

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Marty	Serene
Music Leader	James, Peter	Sarah, Jo
Bible Reader	Alvin	Samuel
Ushers	Samuel, Tiffany	George, Cindy
Techno	Celia, Robert	Mike
Cup of Tea	Michelle L, Suan, Daisy	Quin, Soo Land, Benson
Dishes		

## HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
<b>CANTONESE GROUP</b>	Albert Ko	Saturday weekly @ 4pm	@ Albert & Emily Ko's 021 753 912
<b>CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP</b>	Peter Zen	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday @ 8pm	@ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663
<b>COLLEGE &amp; CAREERS GROUP</b>	Mark Maney	Wednesday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
<b>GREENLANE GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956
<b>ISAAC GROUP</b>	Lydia Lam	Friday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City
<b>LADIES' GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
<b>NEWMARKET GROUP</b>	Robert O'Callahan	Thursday weekly @ 8pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City 021 783 289
<b>REMUERA GROUP</b>	Ken Cheung	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's Contact Ken 021 431 607
<b>YOUNG PARENTS GROUP</b>	Mark Maney	Saturday monthly @ 2pm	Contact Mark 021 309 544

## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

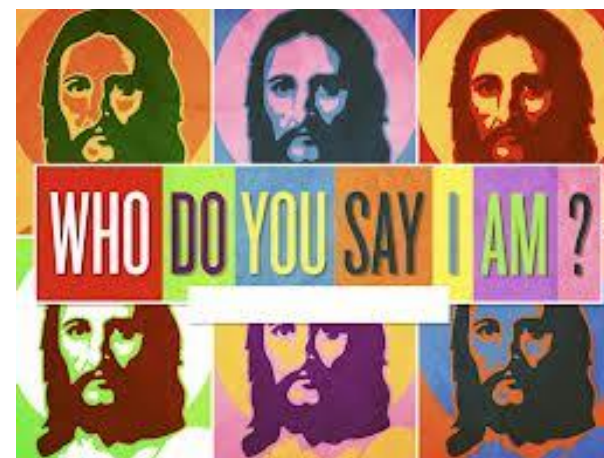
105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



### ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

12<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Speaker:** Pr Mark Maney  
**Theme:** The Messianic Secret  
**Bible Reading:** Mark 8:27-30



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

### HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!!!



*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

*She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

*Proverbs 31:26-27 ESV*

### PARISH COUNCIL MAY MEETING

The Parish Council is holding its May monthly meeting this Thursday at the church at 7.30pm



## PRAYERS ON SUNDAY MORNING

Starting this morning, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Mark will be holding a prayer meeting every Sunday morning at 9:30am, in the room beside the photocopier room to pray for the church and its mission. He would be happy for people to join him!

## PRAYERS

- ✚ Pastor Mark and his ministry at ACPC
- ✚ Rev and Mrs Tang and family - for their closing ministry in Hong Kong and their move to New Zealand
- ✚ Liz – for continuing good health
- ✚ All in the church experiencing health problems
- ✚ Congratulations to all the new graduates this week – God's blessings and guidance for the new challenges ahead
- ✚ Parish Council meeting this Thursday
- ✚ The Working Bee to clear the church grounds next Sunday

## CHURCH WORKING BEE NEXT SUNDAY AT 2PM

Help needed to tidy up our church and keep it safe as well as looking good!!!  
Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 2pm (weather permitting)

Now that the new building is virtually completed, the Property and Development Committee is arranging a Church Working Bee to tidy and clear the grounds outside the hall and under the hall deck.

Bring your scruffy clothes next Sunday and garden gloves. 2pm gives us all a chance to be re-energised over lunch to tackle the task. Many hands make light work. Rubbish bags and yard brooms will be available. Please bring other tools that you think would be useful. Thank you. *Celia, Francis, Jean, Ricky, and Soo Land*



## SERMONS ON ACPC WEBSITE

Just a reminder that our sermons are on the website. There may be a few missing due to unforeseeable circumstances but check to catch up on the ones you have missed.

## 'LIKE' ACPC ON FACEBOOK



Are you on Facebook? Then please "like" the new ACPC fan page. Once the page receives 30 likes, Facebook adds and provides lots of useful features to the page which will then help us use the page to promote ACPC in the social media world. The address is <http://www.facebook.com/ACPCNZ>

## TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF SERVING GOD (1)

'...Am I trying to please people?...' Galatians 1:10

Whether we are ordained ministers or lay people, we aren't exempt from stress. A deadly combination of traits, seen frequently in those serving God, produces inferiority and perfectionism-traits that make us obsessive-compulsive performers who think we're inadequate and that our service is never satisfactory.

As a result we become:

- a) Over-responsible: We think we must do everything ourselves.
- b) Irresponsible: We think nothing we do is acceptable so we shouldn't tackle anything.
- c) Uncertain: Vacillating between a) and b), we feel like losers either way we go.



Understand this: it's the stress we generate, not the demands of the service, that wears on us. And nothing stresses us like people-pleasing! Paul says, 'Am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ,' because he'd previously lived for people's acceptance. Now he found himself unable to be an effective servant of Christ and still worry about people's opinions.

People-pleasing must not be your motivation for serving, because:

- 1) It won't work. Every vote you capture loses you others.
- 2) It makes you attempt the impossible. The more you fail to please people, the harder you try. So you get caught in a cycle of pressure, failure and discouragement.
- 3) You become the source of your strength.

Jesus avoided this exhausting lifestyle. '...The Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing...' (John 5:19 NLT). Only when God is your source, do your stress levels go down.

From *Word for Today* by Bob Gass

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