



THE FRIEND

11AM | 24 MARCH 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).



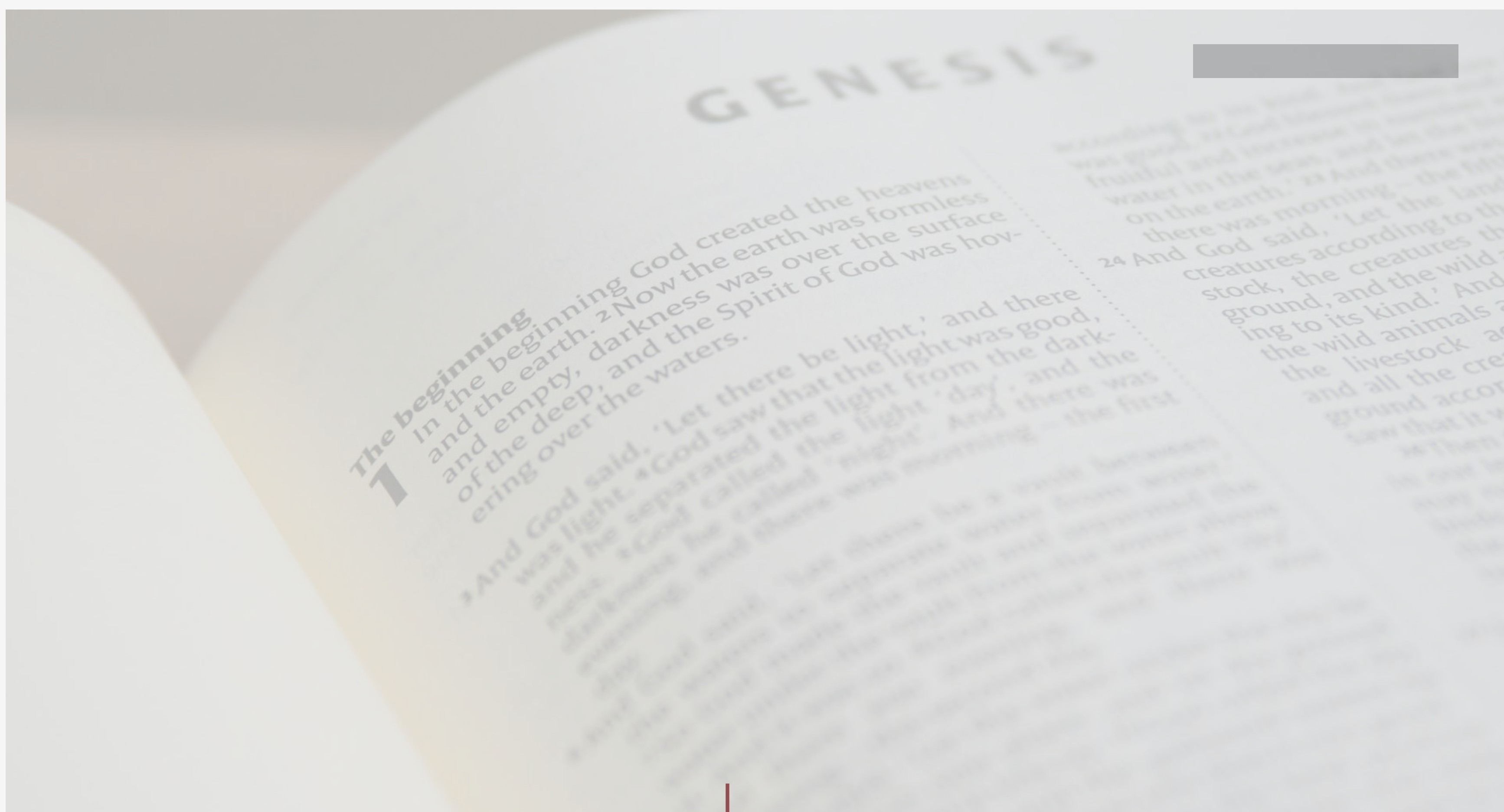
OUR VISION & MISSION

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 2:6-23

Message: Avoiding Capture

Closing song: Christ, Our Hope in Life & Death

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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GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS PAID IT ALL

SHAME	PAID
REGRET	PAID
HURT	PAID
UNFORGIVENESS	PAID
ANGER	PAID
LUST	PAID
PAST MISTAKES	PAID
FAILING TO DO GOOD	PAID
SIN	PAID



DEBT PAID

Change 0.00

SUBTOTAL 0.00

GRAND TOTAL 0.00

*GST Included in Total

LYGON STREET CHRISTIAN CHAPEL

<https://lsc.org.au>

54 Lygon Street, Carlton 3053

Good Friday service

29/03/2024

10 AM

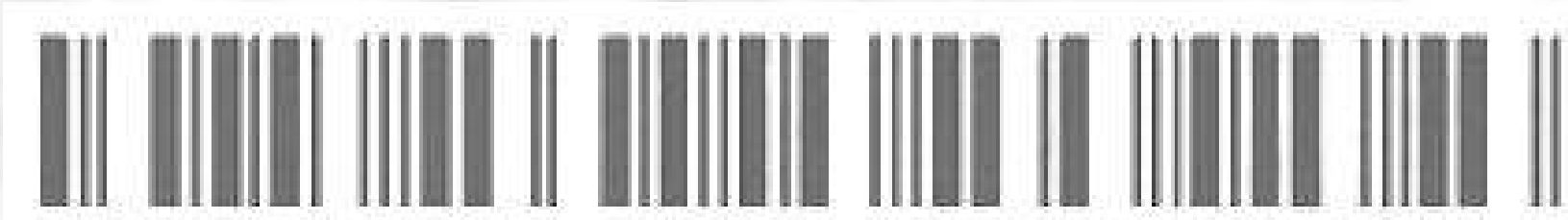
Easter Sunday service

31/03/2024

11 AM

FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE
GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS

ROMANS 6:23



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GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SERVICE:

Good Friday this year is on the 29th March 2024. There will be a service on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It will be a great opportunity to participate by praying and thinking of someone you can invite to the service to hear from the Bible why 'Good Friday' is good. Please use the available hard copies of Good Friday leaflets or forward the electronic leaflets as invites.

Good Friday (10 AM) - 29th March 2024 | Mark 15:16-19 - How is this death good?

Easter Sunday (11 AM) - 31st March 2024 | Mark 16:1-8 - He is risen!

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS WORKSHOP:

The eldership is planning for a workshop with the aim of encouraging and equipping bible study leaders and helpers. We like to encourage bible study leaders, helpers, trainees from all the groups in LSCC such as CGF, Growth Groups and etc to be part of this workshop.

Date: **6th April 2024 (Saturday)**

Time: *To be advised*

Venue: **LSCC Back hall**

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (VBS)

We are planning to run VBS (Vacation Bible School) for Primary School Children during the first week of the July School Holiday on the 1st - 5th of July. We are looking for some volunteers to help with the planning and implementation of the event. If you are interested or would like to know more, please reach out to Alethea (0419932412) or the Sunday School Committee for more information.

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CGF & EASTER CAMP:

CGF is preparing to attend the Belgrave Heights Easter Convention again this year! Registration with CGF is now open - we'd love to attend the Easter convention with you!

When: 29 March - 01 April 2024

Where: Belgrave Heights Convention Centre

CGF will be staying overnight at the convention centre. Apply early to secure a spot! Day trips welcome. Food included for all applications. More details (i.e. cost) at our sign-up link! Or, reach out to Godfrey, Arthur, or Abigail Mak for assistance!

Registration closes 15 March 2024

Sign up via the QR Code, or by clicking the link
<http://tinyurl.com/CGFEaster2024>



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!!!

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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)

BAPTISM

The baptism class is now available for you to register. If you are interested in getting baptised and like to find out more as to what baptism is, please contact Melvin for the details (Mob: 0402227506 | E: melvinwylo@gmail.com)

CGF (Carlton Gospel Fellowship)

CGF have started meeting for 2024. They kickstarted with their summer program last Friday (9th Feb) celebrating the Chinese New year. Their regular programme will commence 16th Feb. More details on Instagram @carltongf

Date: Every Friday

Time: 7 - 9:30PM

Location: Back Hall of LSCC

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CHURCH FINANCE: FY 2024 Budget

FY24 - FEB'24 Year-to-date Tithing Update

General Fund - Full year tracking



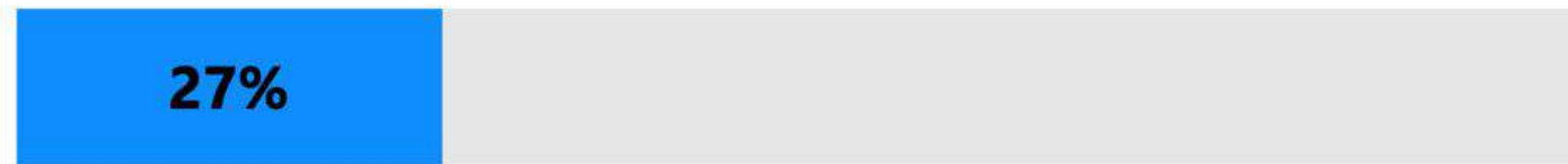
Amount Received

108.7K

Balance Required

29.5K

Building Fund - Full year tracking



Amount Received

35.5K

Balance Required

94.5K

Mission Fund - Full year tracking



Amount Received

25.8K

Balance Required

11.8K

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 Renhaw (Mob: 0429 586 888) 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

PUTTING DOWN DEEP

ROOTS

COLOSSIANS



03.03.2024/ COLOSSIANS 1: 1-14/ THE FRUITFUL LIFE

10.03.2024/ COLOSSIANS 1: 15-23/ THE REAL JESUS

17.03.2024/ COLOSSIANS 1:24- 2:5/ TOIL AND MYSTERY

24.03.2024/ COLOSSIANS 2:6-23/ AVOIDING CAPTURE

07.04.2024/ COLOSSIANS 3:1-17/ DRESS TO IMPRESS

14.04.2024/ COLOSSIANS 3:17 - 4:1/ GOSPEL PRACTICALITIES

21.04.2024/ COLOSSIANS 4: 2-6/ LOVE AND TELL!

28.04.2024/ COLOSSIANS 4:7-18/ GOSPEL FRIENDSHIPS



Lygon Street Christian Church
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC

**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



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HOME BIBLE STUDY 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 melvinwylo@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

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GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER:

With the Easter weekend just weeks away, let's pray:

- Thanking God for what He's done for the world through His Son, Jesus reconciling his world to Him through His physical body shedding blood on the cross and presenting us free from blemish before Him.
- Thanking and praising Him for loving us while we are still sinners and helpless (Rom.5:8)
- That the Good Friday and Easter service will draw much interest and be faithful in proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- For Melvin Lo who is speaking at the Good Friday and Don McCall for the Easter Sunday services that they would be strengthened for the task, be faithful and clear.
- That God's Spirit will speak to the people draw everyone close to Jesus.
- That LSCC will always remain faithful to the hope held out in the Gospel.

GOD'S WORLD

We are reminded on Sunday from Colossians 1:24 that while Christ's suffering on the cross is completed but the suffering of His church for serving the gospel continues. Please pray:

- That churches in Victoria will persevere on in being faithfully proclaiming Jesus (Col.1.28) despite the opposition.
- Praise God that knowing as we labour for the gospel, we have His Spirit who works in us to do His work.
- Pray for Christians in Victoria that we will be courageous and loving in being the salt and light for Jesus' sake.
- Pray that Victoria will experience a revival with many coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

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MORE ABOUT OUR LYGON CHURCH FAMILY

Carlton Gospel Fellowship:

- Pray that God will bring in new students to join CGF and they will come to know and grow in Jesus.
- Pray for the new students who just arrived and will settle into their environment swiftly.
- Pray for their preparation for the new semester.
- They are having their first bible study from Colossians 1:24:-2:5 this Friday. Pray that they will have a meaningful time of fellowship in God's word and with each other.
- Pray for their preparation for the Belgrave Heights Convention that our Lord's wisdom will be upon the committee.
- Praise God for the encouraging response to the camp with Belgrave Heights Convention.

Seniors' Ministry:

- Pray that they will continue to grow in Christ.
- Praise God for His protection upon them and for His sustaining grace.
- Thank God for the social event held on the 23rd March and provided an opportunity for the seniors to gather and meet up. Praise God for the meaningful time of fellowship.
- Currently **Neil Hawthorn** is having multiple seizures daily. The area of seizures is deteriorating. It will be affecting memory. Give thanks to God that my frontal right lobe has taken on memory role. Further tests likely later this year in preparation for a needed brain surgery.
- Pray for **Jeanette Gan** as she is travelling and in Singapore at the moment. Pray for her paralysed brother that our Lord will continue to watch over him. Pray for success as Jeanette tries to organise banking arrangements for him. Praise God that she has recovered well from food poisoning.
- **Richard Aldon** continues to reach out by handing out Gospel tracts to those who doesn't know Jesus over the past months. Pray that they will come to know Jesus.

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Sunday School & Youth Group:

Sunday School

- Please pray for the kinder children as they learn about Easter and the primary aged children as they learn about Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. Pray for the teachers as they prepare to minister to the children.
- Pray for our Good Friday program, that through it children will learn about and understand the Easter story and how Jesus saves us.

Youth

- Pray for our Youth this week as they learn about the New Testament and how it fits in the Biblical Narrative.
- 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.

Church lunch ministry:

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

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.

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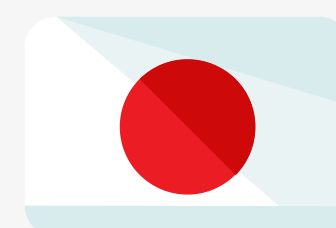
Sunday service - 23rd Mar 2024:

- Praise God for everyone serving. Pray that they will continue to serve with joy and contentment in Christ. Pray that our Lord will equip them for their roles and through their service will build up the body of Christ.
- Pray that our Lord will continue to bring in new people to be part of the family of LSCC. Pray for those who have visited LSCC early in the year and have been coming that will become part of the family.
- Pray that God will bring in more new people and that the non Christians will come to know Jesus.
- Melvin Lo is preaching from Colossians 2:6-23 this Sunday. Pray for his preparation and the Holy Spirit will use His Word to minister to many hearts.

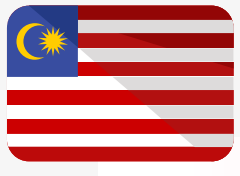
CROSS CULTURE MISSION PARTNERS

SHAO XIONG, LEVENE and EMMA | Japan

- We are rushing to meet up with as many groups as we can during our semester break (4-15 March). Pray that God will sustain our health and voices during this time!
- We only have about 1 month left to submit our final essays. Shao has 3 essays to complete and Levene has 1 left. Pray for us to be able to focus and finish well.
- We are looking for storage space to store our belongings while we are away in Japan. Pray that we will find a suitable place with a good rate because storage is very expensive in Singapore!



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YOKE LING WONG | Malaysia

- Please continue to pray for the service preparations for the week leading up to Easter Sunday. Please pray for me as I coordinate the English services that will take place that week. Pray that God will provide the resources that we need to run the services. But more importantly, that he will be pleased to use the services to make Christ known to those who will be joining us.
- We are looking to plant another service on Sunday morning as one of our English Contemporary services is not able to accommodate additional people anymore. Please pray for us as we look for a new location to plant this new service, and for all the preparations that need to be made for this to happen.
- Please pray for the Pastoral Team and all the other Cathedral staff as we continue to serve God and his people. Please pray that we will do so with joy, and that God will grant wisdom as we seek to love the people under our care.



KELVIN LOO, YEN PING, NATHAN, IAN & JOVAN | Thailand

They have been under the weather the last few weeks. The boys caught various bugs from school. They were also down with COVID earlier and now trying to shake off the coughs.

- Pray that they will enjoy complete recovery and praise God for helping recover from COVID.
- Pray for patience in the light of having to postpone or cancel some of the programs they are committed to because of sickness.
- Pray for enabling as they continue to learn a new language.
- Pray that our Lord will continue to strengthen them as they train workers to serve the Gospel.

BIBLE READING

COLOSSIANS 2:6-23

6So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, **7**rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **8**See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. **9**For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, **10**and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. **11**In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, **12**having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. **13**When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14**having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. **15**And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

16Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. **17**These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. **18**Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions. **19**He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. **20**Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: **21**"Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? **22**These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. **23**Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their selfimposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.