## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Tony Wai	Robert O
Music Leader	James, Peter	Sarah, Jo
Bible Reader	Nathan	Jessica
Ushers	Francis, Soo Land	Robert W, Shing
Techno	Celia, Robert Mike	
Cup of Tea	Robert O, Glenda, Jean	Francis, Jenny, Janet
Dishes	Koberi O, Glerida, Jean	

# HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
CANTONESE GROUP	Albert Ko	Saturday weekly @ 4pm	@ Albert & Emily Ko's 021 753 912
CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP	Peter Zen	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday @ 8pm	@ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663
COLLEGE & CAREERS GROUP	Mark Maney	Wednesday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
GREENLANE GROUP	Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956
ISAAC GROUP	Lydia Lam	Friday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City
LADIES' GROUP	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
NEWMARKET GROUP	Robert O'Callahan	Thursday weekly @ 8pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City 021 783 289
REMUERA GROUP	Ken Cheung	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's Contact Ken 021 431607
YOUNG PARENTS GROUP	Mark Maney	Saturday monthly @ 2pm	Contact Mark 021 309 544

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

14<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Speaker: Pr Mark Maney Theme: Philippians - The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ Bible Reading: Philippians 3:1-11



A warm welcome to all visitors to this morning's service. You are invited to stay for a cup of tea after the service.



# CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME TO GUINIVERE MANEY

Congratulations to Mark and Charlotte on the safe arrival of Guinevere Elsie Johanna Maney. Guinevere was born at 8:55pm NZST on 8<sup>th</sup> April, weighing in at 2.355 kgs/5.191 lbs. Charlotte and Guinevere are both home and well.

MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meets this Thursday at 7.30pm at church.



#### **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

- Our mothers and fathers expecting new babes in the coming year
- Our families with babes and young children - wisdom in their upbringing and their relationship with the Lord
- Our church community members that we continue to reach out to members within our church and to the wider community
- Outreach opportunities in the CBD as well as the wider Auckland areas
- Protection against violence towards women and change of unreasonable attitude towards women in many Muslim countries
- + Peace and restraint in North Korea and its surrounding neighbours

### OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP IN THE CBD/LOCAL COMMUNITY

Here are two hands-on opportunities for us to assist in our local community:

- St David's Foodbank on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April from 10.00am to 11.00/11.30am to pack food parcels. We need a total of six adults and/or older primary children.
- Christian Resource Centre, Queen Street: volunteers are needed for an hour on any day of the week to allow the sole sales member to have lunch and/or deal with email and website orders and queries.

Please see Jean if you are able to help with either of the two areas of need above.





## **UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL**

'That...which we have heard...seen...touched...' 1 John 1:1

You can draw closer to the Lord if you really want to. You can have first-hand knowledge of Him. You don't have to settle for Sunday morning sound bites, second-hand information, or a longdistance relationship. You can get 'up close and personal' with Him. John writes, 'That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched-this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.'



Drawing closer to God calls for developing a greater awareness of His presence. This brings three great benefits:



 <u>Friendship</u>: No human being, no matter how wonderful, can be everything you need. But the Lord can. In Scripture He is described as a 'friend who sticks closer than a brother' (Proverbs 18:24 NIV). He will stick by you through every season of life, the bad ones as well as the good ones. For decades the motto of the Marines has been 'Semper Fidelis,' which is Latin for 'Ever faithful.' Even when you're not faithful to God, He will be faithful to you.

PRAYER - A CONVERSATION BETWEEN FRIENDS

- <u>Compassion</u>: As a young disciple, John wanted to call fire down from heaven on a town that refused overnight accommodation to Christ and His disciples (Luke 9:54). But after a lifetime of walking with Jesus he wrote, 'Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love' (1 John 4:8 NIV).
- 3) <u>Confidence</u>: Whatever life throws at you, you can handle, confident in the strength of God. 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Philippians 4:13 NKJV).

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