

## What's going on @ acpc in September?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Communion Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	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
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis  6-9pm Pot-luck Dinner
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## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
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### 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 who are unwell.** We pray that your healing hand be upon them.



### Simple Containers, Great Message

Rev Stuart Vogel

### 2 Corinthians 4: 1-18

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

Just pray.

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## Serving @ acpc

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

## This week

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

## Next week

Glenda Choy  
Peter Ting  
Michelle Tsang  
Soo Land & Francis Yu  
Michael & Robert W  
Yanna Ho, Bryony To,  
Jean Wong

## 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.



**ACPC website resources** Don't forget to check the ACPC website for Bible studies as a personal or group resource. There are also short "tweets" on biblical ideas and subjects that are intended as thought provokers. These are updated once a month.

**Piano pieces this morning** Tiffany will play Invention no.8 in F Major by J.S. Bach as our prelude and The cuckoo by L.C. Daquin after bible reading. Thank you Tiffany for leading us in worship and reflection.

**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** There's still some time left in September to catch up with Stuart before he heads off to North Korea in October. He is keen to get a feel of what people are thinking and praying about. 30 to 40 minutes over a cappuccino can be 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 23, when we will bless the books and pray for prison families. The books need to be clean and appropriate for teenagers.

## Try to make peace

<https://www.rhema.co.nz/the-word-for-today>

If...possible...live at peace with everyone.' Romans 12:18 NIV

Jesus said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God' (Matthew 5:9 NKJV). Notice, God promised to bless peacemakers, not peace lovers. There's a difference. Peacemakers pay the price; peace lovers enjoy the benefits. Sometimes you've got to confront people before you can comfort them. Jesus threw the money changers out of the temple because they were charging unfair exchange rates to those who bought lambs and turtle doves to offer as sacrifices to God. In most cases these were people who could least afford it, so Jesus decided to get involved.

One of the names given to God is Jehovah-Shalom, 'The Lord is our peace' (see Judges 6:24). 'Shalom' doesn't denote the absence of trouble, but the peace of God in the midst of it. When we have an issue with someone, Jesus said we should take certain steps. First, go and try to resolve it privately. If that doesn't work, take someone with you who can help. If that fails, take it to the church leadership. And if the person still refuses to be reconciled, then love them and leave them in God's hands (see Matthew 18:15-17). It may not be a How-to-Win-Friends-and-Influence-People approach to conflict resolution, but it's God's way.

Paul said, 'If...possible...live at peace with everyone.' For example, Paul was willing to forego eating certain foods that were offensive to others (see 1 Corinthians 8:13), but he wasn't willing to tolerate troublemakers in the church (see Romans 16:17). So you must know when to make waves, and when to make peace.

Soulfood: Neh 1-4 Lk 21:12-24 Ps 78:17-31 Pro 23:26-28