

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Robert O	Stephen
Music Leader	Rea	Peter
Bible Reader	Soo Land	Janet
Ushers	Samuel, Tiffany, Shirley	Carl, Jean
Techno	Robert F, Darren	Harvey, Jireh
Cup of Tea	Benson, Michelle L, Quin	Serene, Soo Land, Jean
Dishes		

## HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
<b>COLLEGE &amp; CAREERS GROUP</b>	Pr Mark Maney	Every Wednesday @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 021 309 544
<b>GREENLANE GROUP</b>	George Lowe	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 7335 9838 (George)
<b>LADIES GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
<b>NEWMARKET GROUP</b>	Robert O'Callahan	Every Tuesday @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 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>ST HELIERS GROUP</b>	Marty Bing	Tuesdays fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Marty Bing's 021 753 406
<b>YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP</b>	Pr Mark Maney	Saturday monthly @ 2pm	Contact Pr Mark 021 309 544
<b>CANTONESE GROUP</b>	Albert Ko	Saturdays fortnightly @ 4 pm	See noticeboard for more details on the Cantonese and Mandarin home groups
<b>ALBANY CANTONESE GROUP</b>	Peter Zen & Edith Poon	1st & 3rd Friday @ 8pm	
<b>MASSEY CANTONESE GROUP</b>	Rev M Tang	1st & 3rd Wed @ 10am	
<b>CBD MANDARIN GROUP</b>	Rev M Tang	Every Sunday @ 1pm	
<b>ISAAC GROUP</b>	Lydia Lam	Every Friday @ 7.30pm	

## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City

### ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

9th March 2014



**Speaker:** Pr Mark Maney  
**Sermon Title:** A Golden Opportunity  
**Sermon Passage:** John 4:1-15



A warm welcome to **David Arndt** and **Michael Brown** from Canada to the service today – and to all visitors!!!!  
 Please stay for a cup of tea after the service.

### ACPC CHURCH CAMP – REGISTER TODAY!!!



Theme: *One Faith, One Church One God* .

We would encourage everyone to stay from Friday to Sunday for maximum enjoyment and benefit. But if you can only come Saturday or Sunday – you are welcome. Please register for the church camp at Whangaparoa on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 today with Soo Land Wong - either for one day or for the whole weekend,

ACPC Sunday morning worship will be at camp at 10.30am. There will not be a service at ACPC that day.

### PRAYERS

- For Rev Tang and Pr Mark's ministry at ACPC – for wisdom and encouragement in their leadership of the church.
- For the university outreaches during Orientation Week – that many will respond to our invitation to the Q & A event and the Isaac Fellowship dinner
- For the College and Careers Q & A evening on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March and Isaac fellowship Dinner on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- For everyone to be inspired to attend church camp later in March.

## CHILDREN'S DAY TODAY & URBAN GARDEN

As part of Children's Day today, the children will have the privilege of being the first to serve the church through putting in the first plants for the Urban Garden. We'll be gradually building up the garden in stages.

## UNI OUTREACH - Q & A EVENING (EM) & DINNER (CM)

Mark and the College and Careers Group and the Isaac fellowship are full-on this week reaching out to Auckland Uni and AUT students during Orientation Week culminating in a Q & A session with Mark and Robert O on Friday evening, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm (in English) and Dinner and Testimonies (in Cantonese) the following evening, Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from 6.30 – 9.30pm. (See posters displayed.)

If you know of anyone who would like to attend either of those evenings, please tell them about them.

If anyone has portable comfy chairs, beanbags large pillows, please drop them at church during the week (see Pr Mark) for their Friday night event. It would be great if we could create a more informal/casual homey environment for the question night.

## SERMON NOTES

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## SHOW HOSPITALITY

'...Given to hospitality.' Romans 12:13

Making others feel loved and valued is a hallmark of discipleship (John 13:34-35).

Welcoming newcomers was important in the early church, and it's just as important today. Social customs may change, but God's Word doesn't. Jesus said, 'Anyone who receives you receives me...' (Matthew 10:40 NLT).

As a follower of Christ it's your job to make new people feel like part of 'the household of faith' (Galatians 6:10).

Established friendships within churches can easily become religious cliques where we smile and speak to newcomers, but spend all our time with a select group of people we already know. Most of us are satisfied with our existing circle of friends, so we need to be looking for ways to include others.

People come to church hoping for love and acceptance, and if they don't find it within a month or two they move on. So keep your spiritual antennae tuned to people who seem uncomfortable and out of place.

Most people have had at least one negative experience in church, so they need some extra T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care). The Bible says, 'Carry each other's burdens...' (Galatians 6:2 NIV). Genuine warmth and caring attract people.

First impressions count. Church should be a place where our love for people who are hurting is evident from the minute they walk in the door. And remember, God doesn't just use these relationships to meet the needs of those coming out of difficult situations - He uses them to mature us too.

*From Word for Today by Bob Gass*

## IMPORTANT CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION



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