

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Worship Leader | Stephen | Serene |
| Music Leader | James | Rea |
| Bible Reader | Benson | Nathan |
| Ushers | Robert O, Avery | Eva, Carl |
| Techno | Celia, Harvey | Mel, Robert |
| Cup of Tea | Yanna, Suan, Daisy | Charlotte, Cindy, Eva |
| Dishes | | |

HOME GROUPS

| | Leader | Meeting time | Location |
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| CANTONESE GROUP | Albert Ko | Saturday weekly @ 4pm | @ Albert & Emily Ko's 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 @ 8pm | @ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City 021 783 289 |
| REMUERA GROUP | Ken Cheung | 2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10am | @ Quin Gee's Contact Ken 021 431 607 |
| YOUNG FAMILIES' GROUP | Mark Maney | Saturday monthly @ 2pm | Contact Mark 021 309 544 |

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City

ENGLISH MINISTRY COMMUNION SERVICE

7th July 2013



Speaker: Pastor Mark Maney
Sermon Title: Jonah: Into Darkness
Sermon Passage: Jonah 2:1-10



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

FAVOURITE WORSHIP SONGS

Please consider if your favourite worship song is appropriate for our Sunday services. We have left the Music Team's inventory of songs on the table for your reference. Feel free to write down any other songs and an attempt will be made to include them if and when they fit into the service theme. Please note your name so that Rea can contact you if necessary. Many thanks.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- ❖ Pastor Mark and family and his ministry at ACPC
- ❖ Rev and Mrs Tang and family – May they have a safe journey to Auckland next week and that all provisions will be adequate for their immediate needs
- ❖ St David's Foodbank – Miles and volunteers and the people in need who receive their help and guidance this month
- ❖ The apartment dwellers in Vincent Street who are lonely and in need of God's love and our friendship

PASS-IT-ONS

At last Sunday's worship service, everyone was invited to take a Pass-It-On from the back table to pass on to a friend – or a family member. It is one way we can share the Good News of our Christian faith to others. Feel free to take one today and pray that the person you pass it on to will be moved by the Bible verse on the card.

ST DAVID'S FOOD BANK

A warm thank you from the St David's Foodbank for your contributions of food this morning. They are always appreciative of any donation, large or small. Your contribution this morning is a blessing to those in need.



AUGUST MOON DINNER – 10TH AUGUST 2013

Have you booked your place at the ACPC table for the New Zealand Chinese Association's August Moon Dinner at Mandarin Palace Seafood Restaurant, 9 Aviemore Drive, Highland Park at 6.30 pm, on Saturday, 10th August 2013? The cost is \$35.00 per person (\$25.00 for children under 12) for 12 courses including Peking duck and venison.

ACPC CHOIR

Ming is keen to have a combined ACPC choir to be part of the worship at the Welcome Service for Rev and Mrs Tang and family. Practices would be at 9.15am every Sunday. Please seriously consider supporting this initiative.



URBAN GARDEN

The concept plans are out for the Urban Garden at the back of the church hall. Jean needs people now who are willing to put their hand up and commit to working in a team to develop the concept plans and help to push the process towards a spring planting. Further assistance for hands on manpower will be required at a later date. Please see Jean or email her at soiewong@gmail.com if you are keen to help.



CHURCH OFFERINGS AND TAX REBATES

Many people who give their offering to the church by way of automatic payment or direct debit. These are ideal methods as you do not need to play 'catch-up' for when you are away and you don't have to worry about having cash on you on Sundays.

We recommend that everyone has an envelope number if you don't have one already. That way, you will receive a receipt at the end of the financial year and you will be able to claim a tax rebate. Please see Robert Wong if you need an envelope number. If you inadvertently forget your envelope, there are spare envelopes in the box on the table upstairs and in the foyer.

'FAITH IS'

'...Lord, 'Increase our faith.' Luke 17:5

Faith answers the question, 'How?' with one word: 'God!'

The Bible says, 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' (Hebrews 11:1 NKJV).



Notice:

- 1) Faith is a 'substance.' Some people see faith as something ethereal and 'other worldly.' But it's not; we use faith every day. For example, you pick up the phone, call a department store, place an order, and they ask for your credit card number. Then they send you a receipt. The receipt is what you hold on to while you're waiting for the item to arrive - it gives you the assurance that the product is on the way.

And the same is true in the spiritual realm. God promises to answer your prayer, you believe Him, but your faith is the 'substance' or the receipt you hold on to while you're waiting.

- 2) Faith is also 'evidence.' Why would you believe that someone you can't see on the other end of a phone line would send you something just because you order it? Because it happens every day for others, and it's probably happened to you before. Therefore you're not being presumptuous or silly when you go to your letterbox expecting it to be there.



You are not the first person to trust God and you won't be the last.

Faith
is not hoping
God can
it is knowing
He Will

' Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations' (Psalms 90:1 NAS).

People have been trusting God for thousands of years and He has never let them down. His faithfulness is all the 'evidence' you need. So it's not foolish to put your trust in a God like that, is it?

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