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

## For more info on our home groups contact...

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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		

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## 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 the poor and needy in New Zealand for a home and the homeless and a job for the jobless, and for the skills in budgeting
- 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.





## Hope transforms and empowers 1 Peter 3:8-22 Stuart Vogel

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

#### contact us: Rev Stuart Vogel

For pastoral matters please call Stuart on 021 915 9805



## Serving @ acpc

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

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

## Next week

Tony Wai Celia Wong Rose Wong George Lowe & Sooland W Darren Koo & Michael Yu Allister Young, Eden Wong, Serene Thain

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

#### <u>Chinese Chess/Checkers, table tennis and</u> 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 19<sup>th</sup>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?



## Sermon Notes



## **Disappointed? Get Reappointed**

Man's steps are ordered by the Lord. How then can a man understand his way? —Proverbs 20:24

This Scripture has stabilized my emotions many times when I was in a hurry to get somewhere and found myself at a standstill in traffic on the highway. Initially, I get a sinking feeling, then I get aggravated, and then I say, "Well, since my steps are ordered by the Lord, I will calm down and thank God that I am right where He wants me." I also remind myself that God may be saving me from an accident farther down the road by keeping me where I am. Trusting God is absolutely wonderful because it soothes our wild thoughts and emotions when things don't go the way we had planned.

I learned long ago that with God on our side, even though we will experience disappointments in life, we can always get "reappointed." If you or I have a doctor's appointment and he has an emergency and has to cancel, we simply make another appointment. Life can be that way, too. Trusting that God has a good plan for us, and that our steps are ordered by Him, is the key to preventing disappointment from turning into despair. How do you react when you get disappointed? How long does it take for you to make a transition and get reappointed? Are you acting on the Word of God or merely reacting emotionally to the circumstance? Are you controlled by what is around you, or by Jesus, Who lives inside you?

Trusting God completely and believing that His plan for you is right is infinitely better than trusting your own plan. It is impossible to be mad at someone you really believe has your best interest in mind. And God is always for us, never against us. He is the only One Who can help you and truly comfort you; therefore, it is much better to run to Him in your disappointment than away from Him.

**Trust in Him:** Trust God to reappoint you—when you do, it will calm your thoughts and emotions. - **Joyce Meyer** 

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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT



YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO HT A CAMEL THROUGH A NEEDLE