

What's going on @ acpc in September?

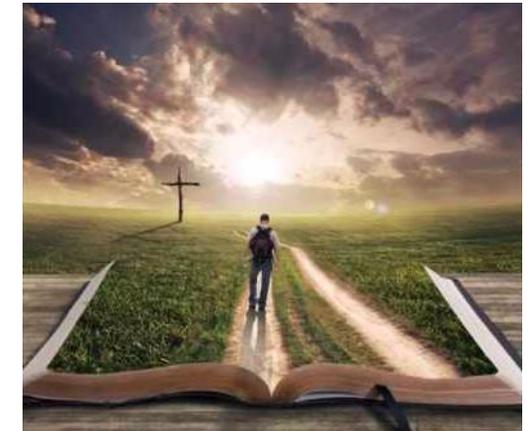
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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	7.30pm Professionals Group	10.30am <i>Ladies' Group</i> 6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8:00pm Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
9 September 2019

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. We pray for guidance and discernment as we look to our future in the city. We wait expectantly for Your plans for a new minister for the EM.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood.
- **For those affected the typhoon and earthquakes** in Japan. Pray for safety, comfort, strength and assistance.



Enoch demonstrates what is God's plan for us all

John Probert

Genesis 5: 18-24
Hebrews 11: 5-10

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

Jono Yu
Ant Yan
Janet O'Callahan
Janet & Blake O'C
Rexson Tse, Mandy Lowe
Gena Gan, Linlee Tram,
Benson Fong, John P

Next week

Marty Bing
Darren Koo
Tony Wong
Robert W & Benson Fong
Robert F & Tiffany Ho
Cindy Lowe, Sheryl Feng,
Ricky Yap

Reaching out each week @ acpc

Tea and Talk - games, tea and English

conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

Tea and Talk has now got some plants in the backyard and at Griffiths Gardens on Wellesley St. This has brought about a lot of good conversation and contacts

Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

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

AGM Notice

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday 23**

September at 12pm. As well as voting on the budget and annual report, this meeting will also include voting on accepting Marty Bing and Celia Wong as Parish Council members for a second two-year term. A pdf copy of the annual report was emailed out yesterday, also hard copies of the annual report are available today at the back.

Stuart's trip to North Korea

Stuart will be away for three weeks in October visiting North Korea and Taiwan. He will be bringing back some great Taiwanese tea and taking some funds from various wider Church sources to a Bakery and Noodle factory in Pyongyang, North Korea. The factory serves preschools and old age homes by supplying and old age homes with quality food. The Bakery is run with the support of the Presbyterian Church of the USA. Our first priority as ACPC is One2One. However, if you would like to donate a little, see Stuart for the fund account number.

Coffee with Stuart

Before he heads off to North Korea in October, Stuart would like to make a special effort to arrange a time to chat with each member of EM in September. It is important for the minister to get a feel of what people are



thinking and praying about, especially as the AGM is coming. 30 to 40 minutes over a cappuccino can just great.

Books for teenagers

Our family Stuart have enjoyed and now grown out of books written for teenagers. We have lots of these at home. The Department of Corrections is looking for books like these for their prison libraries. The books are lent out to families of prisoners with teenage children to encourage reading and literacy. If you have such books that you no longer need, please bring them to Church by Sunday September 22, when we will bless the books and pray for prison families. The books need to be clean and appropriate for teenagers.

God is at Work in North Korea

This raises lots of questions, so let me just tackle them in a "tweet-style" way. Firstly, Prior to the Second World War, Pyongyang (now the Capital of North Korea or "the Democratic Republic of Korea") was known as the "Jerusalem of the East". People there responded to the gospel in a remarkable way, more than anywhere else in Asia. The people of North Korea are loved by God and they can and do respond to Jesus.

There are 2 "official" open churches in North Korea. Are the people who go there on Sundays "real" Christians? Are they Government "plants" to show foreigners there is freedom of religion? Possibly. But who are we to judge?

Secondly, there is a humanitarian crisis there. 20% of children are malnourished and ¼ of all children are "stunted"; their physical development is seriously hindered by lack nutrition. Christians cannot accept this. It is against God's will.

The international sanctions make it difficult to send aid to North. There is also suspicion that any aid goes first to the North Korean Army. This means that few countries donate even to UNICEF and other United Nations agencies. North Korea is in a humanitarian crisis that we hear little about.

Remarkably, the Non-Government Agencies still working in North Korea, despite everything, are overwhelmingly Christian. Christians persist in faith, hope and love. We don't give up. We are not quitters. Christians know that Hebrews 13;16 is true: "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Moreover, a ridiculously small donation still makes a difference. Enough to provide a meal or two is received and eaten with gratitude. The Bread and Noodle Factory in Pyongyang, supported by the (North) Korean Christian Federation and the Presbyterian Church (USA) sees that children and old people who need those meals receive them.

It is astounding how, with the power of God, somehow Christians can break through sanctions, visa bans and the "cold war".