

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Stephen	Serene
Music Leader	David	Anthony
Bible Reader	Stephen	Benson
Ushers	Soo Land, Carl	Jessica, Shirley
Techno	Mel, Robert	Robert, Jireh
Cup of Tea	Michelle L, Jean	Brendon, Quin, Celia
Dishes		

## HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
<b>CANTONESE GROUP</b>	Albert Ko	Saturday weekly @ 4pm	@ Albert & Emily Ko's 021 753 912
<b>CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP</b>	Peter Zen	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday @ 8pm	@ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663
<b>COLLEGE &amp; CAREERS GROUP</b>	Mark Maney	Wednesday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
<b>GREENLANE GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956
<b>ISAAC GROUP</b>	Lydia Lam	Friday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
<b>LADIES' GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
<b>NEWMARKET GROUP</b>	Robert O'Callahan	Thursday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
<b>REMUERA GROUP</b>	Ken Cheung	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's Contact Ken 021 431 607
<b>ST HELIERS GROUP</b>	Marty Bing	Tuesdays fortnightly	Contact Marty 021 753 406
<b>YOUNG FAMILIES' GROUP</b>	Mark Maney	Saturday monthly @ 2pm	Contact Mark 021 309 544

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City

## ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

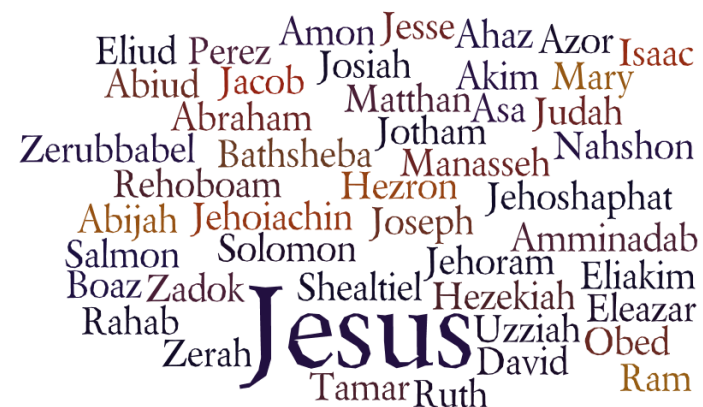
22<sup>nd</sup> December 2013



**Speaker:** Pr Mark Maney

**Sermon Title -** Genealogy of the Unexpected

**Sermon Passage:** Matthew 1:1-16



A warm welcome to everyone to the service today!!!!  
Please stay for a cup of tea after the service.

## COMBINED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

- ☞ Combined Christmas Day service at 10.30am (25<sup>th</sup> December 2013)
- ☞ Combined Christmas Lunch – please bring some food to share if you are staying for lunch. There is a suggested menu on the back table for ideas for what to bring: e.g. salad, dessert, drinks.



Invite your friends and family – all welcome!!!!



## ROSTER JANUARY TO MARCH 2014 - SOS

The roster for the New Year will be out later this week. We need more people on techno to operate the sound system. If you can help, please see Pr Mark or Jean today – training provided.

## PRAYERS



- ❖ Rev Tang and Pr Mark's ministry and leadership of ACPC
- ❖ Christmas Day Celebration and Outreach – for a blessed time for all who can stay and celebrate Christmas together
- ❖ Christmas Day Celebration and Outreach – that we can share God's love and light to newcomers and visitors
- ❖ Yanna and Samuel – peace and uplifting for Yanna's dad and mum, Yanna, Samuel, Tiffany and Jocelyn
- ❖ Harry Fong - full recovery following his operation
- ❖ Safe and enjoyable travelling for all those who are venturing out of Auckland during this holiday season

## IMPORTANT CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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## SERMON NOTES

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them...And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:9-11

## STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

"Daniel distinguished himself... because an excellent spirit was in him..."  
 Daniel 6:3 NKJV

Daniel is remembered for three things:

- 1) standing by divine principles even when it lands you in the lions' den;
- 2) hearing God's Word and recording it; and
- 3) having an attitude that strives for excellence in all things.



John Gardiner said, 'The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity, will neither have good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water.'

Horace Mann was one of America's greatest educators. A lawyer, not a teacher, he entered politics in 1837 and became president of the Massachusetts State Senate.



As a visionary he saw great possibilities for developing a public education system for the nation. His efforts resulted in Massachusetts creating the nation's first Board of Education as 'an experiment.'

When the Board's leadership position was offered to him, his friends, who believed his political career might culminate in the US Presidency, urged him to decline. But Mann took the job.

He told his disappointed friends, 'If the title is not sufficiently honorable, then clearly it is left to me to elevate it!'

Not only did the job have little prestige, the \$1,500 annual salary was only a fraction of what he'd have earned as a lawyer. Concerning this he said, 'Only this is certain; if I live and have good health, I'll do more than \$1,500 worth of good.'

He did. From his position, he gave Massachusetts a public school system that other states adopted, enriching the lives of millions of children for years to come. So, strive for excellence!



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