# IN THE LORD'S SERVICE - THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Service Leader	Tony Wai	Marty
Music Leader	Rea	Peter
Bible Reader	Sam	Rose
Ushers	Francis, Eva	Brendon, Lydia, Ginny
Techno	Michael/Robert F	Darren/Harvey
Cup of Tea	Eva, Quinn, Doreen	Linlee, George L., Gena
Dishes	Eva, Qoilli, Doleeli	

# **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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 Cantonese and Mandarin home groups
MASSEY CANTONESE GROUP	Rev M Tang	1st & 3rd Wed @ 10am	

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



#### **ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE**

18th January, 2015

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Maney **Sermon Passage:** 2 John 1:1-13

# BOOKS YOU NEVER HEAR ABOUT:



A warm welcome to everyone, especially visitors to the service today! Please join us for morning 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 those who lost loved ones in the recent Air Asia plane crash for the churches who lost members. Please keep the grieving Body of Christ in your prayers
- For those affected by acts of terrorism, both victims and perpetrators.
- 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.
- For the important decisions facing our congregations and church leaders as we seek God's guidance for changing needs.

#### **MEN'S LUNCH**

Reservations have been made for lunch from 12:30 at the Seafood King Restaurant in Remuera (333 Remuera Road, entrance at Norana Ave).



#### LADIES' LUNCH



A "Make Your Own" lunch at church has been organised. A few dedicated ladies are providing the ingredients for us to make our own sushi, pinwheel sandwiches, hotdogs and sundaes. A small donation would be appreciated to help cover the cost of the ingredients.

#### ANNUAL BBQ AT CORNWALL PARK

It's time for our annual barbeque at Cornwall Park on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January at the park's public barbeques. Bring food, bring Frisbees, bring balls, bring kites, bring an appetite, and be prepared for a good time! As always, should the skies rain down on us that day we'll hold the barbeque at church instead of the park.

**SERMON NOTES** 

 "Then he returned to his disciples and found them  Texting! Can you not keep Watch for one hour Without texting?!!
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#### HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ALONE WITH GOD?

When they were all alone, He explained all things to His disciples. – Mark 4:34

Our Solitude with Him. Jesus doesn't take us aside and explain things to us all the time; He explains things to us as we are able to understand them. The lives of others are examples for us, but God requires us to examine our own souls. It is slow work— so slow that it takes God all of time and eternity to make a man or woman conform to His purpose. We can only be used by God after we allow Him to show us the deep, hidden areas of our own character. It is astounding how ignorant we are about ourselves! We don't even recognize the envy, laziness, or pride within us when we see it. But Jesus will reveal to us everything we have held within ourselves before His grace began to work. How many of us have learned to look inwardly with courage?

We have to get rid of the idea that we understand ourselves. That is always the last bit of pride to go. The only One who understands us is God. The greatest curse in our spiritual life is pride. If we have ever had a glimpse of what we are like in the sight of God, we will never say, "Oh, I'm so unworthy." We will understand that this goes without saying. But as long as there is any doubt that we are unworthy, God will continue to close us in until He gets us alone. Whenever there is any element of pride or conceit remaining, Jesus can't teach us anything. He will allow us to experience heartbreak or the disappointment we feel when our intellectual pride is wounded. He will reveal numerous misplaced affections or desires—things over which we never thought He would have to get us alone. Many things are shown to us, often without effect. But when God gets us alone over them, they will be clear.

From My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

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