

## what's happening in May@ acpc

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7.30pm Newmarket Group 8pm St Heliers Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group				<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	8pm Greenlane Group		10am Remuera Group	10.30am Communion Service 3-5pm Table Tennis 7pm - Pentecost Gathering
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7.30pm Newmarket Group 8pm - St Heliers Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group				10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	8pm Greenlane Group 7.30pm - Parish Council Meeting		10am Remuera Group	10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis 6-9pm Pot- luck Dinner & Games

### For more info on our home groups contact...

Greenlane: George Lowe 021 739 838 Ladies: Glenda Choy 524 9391  
 Newmarket: Robert Fong or Allister Young 027 274 2570  
 Remuera: Ken Cheung 021 431607 St Heliers: Marty Bing 021 753 406  
 Young Adults: Rob O'Callahan 021 783 289

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
8th May 2016

### praying for others

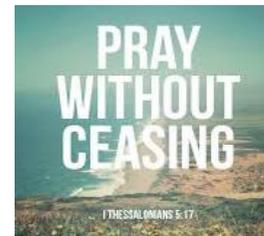
- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries.
- **ACPC congregations** – that we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and transformed by God's personal direction to us through His Word.
- **For those who serve us in Central Auckland** – for the café and restaurant workers and dairy owners in our city, may You keep them safe and give them peace.
- **For the gift of mothers in our church** – for their love, patience and all they do for their children. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.



What has God  
written on your heart!

**Psalm 139:13-16, John 13:34-35**  
*Anne Overton*

*A very warm welcome to everyone,  
especially visitors,  
to the service today!  
Please join us for morning tea afterwards.*



contact us:  
**rev stuart vogel (on leave)**

For pastoral matters until 17 May  
please call Marty Bing on  
021 753 406



## Serving @ acpc

Service Leader  
Music Leader  
Bible Reader  
Ushers  
Techno  
Cup of Tea & Dishes

## This week

Jono Yu  
Peter Ting  
Michelle Tsang  
Stephen Tsang  
Ricky Yap & Darren Koo  
Adriana Kim, Jenny Wong  
Jackie Yeung

## Next week

Serene Thain  
James Koay  
Brendon Fraser  
Suan Tan & Benson Fong  
Michael Yu & Harvey He  
Michelle Lee, Yanna Ho,  
Cindy Lowe

## No "Ifs"

*For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening...nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 8:38-39*

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

Chinese Chess/Checkers, table tennis and English conversation:

Thursdays 2 – 3.30pm

### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

A good way to develop your table tennis skills in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere.



## The 2016/2017 Entertainment Book is here

Remember you can order this year's Entertainment Book in digital or hard copy format (which you can use immediately) for \$65 through Glenda

## Mid-Winter Christmas coming up...

Save the date –Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 5 to 8pm for our Mid-Winter Christmas Celebration with the good folk at the YWCA next door. The dinner is still in its planning phase, but rumour has it that... what says mid-winter (in a Chinese church) like a steamboat dinner?



## A Pentecost Gathering -

The Presbytery's Prayer and Healing Cluster group is hosting a pentecost gathering at GreyFriars Church, 544 Mt Eden Rd, 7pm on Sunday 15th May. The guest speaker is Reverend Jim Wall of St Enoch's in Tauranga (Mark Maney's mentoring minister). Jim will be speakin on 'For the love of God-go' and the purpose of the pentecost gathering is simply to gather for encouragement and prayer and ministry looking to God to revive his church here in Auckland.

To fully understand all the different facets of love, we must talk about the two kinds of love: the God-kind of love and man's love. Man's love fails, gives up; but God's love does not. Man's love is finite, comes to an end; but God's love is infinite and eternal. Man's love is dependent on favorable behavior and circumstances; God's love is not. People place conditions on their love, but God's love is unconditional. According to God's Word, He loved us before the world was formed, before we loved Him or believed in Him, or had ever done anything either good or evil. God does not require us to earn His love, and we must not require others to earn ours. As believers in Jesus Christ, the love we are to manifest to the world is the unconditional love of God flowing through us to them.

Loving people unconditionally is a very big challenge. I would be tempted to say it's impossible, but since God tells us to do it, surely He must have a way for us to do it. Sometimes we pray to be able to love the unlovely and then do our best to avoid every unlovely person God sends our way. Learning to walk in love with unlovely people and learning to be patient in trials are probably the two most important tools God uses to develop our spiritual maturity. Believe it or not, difficult people in our lives help us. They sharpen and refine us for God's use.

**Love Others Today:** "Lord, help me to love others today without imposing 'ifs' or conditions. Let me remember that as I do it, I'm being refined by You."

Joyce Meyer