IN THE LORD'S SERVICE - THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week	
Service Leader	Robert OC	Robert OC Tony Wai	
Music Leader	Rea	David	
Bible Reader	Benson	Soo Land	
Ushers	George, Francis Janet, Avery		
Techno	Mel/Harvey	Mel/Robert	
Cup of Tea	Quinn, Jenny W., Allister	Soo Land, Michelle L, Gena	
Dishes	301111, 301111y 11., 7 (11310)		

HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location	
COLLEGE & CAREERS GROUP	Pr Mark Maney	Every Wednesday @ 6.30pm	@ ACPC 021 309 544	
GREENLANE GROUP	George Lowe	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 739 838 (George)	
LADIES GROUP	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly@ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391	
NEWMARKET GROUP	Robert O'Callahan	Every Tuesday @ 7.30pm	@ 5 Short St. Newmarket (Mozilla Office) 021 783 289	
REMUERA GROUP	Ken Cheung	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's Contact Ken 021 431607	
ST HELIERS GROUP	Marty Bing	Tuesdays fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Marty Bing's 021 753 406	
CANTONESE GROUP	Albert Ko	Saturdays fortnightly @ 4 pm		
ALBANY CANTONESE GROUP	Peter Zen & Edith Poon	1st & 3rd Friday @ 8pm	See noticeboard for more details on the	
MASSEY CANTONESE GROUP	Rev M Tang	1st & 3rd Wed @ 10am	Cantonese and Mandarin home groups	

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

23rd November, 2014

Speaker: Pastor Mark Maney Sermon Title: Sacrifice Sermon Passage: 1 Colossians 1:24-29



A warm welcome to everyone, especially visitors to the service today!

Please stay for a cup of tea after the service.

PRAYERS

- Rev Tang and Pr Mark's ministry at ACPC for wisdom in leading the Cantonese Ministry and English Ministry to spiritual growth and dedication to their mission and vision
- Our church that members grow in their walk with God and live a Christ-like life of love, patience and encouragement towards each other and all people.
- For unsettled areas of conflict in Iraq, Ukraine, Syria, and other parts of the world.
- For the ongoing Ebola Outbreak for the individuals and nations affected by it and those working to bring it to an end.

FESTIVE FARE

The St. David's Foodbank has put out a request for special festive food items for Christmas. Donations need to be in by December 7th; the round containers are at the hall entrance every week now, so you may bring your donation at any time.



WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER!!

- City Community Fellowship (Urban Garden) -- Tuesdays, 10am-12pm
- **Table Tennis Club** -- Sundays 3 5.30pm
- St. David's Foodbank donations collected Every Sunday
- Communion Sunday 16th November
- Polluck and Dance/Table Tennis evening 22ND November
- Guess Who's Coming to Lunch 23rd November
- Northern Presbytery "Amazing Race" for youth 29th November

SERMON NOTES

IMPORTANT CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION



GUESS WHO'S COMING FOR LUNCH?

Today is the day! Everyone involved will be leaving at noon after a short morning tea. Guests are kindly requested to bring along a dessert or drink to share.

IS MY SACRIFICE LIVING?

"Abraham built an altar. . .; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar." Genesis 22:9

This event is a picture of the mistake we make in thinking that the ultimate God wants of us is the sacrifice of death. What God wants is the sacrifice through death which enables us to do what Jesus did, that is, sacrifice our lives. Not—"Lord, I am ready to go with You...to death" (Luke 22:33). But—"I am willing to be identified with Your death so that I may sacrifice my life to God."

We seem to think that God wants us to just give up things! God purified Abraham from this error, and the same process is at work in our lives. God never tells us to give up things just for the sake of giving them up, but He tells us to give them up for the sake of the only thing worth having, namely, life with Him. It is a matter of loosening the bands that hold back our lives. Those bands are loosened immediately by identification with the death of Jesus. Then we enter into a relationship with God whereby we may sacrifice our lives to Him.

It is of no value to God to give Him your life for death. He wants you to be a "living sacrifice"—to let Him have all your strengths that have been saved and sanctified through Jesus (Romans 12:1). This is what is acceptable to God.

From My Ut most for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

LOOKING AHEAD: THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

- The First Sunday in Advent: Christmas Parade on Vincent Street 30th November
- The Second Sunday in Advent: Baptisms! Deadline for Festive Fare donation – 7th December
- The Third Sunday in Advent: Youth and Children Christmas Service 14th December
- Open-house Christmas Tea at the Manse Saturday 20th December from 2:30-6:00
- The Fourth Sunday in Advent: Communion Sunday 21st December
- Christmas Day Service and joint Christmas Lunch 25th December!!!!
- Ladies' Dinner date TBD

