

What's happening for the rest of 2019 @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
6-8.00pm Workshop about Union Street	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk <i>Hope Peace Joy Love</i> 			10.30am Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8.00pm Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Communion Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 			10.30am Combined Christmas Service and shared lunch 3-5pm Table Tennis
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	7.30pm Professionals Group	CHRISTMAS DAY				10.30am Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis

ACPC Home Group Contacts

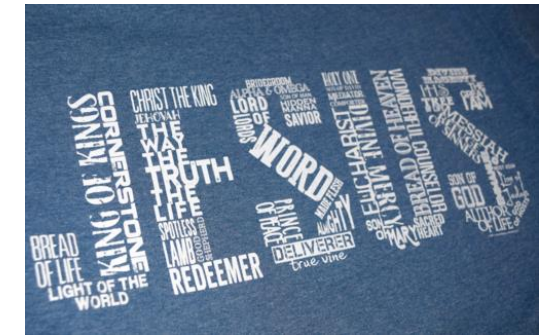
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AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
1 December 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.
- **ACPC's needs** – we pray:
 - May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member;
 - For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
 - Praise God for His provision in our building needs;
 - In this busy Christmas season, may we slow down enough to focus on You Lord;
 - For those who are injured, unwell or troubled by difficult circumstances, may You give comfort, and peace; and
 - May the guilty verdicts to being a sense of closure for families of recent homicide victims.



The Names of Jesus

Isaiah 9: 6-7

ACPC Youth Group & Sunday School Advent Service

*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

Youth Group
Avery O'Callahan
Jocelyn Ho
Francis Yu & Soo Land Wong
Harvey He, Blake O'Callahan
Gena Gan, Rachael Cox,
Yanna Ho

Next week

Glenda Choy
Natalie Wong
Janet O'Callahan
Benson Fong & Soo Land Wong
Mandy Lowe, Blake O'Callahan
Bryony To, Pauliana Lo,
Michelle Tsang

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

Welcome to our service this morning! Today, we begin the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus to the earth. Rather than jump straight into "Joy to the World, the Lord has Come", we take time to get ready for Christmas Day. Yes, we put up the tree and buy presents (most of us), but more importantly, we pray, "Lord, come to us afresh - may your guidance be like the star of Bethlehem, your presence like your arrival in the flesh and your praise like that of the angels who greeted the shepherds!"



Coming Up...

Workshop with the Architects, tomorrow: Monday 2 December 6-9 pm. Come here and share your ideas with G2 Architects as they begin their work on the 25 Union St property.

Christmas Service: Sunday 22 December 10:30 am. Join us together Combined Cantonese and English Christmas service, followed by a shared finger food lunch.

Church Camp: 28 February to 1 March 2020, 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.



Question to ponder

1. What do I want Jesus to say/do for me this Advent?



Names of Jesus

'Look, the Lamb of God!' John 1:36

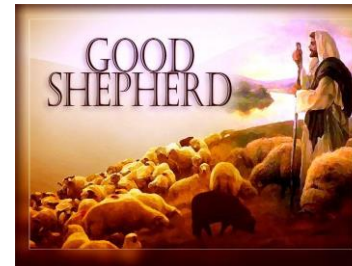
When we consider Jesus as the Lamb of God, we understand the deep symbolism of sacrifice. In the Old Testament, a sacrifice was made in order to please God, to make things right with Him. This was a significant act of worship to God. When we look to Christ, we see Him as the ultimate fulfilment of sacrifice. A lamb without blemish and free from accusation, Jesus took upon Himself the punishment that belongs to us. Jesus is the ultimate end to God's plan for the salvation of the world.

'I am the light of the world.' John 8:12

There are few things more glorious than a beautiful sunrise or dazzling sunset. Light in the Old Testament was seen as a sign of God's power (burning bush, bright clouds, pillar of fire etc.). In Psalm 27:1 the writer describes God as his light and salvation. It was clear that light stood for the glory of God. The ultimate glory of God is found in the person of Christ Jesus, who came into a world darkened by sin and shed the light of life and truth through His work and His words. Those who trust in Him have their eyes opened by Him and walk in the light.



'I am the good shepherd.' John 10:14



The role of a shepherd was well understood during the time of Jesus' ministry. A shepherd's job was to take care of the sheep. When Jesus described Himself as the good shepherd, He was describing His character as unique. The Greek word kalos means beautiful, noble, wholesome, and good. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, not only takes care of His sheep, but He also paid the redemption price to call them His own—those who have received eternal life through His blood.

Paul Muddle, Bible Society of Australia, YouVersion app

