

what's happening in May@ acpc

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7.30pm <i>Newmarket Group</i> 8pm <i>St Heliers Group</i>	6.30pm Young Adults' Group				MOTHER'S DAY 10.30am Service 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	7.30pm <i>Newmarket Group</i>	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	8pm <i>Greenlane Group</i>		10am <i>Remuera Group</i>	10.30am <i>Communion Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i> 7pm - <i>Pentecost Gathering</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7.30pm <i>Newmarket Group</i> 8pm - <i>St Heliers Group</i>	6.30pm Young Adults' Group				10.30am <i>Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	7.30pm <i>Newmarket Group</i>	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	8pm <i>Greenlane Group</i> 7.30pm - <i>Parish Council Meeting</i>		10am <i>Remuera Group</i>	10.30am <i>Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i> 6-9pm <i>Pot-luck Dinner & Games</i>

For more info on our home groups contact...

Greenlane: George Lowe 021 739 838 Ladies: Glenda Choy 524 9391
 Newmarket: Robert Fong or Allister Young 027 274 2570
 Remuera: Ken Cheung 021 431607 St Heliers: Marty Bing 021 753 406
 Young Adults: Rob O'Callahan 021 783 289

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
8th May 2016

praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries.
- **ACPC congregations** – that we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and transformed by God's personal direction to us through His Word.
- **For those affected by natural disaster** – for those in Christchurch, Nepal, Japan, Ecuador and Fiji, that they may live in hope where the rebuilding of their lives, infrastructure, houses and livelihoods can continue at pace.
- **For those home who face domestic violence** – We pray for your protection, strength, hope and for wisdom for friends and officials to help bring that right protection to them.



**The Holy Spirit -
Counsellor, Comforter, Truth**
John 14:15-19, John 15: 26-27,
John 16: 5-16
John Probert

*A very warm welcome to everyone,
especially visitors,
to the service today!
Please join us for morning tea afterwards.*



contact us:
rev stuart vogel (on leave)

For pastoral matters until 17 May
please call Marty Bing on
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Serving @ acpc

Service Leader
Music Leader
Bible Reader
Ushers
Techno
Cup of Tea & Dishes

This week

Serene Thain
James Koay
Brendan Fraser
Suan Tan & Benson Fong
Michael Yu & Harvey He
Michelle Lee, Yanna Ho,
Cindy Lowe

Next week

Marty Bing
Darren Koo
Benson Fong
Brendan & Lidia Fraser
Robert Fong & Ricky Yap
Michelle Wai, Jo Wong,
Weng Wai Bing

Forgiveness Thinking Ahead

'You shall be near to me ... and ... I will provide for you.' Genesis 45:10-11 NKJV

We've read about how Joseph forgave his brothers and welcomed them back into the family. But he didn't offer token forgiveness then step back from the whole situation. No: he welcomed them back into relationship. How? Well, he was thinking ahead. His brothers would have been terrified of returning to their dad to let him know that Joseph was still alive and that they'd been deceiving him for 22 years. Joseph was a step ahead. He told them: 'Go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me ... I will provide for you"' (Genesis 45:9-11 NKJV). Rather than saying, 'Go confess your mess to dad,' Joseph said, 'Let him know I'm still alive, then come back with him and I'll care for you all.'

This was immensely wise for two reasons. (1) Dropping guilt onto someone who can't handle it is not what God's about when He tells us to reconcile. There's wisdom in knowing what to say and how to say it. (2) It brought the forgiveness home. Where his brothers expected blood and vengeance, they got a warm invite to be near to the brother they'd wronged. Joseph gave them an open door to full reconciliation. So what now? If you've taken the opportunity to forgive someone over the past few days, can you now go further and restore that relationship? See if you can meet up over lunch or dinner.

Reaching out each week @ acpc

Chinese Chess/Checkers, table tennis and English conversation:

Thursdays 2 – 3.30pm

Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

A good way to develop your table tennis skills in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere.

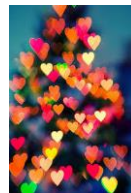


The 2016/2017 Entertainment Book is here

Remember you can order this year's Entertainment Book in digital or hard copy format (which you can use immediately) for \$65 through Glenda

Mid-Winter Christmas ...

Save the date –Sunday 19th June from 5 to 8pm for our Mid-Winter Christmas Celebration with the good folk at the YWCA next door. The dinner is still in its planning phase, but rumour has it that... what says mid-winter (in a Chinese church) like a steamboat dinner?



A Pentecost Gathering - Tonight

The Presbytery's Prayer and Healing Cluster group is hosting a pentecost gathering at GreyFriars Church, 544 Mt Eden Rd, 7pm on Sunday 15th May. The guest speaker is Reverend Jim Wall of St Enoch's in Tauranga (Mark Maney's mentoring minister). Jim will be speakin on 'For the love of God-go' and the purpose of the pentecost gathering is simply to gather for encouragement and prayer and ministry looking to God to revive his church here in Auckland.

Sermon Notes
