

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Celia, Andrew	
Music Leader	Celia, Andrew	
Bible Reader	Winnie	
Ushers	Suan, Francis	
Techno	Harvey, Alan	
Cup of Tea	Combined Lunch – Quin, Daisy, Michelle L,	
Dishes		

HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
CANTONESE GROUP	Albert Ko	Saturday weekly @ 4pm	@ Alex Wong Toi's Contact Albert Ko 021 753 912
CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP	Peter Zen	1 st & 3 rd Friday @ 8pm	@ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663
COLLEGE & CAREERS GROUP	Mark Maney	Wednesday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
GREENLANE GROUP	Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956
ISAAC GROUP	Lydia Lam	Friday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City
LADIES' GROUP	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
NEWMARKET GROUP	Robert O'Callahan	Thursday weekly @ 8.00pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City 021 783 289
REMUERA GROUP	Ken Cheung	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's Contact Ken 021 431607
YOUNG PARENTS GROUP	Mark Maney	Saturday monthly @ 2pm	Contact Mark 021 309 544

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

31st March 2013

Speaker: Rev Stuart Vogel
Theme: "An old, but reliable and believable story"
Bible Reading: Mark 16: 9-20



A warm welcome to all visitors to this morning's service.
You are invited to stay for lunch and a cup of tea after the service.

ORDER of SERVICE

Welcome/Call to Worship	Celia Wong, Andrew To
Opening Prayer	
Worship songs:	Celia Wong, Andrew To
<i>All heaven declares To God be the glory How great is our God</i>	
Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession	Celia Wong, Andrew To
Offering	Celia Wong, Andrew To
Choir - <i>I wish you knew my Jesus</i>	Ming Wong
Children to Sunday School	Michelle Wai, Weng Wai Bing, Jean Wong, Jo Wong
Bible Reading: Mark 16: 9-20	Winnie Wong
Sermon: "An old, but reliable and believable story"	Rev Stuart Vogel Interpreter: Albert Ko
Closing song: <i>Jesus Christ is risen today</i>	Celia Wong, Andrew To
Benediction	Rev Stuart Vogel



GOOD NEWS RE REV CHU HANG TANG

We are delighted that Rev Tang's work visa has been approved. We are hopeful that Rev and Mrs Tang, Jireh and Raphael will be able to join us in Auckland in July/August 2013. Please remember them in your prayers.

PAPERBAG CLUB SATURDAY 7TH APRIL 2013

All 8 to 13 year olds are welcome to join in the Paperbag Club activity at church this Saturday, from 3 pm to 4.30pm. Michelle and Iain will lead us into the afternoon with some games. Joanna Chiu will tax our brains and co-operative skills with some Brain Game challenges.



ST DAVID'S FOODBANK NEXT SUNDAY

Presbyterian Support Northern and the St David's Foodbank have expressed their deep appreciation to ACPC for our ongoing contribution to the St David's Foodbank. Please place donations of cereal, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, pasta, rice and other non-perishable food in the boxes just inside the hall. Thank you. It's good to know we make a difference.

'THANK YOU' FROM MARK AND CHARLOTTE

Thank you for all your prayers, offers of food, household help or babysitting to Mark and Charlotte. They are most appreciative of the blessings pouring on them. The good news is that baby is growing again and should be born in the early part of April.



Their prayer is that you have a blessed Easter weekend reflecting on the amazing gift of salvation we're all granted through Jesus Christ!



PASTOR MARK ON LEAVE

Pastor Mark is on leave for another week. Please contact Marty Bing (021 753 406) or Jean Wong (021 141 1054) if you have an emergency.

LIVING THE JOY OF EASTER

I tossed a salad while hubby placed the buttery rolls on the table. Easter celebration nudged us to hunt for memories.

"Do you remember how Joe would make us laugh with his silly comments?" I said to my adult sons at the dinner table.

They affirmed. And we all laughed remembering Joe's wit, his unique insights and his gusto for life.



But that laughter visited us only after a long, painful and devastating period of grief. When we first faced the anguish of his death in such a brutal way, my world turned upside down with heartache. I sank in desperation, wondering how can I ever face my tomorrows dragging the heavy chain of sorrow.

But one day, in my heart, I saw my answer. Christ also dragged the cross. I saw Him bleed his pain. Without complaint, sorrow scraped his heart too. And then nailed on the wood, he tasted the bitterness of betrayal mixed with the hardship of injustice.

Why did He not fight? Beg for freedom from the cross? Or curse His fate? The answer nearly exploded in my heart. Because He knew glory awaited Him. He was certain eternity was his. And He counted on heaven.

"I want the same," my soul cried out. And God heard my plea. So with the celebration of the resurrection of hope, and the rebirth of my joy, came a new beginning - my own Easter Sunday.



And while wearing the new outfit of healing, of joy and renewed gusto, I got busy creating a new joy-filled life. When the day comes and my chair is empty at the dinner table, what will my family say about my life? While they scoop up a second helping of mashed potatoes or more slices of honey-baked ham, will they remember the way I dreaded my Calvary or will they recall how I lived my Easters?



How about you? Have you reached your own Easter of triumph for others to see? Whether sorrow or serenity, we're subtly creating a legacy, weaving memories and painting strokes on our own portrait. The one our family will hold in their hearts.

And for the Easters to come, the portrait will display the life we lived, the values we held and the conviction that danced in our heart when we answered.

Living the Joy of Easter by Janet Perez Eckles