



THE FRIEND

11AM | 14 SEPTEMBER 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).



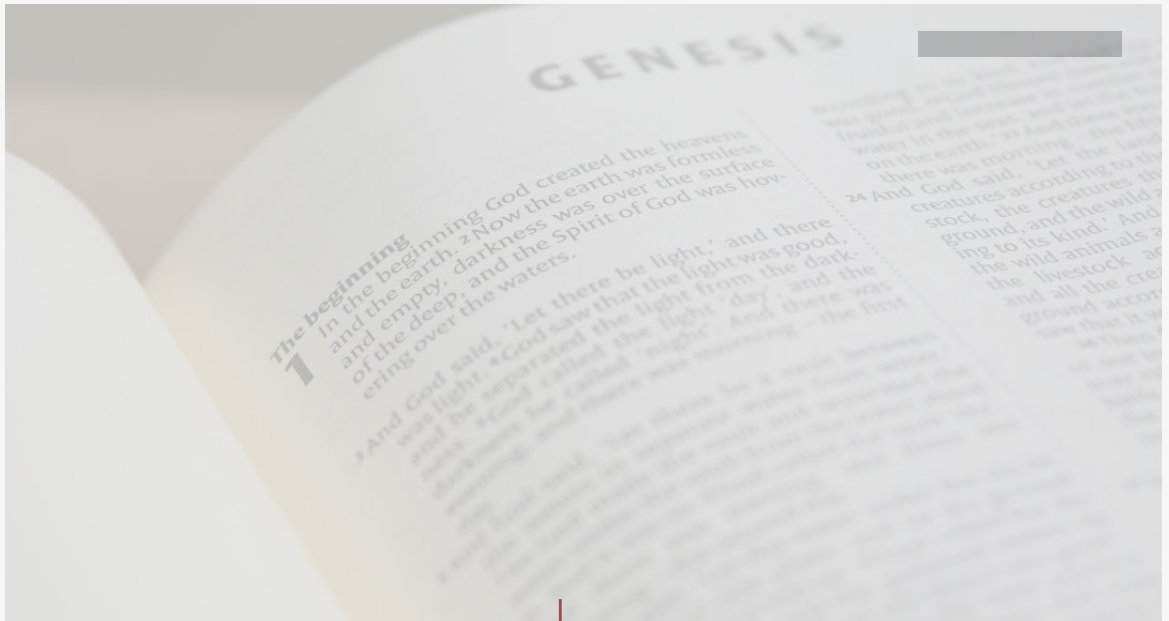
OUR VISION & MISSION

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: Ephesians 6: 10-24

Sermon: Ready for the battle

Closing song: O Church Arise

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



PLUMBING ISSUE

Hello, church family! We're writing to let you know about a small, temporary hurdle we're facing with a drainage blockage. We are on it and hope to have it completely resolved as soon as possible. In the meantime, we'd be so grateful if you could help us by **using the restroom in the Mother's Room (Seniors - priority)** or the **portable facilities in the parking lot** instead of the ones in the back hall. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause! Thank you for your grace and flexibility!

CHURCH LUNCH

Join us in the back hall after service for lunch and fellowship. Our first time guests are our special guests - your lunch is complimentary as our gift to you! For others, we suggest a \$5 donation per adult (kids under 12 are free). Come and enjoy this wonderful time together.

FRONT GARDEN WORKING BEE

We will be holding a Working Bee on **11th October 2025** (Sat) from 9.30am dedicated to renovating the garden at the front of the chapel. Whether you're a green thumb or a brown thumb, all are very welcome to join in the effort for any period of time you are available.

Kindly reach out to Fay Trevethick for any further questions or to confirm your availability.

CARPARK


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.

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Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection

SEND A GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX!



Samaritan's Purse
OPERATION
Christmas Child

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organisation. This project is a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts.


We collect the gift-filled shoeboxes and send them to local partners around the world that use them as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving gift-filled shoeboxes, many children accept an invitation to participate in *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program and millions of children each year are making decisions to follow Christ.

Since 1993, more than **232 million** children in more than 100 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and over **23 million** children have made decisions to follow Christ after participating in *The Greatest Journey*. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

A simple gift-filled shoebox is making an eternal difference. Will you pack a shoebox this year and share the hope of Jesus with children all over the world?

NATIONAL COLLECTION
OCTOBER 13-27

Scan code for inspiring stories and to find out more about Operation Christmas Child



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Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection



HOW TO GET INVOLVED

7 SEP & 14 SEP	Pick up a shoebox or give a donation
5 OCT & 12 OCT	Drop off packed shoeboxes and shipping cost*

*\$12.50 shipping cost will be subsidised by donations collected



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Women's Ministry Event

LSCC Women's Ministry

PARENTING WORKSHOP

Saturday
4th October 2025

PANEL:
Sharon Catchpoole,
Annaliese Tesdorpf,
&
Swee Yue Tan

LSCC front hall
9:30am - 12:00pm
FREE - Everyone is welcome
Morning tea included

RSVP [here](#)

Questions? Speak to either Swee Yue,
Stephani, Jill, Rachel, or Eileen

Please put in your questions for the panel :

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiBbTQL-rS50XBIIIdkGYilv939nyTo1_eBb2yUfdlCTcWRZQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=108585207251889337590

NEXT SERMON SERIES



STANDING FIRM

21/09/2025
2 Peter 1:1-15
How to keep
from
stumbling

28/09/2025
2 Peter 1:16-
2:10
Danger &
Judgement

05/10/2025
2 Peter 2:10-
22
Don't wander
off

12/10/2025
2 Peter 3:1-18
How to wait
for the second
coming

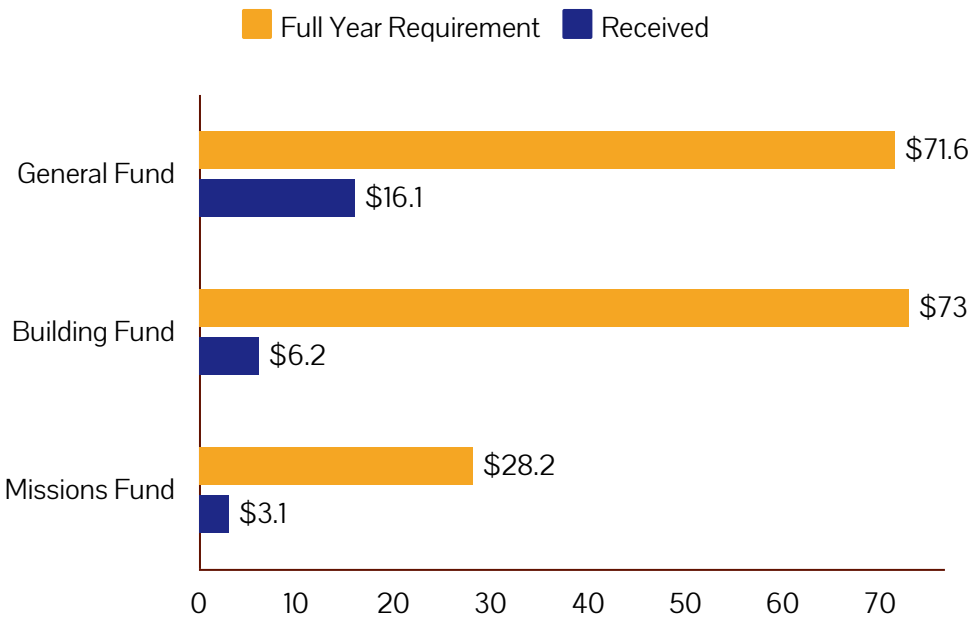
Lygon Street Christian Chapel
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC 3053

11 am service

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

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

FY2026 Budget vs Actuals ('000)
YTD 31 August 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2025 to 31 August 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,377	\$1,821	\$12,196	\$16,127	\$3,931
Building Fund	\$1,404	\$698	\$12,434	\$6,180	(\$6,254)
Missions Fund	\$542	\$355	\$4,803	\$3,145	(\$1,658)

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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CROSS CULTURE - Mission Partners

David & Cathy Walter / AFES – Australia/Pacific Islands

I'm writing to you from Fiji, as I prepare to fly to the Solomons tomorrow, in time for the official start of SPARC (the South Pacific Regional Conference) on Thursday.



The last month has been heavy with meetings and preparations for various things on various fronts. But now it's back into the islands and time for my major event for the year.

I'm feeling quite tired and Cathy (who will fly from Brisbane to the Solomons tomorrow) is feeling less than fully healthy.

Please pray...

- for safety in travel for us and all participants
- for health and energy
- that as we dig into Ephesians, we will all know who we are in Christ more deeply, and will live like it's true
- for patience and good cultural understanding for all
- that God would use SPARC to grow our theological, relational and missional unity
- that God would use SPARC as a launching point for planting new ministries in the region, as He has in the past

Kelvin Loo & Yen Ping / Pioneers - Thailand

Prayer Points

- Praise God for our time of Home Assignment.
- Strength, wisdom, and favour as we plan for the September-October Next Step training.
- Kelvin's DMin. Kelvin's thesis is on Sabbath for the C workers. We hold a one-day silent retreat for the workers to rest and focus on God in most of our trainings. There has been much positive informal feedback on how this simple time has blessed the participants in their relationship with God. Pray that Kelvin will be able to complete all the necessary DMin work by the upcoming Next Step training, so that he can gather some formal feedback for his doctorate this time.

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- The number of trainings and care that our larger team here is providing is increasing. It can be emotionally and spiritually draining as we bear the burdens of the precious ones who come to us for care and training. This has reached a stage where we need to consider how much we can commit to individually, as well as to the team, so that we can continue to minister healthily. Pray for us in this.
- For our family to manage the transitions between countries well. As adults, we can sometimes feel overwhelmed in navigating the various systems of each country in which we are involved. Our children feel it too, but may not be able to express it. Pray that we will be able to help our kids cope and even thrive as Third Culture Kids (TCKs).

Shao Xiong, Levene & Emma / OMF - Japan

Prayer points:

- Thanksgiving that Emma is starting to adapt well to living here in Yamagata, and that we were able to settle most of the administrative and logistical matters and settle down.
- Pray for Levene as she begins her driving lessons (all in Japanese!) at a driving school on 26th August. We hope that she will be able to obtain her Japanese driving license by October.
- Shao is still waiting for an appointment to submit his documents at the driving center (and it seems that it can only happen earliest in December), and book yet another driving test. Pray that the process will go smoothly and that he will be at peace with the waiting.
- Pray for Oka sensei, who continues to preach and serve in church every week even though his health is deteriorating. Pray for his wife Yoshimi-san who now has to shoulder most of the responsibilities of running the church.

Click on this link to view their latest complete update:

<https://bit.ly/shaoleveneAug2025>

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LSCC and other Matters

PIPES!

- Our toilets are not working happily because the pipes are blocked and the plumbers are struggling to resolve the issue. Please pray that the issue would be fixed soon.

COMING SUNDAY

- Melvin is covering the final talk from Ephesians on Ephesians 6.10-24 on the coming Sunday. Please pray for good preparation and faithfulness. Pray that God will use the talk to build up his church. Melvin is also preaching at CGF this Friday on 'Worship and the place of music/singing'. Pray that the talk would be instructive and helpful.
- There will be church lunch on Sunday. Please pray that our Lord will use the time to draw the people closer.
- Pray for the visitors that they would feel welcomed and accepted in LSCC.
- Pray that the non-believers would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

PASTORAL EXPANSION

- Pray that our Lord will lead the right person to LSCC as we seek to expand the pastoral staff.
- Pray for wisdom amongst the Eldership and Board as they pursue leads and potential candidates.

GROWTH

- Praise God for his grace and oversight of LSCC.
- Pray that LSCC will be Christ centred in all its ministries.

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GROWTH GROUPS (Home Bible Study Ministry) MATTERS:

- Please pray for successful pregnancy for Joanna Lay who is expecting. It would be David and Joanna's first baby and praise God for his gracious provision.
- Please continue to pray for parents who just gave birth recently that they will continue to adapt to the changes that the arrival of the new baby brings. Praise God that Zhi Hui, Edward with their baby Elsie and Eleanor, Justin with their baby, Chloe is all well.
- Please continue to pray for all the parents that they would grow in their Christlikeness and be Christlike in their bringing of their children.

Pray for those who are suffering from severe illness and those caring for them.

- Romans 12:15 says to us, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Pray that as we weep with the heartbroken, that we would be compassionate, patient and speak wise thoughtful words.
- Pray for healing for those suffering with cancer and mental health issues.
- Pray that their eyes would be lifted to look at our kind Lord and their hearts resting in him while they walk through the dark valleys of the broken world of which we are part of.

We live in uncertain times with an uncertain economy, uncertain employment, uncertain future, etc.

- Pray for those looking for employment opportunities that doors would be opened to them. Pray that they will continue on trying and resting in our Lord who provides.
- Deut.31:8 says, "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." To those who are feeling anxious over the future pray that our Lord would be their anchor and the rock they can rest in.
- Pray that they would make wise godly decisions daily at home and in their work place.
- Pray for all the young families that our Lord would strengthen them to be godly parents.
- Many of the member's love ones are not Christians. Please pray that they will come to know Jesus' love for them and that they will respond to his call to come to him.

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Growth Group Ministries.

- Praise God for Bec Low's availability and she's now leading Kindness Group that meets in the Eastern suburbs. Pray that our Lord would continue to help her in her service to the group.
- Members of Faithfulness have also moved to Joy Group to support the ongoing ministry. Pray that the members would settle quickly and that the gospel culture would continue to flourish in Joy.
- Jason and Yi Chin, who has kindly serve as our church lunch coordinators for many years and also as leader for Joy Group is also relocating to Brisbane for work. Pray for their planning and the process involved in the move that it would be smooth. Pray that our Lord will help them settle into the life of a gospel centred church quickly when they move to Brisbane.
- Praise God that Siew Yuen Loh (coordinator) and Dicky Tanumihardja (assistant coordinator) will be taking over from Jason Lau in overseeing the Church Lunch Ministry. Pray that this new team will be strengthened to serve our Lord faithfully and joyfully.
- Pray for those away to visit friends and family or work would be kept safe. They are Oi Lee Chan (Malaysia) and Daniel Church (Spain).
- Pray that the Growth Groups would continue to grow in Jesus and love for each other. Pray as they study Ephesians that God's Word would dwell richly in their hearts.

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CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY:

Please continue to pray for all the teachers, helpers and parents that they would remain steadfast in living a faithful, thankful lives to Jesus Christ and so be as wonderful testimony for him before the children.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Parenting Workshop:

- How do I bring my child up in the Lord (panel, including Sharon Catchpoole). Saturday 4th October 2025, 9.30am to 12.00pm, at LSCC Church. Please put in your questions for the panel by next Sunday 17 August:
- Praise God for the opportunity to parents to be equipped and encouraged through this workshop.
- Pray for Sharon and her team to be faithful and clear.
- Pray for encouraging interest in the workshop.
- Praise God for the organising committee that and pray that they would be strengthened for the work.

CGF - CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

- Pray that the newcomers would continue to be able to integrate well into the life of CGF and the church.
- Pray that our Lord would continue to grant the leaders energy in following up on the newcomers.
- Praise God for all the upcoming programs that it will be organised well and it would help the new and older students get to know each other better.
- Pray for those looking for employment opportunities that our Lord would open doors for them.
- Pray that there will be continuing spiritual and numerical growth in the fellowship.

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SENIORS CORNER:

- Praise God for the Seniors in LSCC's desire to study God's Word. As they started on studying from Ephesians, pray that they would realise in greater depth of Jesus' love for them. Pray that the seniors would grow in their sufficiency in our Lord Jesus.
- Pray for **Don McCall, Min Thong Lee, Emma Tan** who helps organises events and leads the bible study that they would prepare well for the studies. Praise God for their faithfulness and pray that our Lord would enable them to serve him with joy.
- We also **thank God** for their perseverance in Jesus and for being a model to the younger saints in LSCC on what it means to be faithful to Christ.
- Pray for **Neil Hawthorn** as he experiences vertigo from time to time that our Lord would watch over him and provide him with relief. Pray as the doctors, surgeons are preparing for his upcoming surgery that our Lord would help them. Pray that the surgery would be successful and addressing Neil's epilepsy. Pray for our Lord's comfort, protection and provision upon Neil especially in the moments when he's experiencing seizure.
- Pray for **Joseph Bautista** and others who wrestle with blood complications that our Lord would bring healing. Pray that as they undergo their regular medical procedures our Lord would use it to bring them relief.
- Pray for **Edwin Tai** as he undergoes regular dialysis that our Lord too would continue to help him draw upon our Lord's unlimited grace. Pray for **Emily Tai** too that our Lord would continue to watch over her.
- Pray for **John and Kim Wong** that our Lord's protection would be upon them as they travel to China in the upcoming weeks.
- Pray that our seniors would continue to grow in Christ and in love for one another.

BIBLE READING

EPHESIANS 6: 10-24

6 **10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, **15** and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. **16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. **19** Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. **21** Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. **22** I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. **23** Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **24** Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.