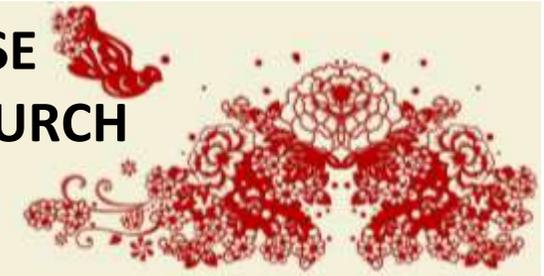


## what's going on @ acpc in february?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7.30pm <i>Professionals Group</i>	10.30am <i>Ladies' Group</i> 6.30pm <i>Young Adults' Group</i>  <b>LENT STARTS</b>	10.30am <i>Tea &amp; Talk</i> 8pm <i>Greenlane Group</i>	<b>CHINESE NEW YEAR</b> 		10.30am <i>Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	7.30pm <i>Professionals Group</i>	6.30pm <i>Young Adults' Group</i>	10.30am <i>Tea &amp; Talk</i> 7.30pm <i>Prayer Group</i>		10.00am – 12.00pm <i>Home Group Leaders' Training Session</i>	10.30am <i>Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i> 6pm <i>Pot Luck Dinner &amp; Games</i>
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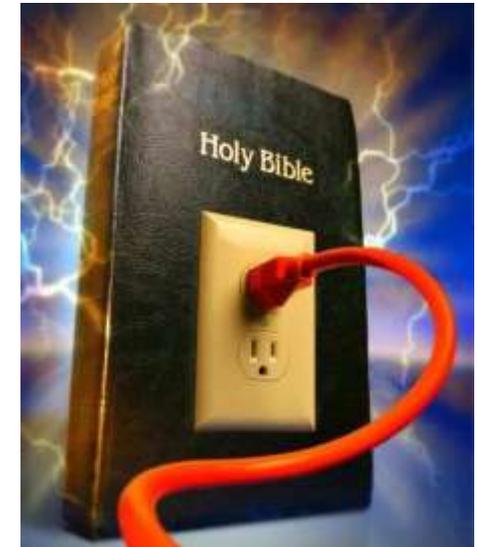
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105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
18<sup>th</sup> February 2018



## praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries.
- **ACPC congregations** – we pray that we can make a fresh commitment to pursue You today, excited to see the amazing things You will do in our lives.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood, especially those without homes.
- **For those who have faced natural disaster** – We pray for healing, comfort, strength and resilience for those have recently faced natural disaster.
- **This Chinese New Year** – We pray that we can be mindful that our prosperity lies in our relationship with God, not material wealth.



## The Power Of The Word

Luke 4:31-44, Philippians 3: 9

*John Probert*

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

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## Serving @ acpc

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

## This week

Stephen Tsang  
 Ant Yan  
 Michelle Tsang  
 Brendon & Ginny Fraser  
 Mandy Lowe, Avery O'C  
 George Lowe, Janet  
 O'Callahan, Sheryl Feng

## Next week

Tony Wai  
 Darren Koo  
 Isobel Lam  
 Samuel & Jocelyn Ho  
 Mandy Lowe, Rob Wong  
 Benson Fong, Jenny Wong,  
 Ricky Yap

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

**Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:** every Thursday at church from 10.30am-12pm

**Table tennis:** Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly, a good way to develop your table tennis skills in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere.



## Prayer Group this week – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

Preacher Charles Spurgeon once said that: *“The very act of prayer is a blessing.”* Come be blessed, and bless others as we join together in prayer at Glenda’s this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm. See Glenda for more details.



## Home Group Leaders’ Training Session – Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Are you a Home Group Leader, have you heard God’s prompting about leading a bible study now or in the future... or are you just interested in knowing more about how to study the Bible? Then come along to our training session at ACPC, (so carpooling or public transport is encouraged) on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 12pm. Check out the handout for more details, however it is vital for catering purposes if you let [office@acpc.org.nz](mailto:office@acpc.org.nz) know by Tues 20<sup>th</sup> if you wish to stay for the light lunch afterwards.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Pot Luck of the year, next Sunday Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

The theme is welcome to students, especially those staying at the YWCA. Please bring a plate of your favourite food. This year we are asking the people next door who come regularly to prepare something from their countries so it should be an interesting year!

## EM Retreat - Save the date Apr 14<sup>th</sup>!



We’re still in the planning stages, however a retreat is planned for the EM with something for the whole family on **Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>** (the day after school finishes). Mark this in your calendars for a time of learning, laughter, friendship and great food! More details to follow.



## CWS Appeal for Tonga after Cyclone Gita

Phil King, Global Mission Coordinator for the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand would like to encourage Presbyterian congregations and members to support the CWS Appeal. This can be done by sending donations directly to CWS at <http://www.cws.org.nz/what-we-do/emergencies/cyclone-gita-appeal>

## After the service each week, please remember to...

Lift and place the chairs as quietly as practical when putting them away. If it’s dry, please exit through Jenny’s lovely garden and down the side of the church. If it’s wet, please be as quiet as possible when using the stairs while the CM service is still going.



## Caring for our community – household goods

The City Mission provides around 11,000 food parcels to Auckland-based individuals and families in desperate need each year. Make it a new habit for this year to keep others in mind during your normal shop. Helpful items include:

- 420g Cans of Spaghetti
- 420g Cans of Baked Beans
- 400g Cans of Tomatoes
- 1 Litre UHT Milk
- 420g Canned Soup
- 410g Canned Fruit



## Take Responsibility for Your Happiness

*I know that there is nothing better for them than to be glad and to get and do good as long as they live.*— Ecclesiastes 3:12 (AMPC)

One of the most important lessons I have learned is that I cannot count on someone else to make me happy. God has given us the ability to take responsibility for our own happiness.



A lot of people aren’t happy unless a certain person behaves a certain way, or a certain situation works out just the way they want it to. Every day we let our happiness depend on other people and situations, when in reality, God wants us to find our happiness in Him.

There was a time when I would feel sorry for myself if Dave went to play golf the day after one of our conferences. I wanted him to go shopping or watch a movie with me. But God showed me that we have different ways of relaxing and unwinding.



That’s just one example, but there are so many ways that we put unrealistic expectations on people and rely on them to keep us happy. God wants us to look to Him first and rely on Him for our happiness.

**Prayer Starter:** God, my happiness should only rely on You, not other people and situations. Help me to see any unrealistic expectations I have so I can take responsibility for my own happiness. Joyce Meyer