

what's happening in 2016 @ acpc

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Combined Christmas Day Service and Lunch
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Why join a home group?

Pastor Kevin Hardy shares the following thoughts...

- Relationships:** A home group gives you a chance to build deeper friendships.
- Learning the Word of God:** Home groups provide time for one on one discussion. One of the best ways for you to grow in Christ is through talking about the Bible and life.
- Serving Others:** One of the greatest joys of being in a home group is the chance to bear others' burdens, serve their needs, and step out beyond your own issues.
- Place to invite friends:** A home group is a natural place to invite friends and family.
- Place to Pray & Share your needs:** A gathering of a few people is a natural environment for prayer.
- Engage in worship:** Gathering in a home group allows you to experience worship at a very intimate level. Singing or not, God's presence is magnified when we come together!
- Follow the New Testament pattern:** The early Christ Followers gathered in homes, shared meals, read the Word, prayed, and worshipped. When you participate in a home group you are following the New Testament pattern.



What about at ACPC? We have home groups for: ladies (Glenda Choy); and young adults (Rob O'Callahan), as well as meeting in Greenlane (George Lowe); Remuera (Ken Cheung); St Heliers (Marty Bing); and right here in town (Robert Fong).

The Young Adults will be meeting through the holidays, while others resume in the New Year. More details in next month's calendar!

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
18th December 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 hear more keenly God's direction for us on a personal and church level.
- **For others at Christmas time** – We pray for those who find Christmas a difficult time of year, through sickness, loneliness, stress or financial uncertainty. May they find peace, comfort and security in You.
- **For all the people impacted by the Kaikoura Earthquake** – May they find strength in this difficult time and may we be able to assist in any way that is needed.



Silent Night when all
Power of love poured
Forth

Luke 1:26-56

Rev Stuart Vogel

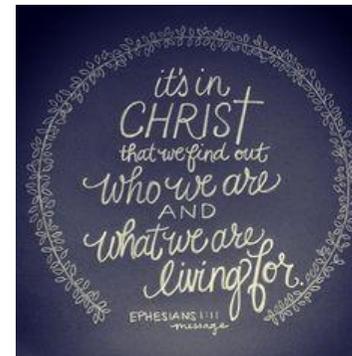
A very warm welcome to everyone,
especially visitors,
to the service today!
Please join us for morning tea
afterwards.

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Serving @ acpc

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

This week

Serene Thain
 Jackie Yeung
 Stephen Tsang
 Eva Yeung, Francis Yu
 Robert Fong, Michael Yu
 George Lowe, Linlee Tram,
 Michelle Tsang

Next week

Andrew To
 Andrew To
 TBC
 Robert & Blake O'Callahan
 Robert Fong
 Cantonese Ministry



How can we help in Kaikoura?

We have been praying for those affected by last month's earthquake. Practical help can be given through donations, which can be made to the Upper South Island Earthquake Appeal using the following account and details:

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ, BNZ Willis Street: 02 0500 0086963 000
 (please add reference "Quake16" and your name and advise Katrina Graham katrina@presbyterian.org.nz if a receipt is required)

Reaching out each week @ acpc

Tea and Talk - games, tea and English

conversation:

Thursdays 10.30-12pm

Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

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



What's happening on Christmas Day? Lunch!



Join us for our Combined Christmas Service at 10.30am, and **bring a plate to share for Christmas lunch.** This is a great time to catch up with everyone in the English and Cantonese Ministries as well as being part of celebrations for those whom Christmas is a more quiet time. As kitchen facilities are limited, please do not bring anything that needs heating otherwise let your creativity run free!

How can we help in the CBD?

Thank you for your previous positive response with assisting the homeless women in the CBD with hygiene products. We would like to continue to support this important need with Splice on a regular basis. Please put contributions into the contribution box in the box provided at the back of the hall.

We are also continuing to collect for the foodbank. Please remember to pick up something for others in your grocery shopping at Christmas time.

Cans of Baked Beans/Spaghetti, Tomatoes, Fruit, and Fish are especially welcome, as are packages of Cereal, Teabags, Rice, Pasta or UHT Milk.



The Peace That Comes with Being Content

But if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content (satisfied).

1 Timothy 6:8



Nobody has a perfect life, and it is entirely possible that if you want someone else's life, they are busy wanting someone else's too; perhaps they even want your life.

Unknown people want to be movie stars, but movie stars want privacy. The regular employee wants to be the boss, but the boss wishes he did not have so much responsibility. A single woman wants to be married, but quite often, a married woman wishes she were single.

Contentment with life is not a feeling—it is a decision. Contentment does not mean that we never want to see change or improvement, but it does mean that we will do the best we can with what we have. It means that we are thankful for what God has given us and we are determined to enjoy the gift of life.



Prayer of Thanks: When I am tempted to be jealous of someone else's life, Father, I pray that You will help me to be content with who I am and what You have given me. I thank You that I have a purpose and destiny for my life. Today, I choose to be grateful and content.



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND