

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU!

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Jean	Serene
Music Leader	Genaetta/Anthony	Jude/Rea
Bible Reader	Mrs Chiu	Samuel
Ushers	Tony/Jessica	Joanna C/Rachel/Kristal
Techno	Harvey/Sunsun	Michael/Jefferson
Cup of Tea	Doreen/Jenny/Daisy	Robert/Rose/Jean
Dishes		

HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
CANTONESE GROUP	Albert Ko	Saturday fortnightly @ 4pm	@ Alex Wong Toi's contact Albert Ko 021 753 912
CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP	Peter Zen	1 st & 3 rd Friday @ 8pm	@ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663
GREENLANE GROUP	Serene Thain & Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956
ISAAC GROUP	Angie Chu	Friday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City
LADIES' HOME GROUP	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
MEADOWBANK GROUP	Tony Wai	Wednesday (3 weekly) @ 7pm	Contact Tony Wai
NEWMARKET GROUP	Robert O'Callahan	Wednesday fortnightly @ 6:30pm	@ Robert O'Callahan's office Level 2, 8 Kent Street, Newmarket 523 0274 or 021 783 289
REMUERA GROUP	Ken Cheung	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's contact Ken 027 481 5096
TERTIARY GROUP	Genaetta Shew	Tuesday weekly @ 7.30pm	Contact Genaetta 021 0298 1313
WEST AUCKLAND GROUP	Betty Ling	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 5pm	@ Betty & Kuan's 021 502 178

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



Easter Sunday Cantonese/English Ministry Service

24th April 2011

Speaker: Rev Stuart Vogel

Sermon Topic: Easter: A New Beginning

Bible Reading: Matthew 28:1-18



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Order Of Service

Call to Worship
 Worship Songs
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Offering and prayer
 Children's song
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life
 Children's programme
 Prayer of Intercession
 The Amazing Love
 Bible reading: Matthew 28:1-18
 Sermon: 'Easter: A New Beginning'
 Induction of Elders
 Transfer of Church membership
 Baptism
 Closing Song
 Benediction

Jean Wong
 Genaetta Shew/Anthony Yan
 Simon Lam
 Jean Wong
 Genaetta Shew/Anthony Yan/Sunday School

Jean Wong
 Marty Bing
 Edith Poon/CM choir
 Mrs Chiu,
 Rev Stuart Vogel/Peter Zen
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PRAYERS

- ✚ Ministry Needs: for provision of a Cantonese speaking Senior Minister for ACPC and an Assistant Minister for the English Ministry
- ✚ ACPC – for a Christ like heart and openness to God's wisdom, direction and will for present and future direction
- ✚ Thanksgiving for Ex and Mel for the doors for service God is opening up for them in Hawaii and for Elijah and Hezekiah's improved health
- ✚ Radio Rhema and, Grapevine as they reach out to the general community
- ✚ Presbyterian Support Northern for their programmes for the disabled, the elderly, parents in need of family skills and support, for families requiring budgeting skills



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2011/2012

Glenda has acquired more for purchase and collection today. Please see Jean after the service. The books cost \$65, the profit of which will be donated to our church.



Total offering for March 2011 \$9,795.70

Average weekly offering for March 2011 \$2,448.93

Total YTD (Year to Date) offering \$74,854.70

YTD average weekly offering \$1,919.35

Moving average weekly offering required to achieve 2010/2011 budget \$2,411.

EASTER SUNDAY

This is the day of festival
And we thank You, o God of celebration,
with hymns of praise rising like balloons
and banners of love waving from our hearts.

Today we dance with the angels
round all the empty tombs of our lives
celebrating transformation,
from grief to laughter,
from darkness into light.

Today we glimpse the truth
Of suffering and death
As we move with you in your Jesus song
of resurrections without end.

From "Psalms Down-Under" by Joy Cowley

A MAN OF ANCIENT TIME AND PLACE

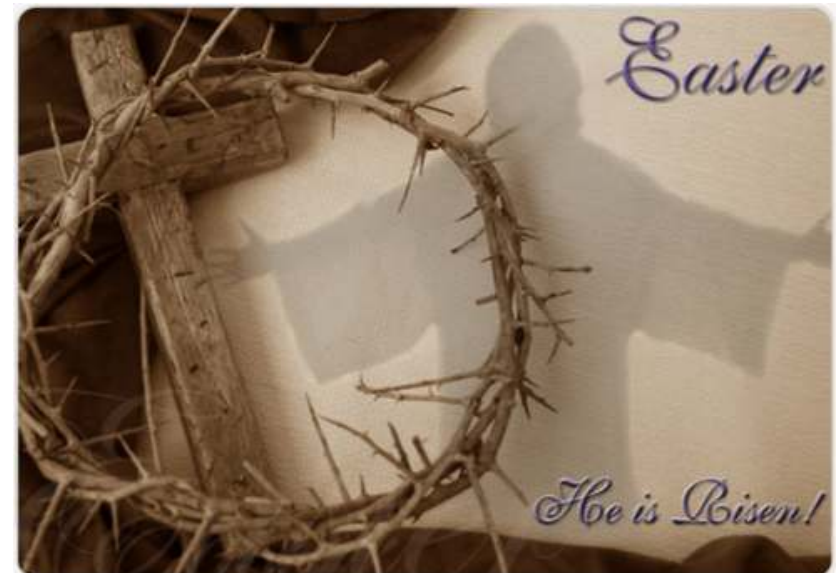
A man of ancient time and place
With foreign speech and foreign face
Reveals the glory, power and grace
Of costly unexpected love.

A rabbi, schooled in Moses' Law
A male, amending Herod's flaw,
Arouses wonder, rage and awe,
With costly unexpected love.

By teasing word and healing deed,
A leper touched, an outcast freed,
He bears the fruit and plants the seed
Of costly unexpected love.

The cost we barely can surmise
When, lifted up before our eyes,
The face of God we recognise
In crucified, unfathomed love.

May faith and hope within us grow,
The way of Christ to tell and show,
And may the Spirit breathe and blow
In costly, unexpected love.



MY TESTIMONY – May Chiu

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One day at school, when I was 13, I felt particularly tired. With rapid heart palpitations of 120 beats, a fever, swollen joints and a painful ankle, I hurried to see a doctor who diagnosed me with "rheumatic heart disease". The next day I queued up at Queen Elizabeth Hospital to get an appointment. The date was not until 9 months later, so I hurried back to see my family doctor who ordered me to stop school immediately. I did so for three months and during this time all I did was sleep 24 hours a day except at bathing time, medication and meal times. Whenever I was awake, I always prayed to God to heal me and then surrendered myself to Him. Three months passed, and I recovered. From then on, I promptly consulted a doctor whenever I had a sore throat.

This incident has made me feel that God has always been protecting me. I hope that I will not suffer a serious illness again.



Time flies by so quickly, my family has now been in NZ for 17 years. We moved to the central suburbs so that my daughter was handy to work. We also changed to a new family doctor. I told him about my health history. He referred me to the specialists at Greenlane Hospital and the appointment was quickly arranged in about a month. The result after the consultation was: I can still play badminton with my husband, Tom, every week to keep fit. If I get too tired, I just rest for a while, and then continue to play.

I believe that Jesus is the Living God, the Son of God and that He was crucified on the cross and bled to death for our sins and redemption. I believe in the Bible, that if I confess my faith publicly and believe sincerely, I will be saved.

MY TESTIMONY – Michelle Lee

Because my late uncle was a pastor, I have been going to Sunday School and church from a very young age. I have heard many bible stories, but these were just stories to me. I went to church and Sunday school, because it is part of my family routine and I have no other choice.

When I went and studied in the UK, the same thing happened. I was studying in a Catholic boarding school, so every Sunday, I had to go to church and I had to study religious studies.

After all these years, I believed that there is a God, and he gave his Son to the world and Jesus die for us on the cross to save us. However, I did not understand what this actually meant to me.

Not until I was in University, a group of us from church went to a Christmas Bible study camp. I remembered during one Bible study session, we studied the parable of the lost son. I was listening to everyone's sharing and when it was my turn, I just felt that I really was the lost son. I have spent so many years just hanging around without any purpose. I finally realised that I have a Father who really really loves me and no matter what I did, all I need to do is to go back to him and he will take me back in his home.

I have been very fortunate and always had a very close relationship with my parents. But I sometimes do wonder, if I have done something really bad and wrong, how will they treat me? I know that although they still love me, they will at least get really angry and punish me for my wrong doing. But when I read the parable of the lost son, the father did not get angry; he just loved his son for who he was. He even gave him the best robe and a feast and celebrated his return.

This was very unusual, I have never thought that anyone could accept me as who I am. I always think that I need to at least do my part before I can be recognised or accepted by anyone, but God is completely different. All I need to do is to admit that I have sinned against Him and he will let me back to his home. All these years, I have always thought that being a Christian, you need to be very religious, be nice to everyone and spend a lot of time in the church "serving God". I never thought that I could do that and I always think that I am not good enough to become a "Christian". That day, the story of the prodigal son really touched me, and my heart just opened and accepted that I don't need to be a good person, a "perfect" Christian before I could be saved, just repent to God and confess my sins and God will accept me as His son (daughter).



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