



CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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11th November 2018

I am the Resurrection and the Life

Preparation for Worship

Music for Meditation

Worship In Song – Jaime Kerr

Welcome – Jeremy Tham

Offertory/Song

Announcement

Congregational Prayer

Bible reading – John 11:17-44

Sermon – Rev Luke Wong

Closing Song – Jaime Kerr

Benediction

Morning Tea – Lillian Chou & Ivy Yee

Next Sunday: Speaker : Mr Yong Tan

Sermon : I am the Way, the Truth & the Life

Bible Reading : John 14:1-14

Morning Tea : Irene & Tony Lo

PLEASE PRAY FOR TODAY'S PREACHERS

Rev Luke Wong (9:15, 11:15 & 4pm), Pastor Philip Fong
(Cantonese), Rev Chris Chua (Mandarin)

9:15AM ENGLISH SERVICE
CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quiet Time

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

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Pray for 3 people, invite 2 of them and talk to 1 about the gospel. Who have we been praying for? Please share over morning tea.

NOTES

CCC Belief Statement

As a church CCC at Milsons Point we believe in:

1. The unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the God-head.
2. The sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgment.
3. The divine inspiration and infallibility of the Holy Scripture, as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
4. The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. Redemption from the guilt penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death, (as our representative and substitute) of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
6. The physical resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and his ascension to the right hand of the throne of God the Father.
7. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
8. The indwelling work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
9. The one holy universal church, which is the body of Christ to which all true believers, belong.
10. The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today's Worship Services

English Service: 9:15am & 4pm	Church	English Service: 11:15am	Chapel
Cantonese Service: 9:15am	Chapel	Mandarin Service: 11:15am	Church

Pastoral Team

Rev Luke Wong	8901 4095	Rev Chris Chua	9872 2672
Rev Ying Yee	0411 340 531	Pastor Jeff Wang	0403 086 635
Pastor Philip Fong	0415 428 818	Pastor Amy Fong	0416 168 138



Church Announcements

1. Discipleship Training (TODAY)

We are commanded in the Bible to “make disciples of all nations”, but what does that mean and how do we do it? There is a great need in our church now for all of us to do our part. Come and learn how. We will be running a 3 week course on “How and Why we Make Disciples.”

Dates: **Sundays 11th, 18th & 25th November**

Time: 1:45 - 3:15pm

Place: CCC Hall

If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact Ivy on 0411 772 957.

2. Plan for the Church to Move Forward (NEW)

At the conclusion of the Elders Dedication Service last Sunday (4/11), the Elders and Pastoral Team reported a plan for the church to move forward in 2019. Please read about this plan via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycu6nr3m>.

3. Financial Update for September 2018 (NEW)

Please refer to the following link for the September year to date financial update: <https://tinyurl.com/ycyp67kk>.

4. Thanksgiving Dinner for Rev Luke Wong and Pastors Philip and Amy Fong

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner on **Saturday, 24th November** from 5:30-9:30pm in the CCC Church Hall, to show our appreciation to Rev Luke Wong and Pastors Philip and Amy Fong for their many years of faithful service at CCC. Please bring a plate of food to share. (For families with allergies we recommend that you prepare your own meal.)

RSVP - Please register your attendance with your service representative:

9:15am English:	Roland Tan
11:15am English:	Enoch Chan
4:00pm English:	Edward Cheng
Redeemer City Church:	Isaac Wong
Cantonese Service:	Raymond Lee
Mandarin Service:	Wendy Yang

You may also RSVP via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/cccthanks18>.

5. Pintxos Lunch with James and Carolynn Webb

James and Carolynn Webb will be back in Sydney from the Basque Country in Spain for a period of two months. The Webbs would like to share about their mission work in Spain during lunch time on **Sunday 2nd December**. There will be no church lunch on that day but the Webbs would like to introduce you to 'Pintxos', a delicacy from the Basque region. We will be collecting gold coin donations to cover the food costs and any remaining funds will be donated to missions.

If you would like to help out with preparing Pintxos prior to lunch at approximately 11am, please contact Jason Foo 0433 570 134.

6. Sunday School Teachers Needed

God has worked through the faithfulness of many teachers this year to help our children to understand the Bible better, however many are unable to continue next year. We ask that you prayerfully consider whether this is an area you can serve and talk further to Ying or Ivy Yee if interested.

7. December Mission Month (UPDATED)

During the month of December there will be many opportunities to invite your friends and be talking to them about the good news of Jesus. The theme for the month is "**Lighten Up!**" and some of the events planned are:

- **Wed 5th Dec** - Women's Tea Evening - "Love Actually" - The Science Behind Romance, Love & Sex (Patricia Weerakoon)
- **Thu 6th Dec** - Chatswood Market Mall
- **Fri 7th Dec** - FY End of Year Party
- **Sat 8th Dec** - FYE - Sports Tournament & Baking Social
- **Sun 9th Dec** - Sunday School Bring-a-Friend Sunday - "Christmas Unwrapped"
- **Sun 9th Dec** - Redeemer Kids Christmas Craft-a-noon
- **Tues 11th Dec** - Boba, Bible and Bingsoo Night
- **Sat 14th Dec** - Salsa Night
- **Thu 20th Dec** - Carols Night
- **Sun 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd** - Sunday Services

Please start praying for opportunities to talk to your friends about Jesus and also consider how you can help out for any of these events. Go to the following link and put your name down: tinyurl.com/lightenupccc18

Remember our "3-2-1 Initiative" for December and consider who you can be praying to invite along.

- 3 people you will pray for to know Jesus
 - 2 people you will invite to the events organised
 - 1 person who you will share the gospel with during this month
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8. Operation Christmas Child (Gifts in a Shoebox)

1. Filled Shoeboxes - Please place late shoeboxes onto the black shelf on the right side of the Hall entrance.
2. Donations - can still be given. Please see Ivy if you would like to make a donation.
3. Processing Shoeboxes - happens at the warehouse in Blacktown during the week. Please contact Ivy Yee on 0411 772 957 or ivy.yee2@gmail.com for details, or pick up details from the church noticeboard.
4. Pray - Please continue to pray that the children receiving a shoebox, as well as the community around them, will come to know the love of Jesus through the work of Samaritan's Purse.

9. Senior Citizen's Group

Seniors are welcome to join the Senior Citizen's Group's upcoming activity on **Thursday, 22nd November 2018**. We will be making Christmas cards.

Please contact Pastor Amy Fong on 0416 168 138 or Violet Banh on 0417 217 890.

10. Women's Bible Study Group

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on **Friday 23rd November** at Trish Lam's home, starting at 10.15am. We will have a Bible study on Spiritual Gifts from Romans 12. Women from all congregations are welcome.

Enquiries to Pastor Amy Fong on 0416 168 138.

11. Subscribe to Church Announcements by Whatsapp or Email

We encourage you to keep informed about what is happening in our church through our church announcement publication. You can do so by one or more of the following ways:

1. By Email - Please email admin@cccmilsonspoint.org with a subject 'Church Announcement Subscription' and provide the following information: "Name, Congregation (9:15/Cantonese/11:15/Mandarin/4pm/Redeemer)".
2. By Whatsapp - You must save the Church Office number 0403 865 530 on the contact list of your phone. Then Whatsapp Church Office the following information: "Subscription: Name, Congregation (9:15/Cantonese/11:15/Mandarin/4pm/Redeemer)".

Alternatively, you can download a copy by going to the following link
<http://www.cccmilsonspoint.org/pdf/english.pdf>.

12. Guide to Partnering Financially with CCC

Please refer to the following link for the details on how to contribute financially to the work of CCC: <https://tinyurl.com/ycum7fra>.

Moving Forward for the Church in 2019

At the Elders Dedication Service on 4th Nov 2018, we shared with the Church on how we are moving the church forward:

- 1. The Elders and the Pastoral Team acknowledge that as a leadership team we have not met the needs of the Church and its members, and for this failing we apologise. The Pastoral Team and Elders have affirmed their commitment to work together in the spirit of unity and harmony for the advancement of the spiritual welfare of the Church. Additionally, initial steps for mediation are also in progress.**
- 2. The Board of Elders, the Pastoral Team and the Deacons, together with the members will “focus on growing the church through evangelism, spiritual nurturing, training and mission”.**
- 3. The Board of Elders have set up a Pastoral Search Committee to look for a Senior Minister, Minister/Pastor for 9:15 English, 4pm English and Redeemer, the Cantonese congregation and the Women’s ministry. So far, we have had one applicant for the 9:15am congregation, and two applicants for the Cantonese congregation. We will keep the members informed of the progress.**
- 4. For better communication with members, the Board of Elders are considering a proposal to have regular meetings with the congregations where the Elders and the Pastoral Team will share with the members about essential matters of the church and decisions made by the Board.**
- 5. Based on feedback from the congregations, the Board of Elders will consult with the members to review the 1C2L strategy and present recommendations to a members’ meeting for consideration.**
- 6. Over a year ago, enthusiastic members from the Church started a service at Chatswood called Redeemer. The service has actively participated in the life of the Chatswood community with evangelistic outreach activities. The Elders and the Pastoral Team will take the opportunity in the coming months to review the goals and the direction of Redeemer.**
- 7. Based on submissions from the congregation members, the Elders and the Pastoral Team will examine the need to clarify or improve the Church constitution. A Constitution Review Committee started a few years ago. Work by this committee was put on hold so that the Elders and the Pastoral Team could focus on the 1C2L initiatives. We will continue the work that we have started. Any change of the constitution needs to be approved by 75% of the members at an EGM. All the members will have their say.**
- 8. Considering the current situation, the Elders and the Pastoral Team will use this period to consider the Vision, Strategy and Goals for our Church to ensure that new Ministers and new Elders understand and commit to working in unity under God’s guidance for the advancement of God’s Kingdom.**

CCC Financial Update for YTD September 2018

The BOE would like to present to you the following Church Financial Update for the first 9 months in 2018:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>September YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>September YTD BUDGET</u>
Weekly Offertory	\$699,068	\$726,114
Other Income	\$129,811	\$36,538
Total Income	\$828,879	\$762,652
Stipend & Related Expenses	\$456,985	\$491,130
Ministry Expenses	\$48,766	\$75,189
Building Expenses	\$87,788	\$57,501
Administration Expenses	\$99,528	\$108,335
Total Expenses	\$693,067	\$732,155
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$135,812	\$30,497

<u>MISSION FUND</u>	<u>September YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>September YTD BUDGET</u>
Mission Offertory	\$34,650	\$27,081
Other Mission Income	\$61,390	\$33,175
Total Income	\$96,040	\$60,256
Mission Expenses	\$82,708	\$85,878
Total Expenses	\$82,708	\$85,878
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$13,332	(\$25,622)

The Board of Elders would like to thank all the church members who have contributed financially to the various church funds and ministries.

For the General Fund:

We are very pleased to report an actual surplus of \$135k and this is mainly due to one-off donations, franking credits from prior year's donations along with total expenses being below budget over the year.

We note that up to \$20k of Other Income can be classified as regular offertory but we cannot recognise which congregation this offertory belongs to mainly due to the description of the EFT being unclear so we have included a "Guide to Partnering Financially with CCC" with this announcement for our member's reference. If you choose to EFT your offertory into the church account, please follow the instructions in this guide.

For the Mission Fund:

The Mission Fund has an actual surplus of \$13k up to the end of September, however another set of half-yearly missionaries and theological students support payments have been paid in October for \$75k which resulted in the Mission Fund to be in \$60k deficit.

We like to ask our members to prayerfully consider making a contribution into the Mission Fund as this is a very important ministry of our church to support the gospel work of our local and overseas missionaries as well as supporting theological students through their studies. The instructions are also included in the "Guide to Partnering Financially with CCC".

Guide to Partnering Financially with CCC

Please find below a brief summary of the 4 funds that CCC has for different purposes and ways to partner financially with our church.

1. Church General Fund

Purpose – The General Fund is used towards the general running of the church including paying stipends to our pastors and salaries to our administration staff, the maintenance costs of our church, ministry expenses and administrative expenses.

Ways to contribute:

1. Place your contribution (cash or cheque) into the offertory bag or box during your worship service.
2. Electronically transfer (or EFT) your contribution into the main church account with the following account details:

Account name: Chinese Christian Church Sydney

BSB: 062009

Account number: 00803060

EFT Description as follows based on your congregation:

Description	915 English	Cantonese	Mandarin	1115 English	4pm English	Redeemer
General Fund	General 915	General Canto	General Mando	General 1115	General 4pm	General RCC

2. Church Mission Fund

Purpose – The Mission Fund is used to support our local and overseas missionaries, theological students and various mission projects/initiatives.

Ways to contribute:

1. Place your contribution (cash or cheque) into the offertory bag during your worship service in an envelope clearly marked with “Mission” on it.
2. Electronically transfer (or EFT) your contribution into the main church account with the following account details:

Account name: Chinese Christian Church Sydney

BSB: 062009

Account number: 00803060

EFT Description as follows based on your congregation:

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3. One Church Two Locations Fund

Purpose – The 1C2L funds will be used primarily towards the purchase of our second location.

Ways to contribute:

1. Place your contribution (cash or cheque) into the offertory bag during your worship service in an envelope clearly marked with “1C2L”.
2. Electronically transfer your contribution into the 1C2L account with the following account details:

Church name: CCC Sydney 1C2L Fund

BSB: 062005

Account number: 10910908

Description: Full Name

Note: If you require a receipt for your donation, please email or contact the church office (accounts@cccmilsonspoint.org).

4. School Building Fund (Tax deductible)

Purpose – The School Building Fund has been established for the purpose of acquisition, construction and maintenance of a building used by the CCC Sunday School and CYCEC.

Please note we do not accept cash as a form of donation into this fund and a tax-deductible receipt will only be issued when we receive a completed School Building Fund form which can be downloaded from the CCC website (www.cccmilsonspoint.org).

Ways to contribute:

1. By cheque with a School Building Fund form and either put into the offertory bag or handed to any deacon, elder or pastor/minister.
2. By electronically transfer into the School Building Fund account with a donation form scanned and emailed to the church office (accounts@cccmilsonspoint.org).

The School Building Fund account details are:

Account name: CCC Sydney School Building Fund

BSB: 062246

Account number: 10255732

Description: Full Name as stated on the School Building Fund form