pray that every member would grow in their love for God and for one another, building each other up in faith.

New & Expectant Families

- Let's lift up our expectant mothers—Joanna Lay, Angela Lee, and Dolly Chew. Pray for healthy pregnancies, good rest, and joyful anticipation for their families.

Needs in Our Community

- **Thanks!** We celebrate God's amazing provision for those who have recently found work!
- For those seeking employment, pray that God would open the right doors and fill their hearts with hope and patience.
- For our friends and family who don't yet know Jesus, pray they would come to know His eternal hope and saving grace.

BIBLE READING 1

LUKE 8:1-18

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, **2** and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; **3** Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. **4** While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: **5** "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. **6** Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." **9** His disciples asked him what this parable meant. **10** He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though

seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. **12** Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. **13** Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. **14** The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. **15** But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

16 "No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. **17** For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. **18** Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him."