#### What's happening in January & February @ ACPC? Mon Tues Wed **Thurs** Fri Sat Sun 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm M Young Adults' Tea & Talk Sunday Service Group 6.00pm Auckland Anniversary BBQ@ Cornwall Park JUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP. 27 29 31 2 28 30 1 AUCKLAND 10.30am 10.30am 10.30am ANNIV. Ladies' Group Tea & Talk Sunday Service DAY 6.30pm 7.00pm 3-5pm Young Adults' Prayer **Table Tennis** Group Group 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 7.30pm 6.30pm WAITANGI 10.00am 10.30am Professionals Young Adults' DAY Remuera Sunday Service Group Group Home Group 3-5pm **Table Tennis** 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 7.30pm 6.30pm 10.30am 10.30am Love never fails. Professionals Young Adults' Tea & Talk Communion Group Group Service 3-5pm **Table Tennis**

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# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City 19 January 2020

#### praying for others

- Rev Tang & Pastor Cox for God's guidance, wisdom, love, and strength in leading our ministries. We pray for blessings on them and their families. We especially pray for Rachael Cox and her family following the death of her stepmum on Friday, and travelling mercies for Rev Tang as he travels to visit family tomorrow.
- ACPC's needs we pray:
  - May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member in this New Year;
  - For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
  - Praise God for His provision in our building needs, in particular we continue to pray for the sale of 105 Vincent Street;
  - For those who are injured, unwell or troubled by difficult circumstances, may You give comfort, and peace.





## Rhythms of Renewal Part 1: Rest and Restore

Psalm 80
Pastor Andrew Cox

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

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Bible Reader
Ushers
Techno
Cup of Tea & Dishes

#### This week

Glenda Choy Darren Koo Janet O'Callahan Brendon & Lidia Fraser Mandy Lowe, Rob Fong Linlee Chan, Eva Yeung, Benson Fong

#### Next week

Jono Yu Natalie Wong Suan Tan Suan Tan & Benson Fong Harvey He, Blake O'Callahan Michelle Wai, Ken Meng Chan, Bryony To

### Reaching out each week @ acpc

Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm starts up again on this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. **Table tennis:** is formally taking a break over December and January.

#### A Word from Andrew

A recent (satirical) article in the Babylon Bee goes like this: "Family Makes Resolution To Show Up To Church No More Than 15 Minutes Late This Year." It goes on to say that "Some are calling the resolution "far-fetched," but the Manninos insist that if they try hard and believe in themselves, they can roll into church and miss only three or four worship songs each and every Sunday for this entire year..."



You may laugh at their "New Year Resolution" (hopefully you do) but it makes a point. The Manninos haven't actually set the bar very high in terms of their church commitment. So how important is church to you? I'm not about guilt-tripping anyone into turning up on time for church, but let's all remember the importance of gathering together so we can encourage each other to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Let's make ACPC services unmissable in 2020!



### Coming up...

**BBQ** and Picnic at Cornwall Park: We won't have a pot luck dinner in January. Instead, everyone is invited to Cornwall Park from 6pm on <u>Sunday 26 January</u> (Anniversary weekend). Meet at the grassy area near the big BBQ facilities to the south of Twin Oaks Drive. Bring meat and salad to share. Games for kids from 5-6pm.

**Church Camp:** <u>28 February to 1 March 2020</u>, Moirs Point Christian Centre, Mangawhai Heads. Have a chat to those who enjoyed this year's camp (its great facilities, wonderful food,



laughter, games and friendships, the inspiring studies and discussions, and did we mention the lodges?) and mark your diary today.

#### This Sunday



In Psalm 80, Asaph prays for God to restore his people after the devastating destruction wrought by the Assyrians. God is in the restoration business! In her book, Rhythms of Renewal, Rebekah suggests four rhythms to follow: rest, restore, connect and create. We'll look at the first two today.

#### rest

- 1. Take an inventory: Reflect and Journal Some good questions: What's Right? (Gratitude) What's wrong? What's confused? What's missing?
- 2. Tech Detox: Silence the noise
- 3. Get quiet create space and listen
- 4. Do the heart work: Examine and Confess 3 questions: What do I need to confess? What do I need to release? What do I need to change?



- 5. Routines for deep sleep
- 6. Morning Routine coffee, candle and a pen What's your morning routine? Do you drag yourself out of bed late, slog through a rushed and harried process of getting out the door and entering into the demands of the day? Or do you take it more slowly, settle into God's rhythm, and let his comfort dictate the pace?
- 7. Stop the work: Practise Sabbath

#### restore (See Isaiah 58:11-12)

- 8. Permission to Play: giving up control When was the last time you took an intentional break from work to play something?
- 9. Eat smart brain food
- 10. Know your identity: labels don't define you
- 11. Take a walk: clear the brain fog
- 12. Seek Adventure: take a trip What are some intentional ways you can create an adventure that requires you to face and overcome your fears?
- 13. Break a sweat: use the workout pants
- 14. Push yourself: move beyond your comfort zone



God wants you not only to survive, but to thrive.

When we are healthy and growing, we are going to be far more help to others who need support.