


## What's happening in April & May @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk  8:00pm Greenlane Group		 3-5pm Table Tennis	10.30am Sunday Service and Child Dedication  3-5pm Table Tennis
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Sunday Service <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>  3-5pm Table Tennis
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
28 April 2019

### 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.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood.
- **ACPC's future needs** – we pray:
  - May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member;
  - For unity among the entire congregation for our building needs;
  - For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
  - That God prepares a suitable place for His ministry in Auckland City; and
  - That God grants us hearts willing to give with faith: our time, money and talents.

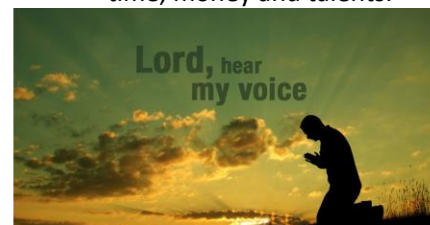


### The Danger Of Meeting Jesus

**Mark 11:27-33**

Robert O'Callahan

*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

## This week

Jono Yu  
Ant Yan  
Soo Land Wong  
Eva Yeung, Soo Land Wong  
Mandy Lowe, Blake  
O'Callahan  
Allister Young, Janet  
O'Callahan, Cindy Lowe

## Next week

Marty Bing  
Isabel Lam  
Benson Fong  
Samuel & Jocelyn Ho  
Harvey He, Mandy Lowe &  
Sammy Bing  
Bryony To, Pauliana Lo,  
Michelle Tsang



### More celebrations – next Sunday

 With our Child Dedication Service (normal time of 10.30am) as a number of families commit their children to God and God's purposes. As part of the celebration, please bring a plate of food to share after the service.

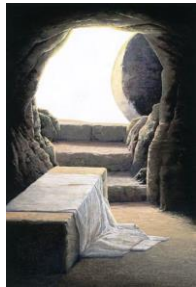
## Reaching out each week @ acpc

### Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly



### A Word from Andrew

 We live in a sceptical age. Fake news, amazing special effects and "scientism" don't make it easy to accept the existence of miracles! So why believe in the resurrection? I reckon the changed lives of the disciples is one of the most compelling reasons. Philip Yancey writes in "The Jesus I never knew": *"We who read the Gospels from the other side of Easter forget how hard it was for the disciples to believe... Convincing these sceptics would require intimate, personal encounters with the one*

*who had been their Master for three years, and over the next six weeks, Jesus provided exactly that. The appearances were not glamorous. No angels in the sky singing hymns, no kings from afar bearing gifts. Jesus showed up in the most ordinary of circumstances: a private dinner, two men walking along a road, a woman weeping in a garden, some fishermen working on a lake."* So, let's join them in proclaiming, "Jesus is risen!"

### Ten Years this week...

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 was the first service where CTK (Christ the King Church) joined with ACPC. This signalled a new era for the EM here at ACPC, where in 'two are better than one' fashion we complemented each other's gifts and talents in bringing God's Word to the city. We give thanks for God's continued guidance and look forward to the challenges and opportunities He has in store for us.



### Pot Luck Dinner Tonight – 6pm

 Join us (and invite others) tonight as we explore "Why I Believe in Easter". As always much appreciated if you could please bring a favourite food, drink or a donation to share.

### Freely

 "... and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5:5  
The word *freely* means "spontaneously; without constraint or persuasion."

When the Lord, in the person of the Holy Spirit, comes to dwell in our heart, He brings love with Him, because God is love (see 1 John 4:8).



It's important to ask what we are doing with the love of God that has been freely given to us. Are we rejecting it because we don't think we are valuable enough to be loved? Do we believe God is like other people who have rejected and hurt us? Or are we receiving His love by faith, believing that He is greater than our failures and weaknesses?

With God's help, we can love ourselves—not in a selfish way, but in a balanced, godly way; a way that simply affirms God's creation as essentially good and right. God's plan is this: for us to receive His love freely, love ourselves in a godly way, generously love Him in return, and finally love all the people who come into our lives.



**Prayer Starter:** Father, thank You for Your abundant love. Help me to freely receive Your love, love myself, then pour out Your love to those around me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## Sermon Notes



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