

## what's happening in this month @ acpc

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>WAITANGI DAY</b> 	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		<b>(Possible) Board Games @ Silo Park</b> WATCH THIS SPACE	10.30am Communion Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis 6-9pm Pot-luck Dinner and Games
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis

Watch this space for St Heliers, Greenlane & Ladies Group also starting up in February

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
5<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## 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, and act upon it.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we may put into action meaningful ways to show Your kindness, love, mercy and grace to our neighbourhood.
- **For those who are unwell** – we pray for comfort, healing and peace, together with strength and energy for those that care for them.
- **Sunday School and Youth Group** - may you bless the children and teachers as they learn more about You this year.



You are the Salt and Light

**Psalm 112: 1-9,**  
**Matthew 5: 13-20**  
*John Probert*

*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

Jono Yu  
Jackie Yeung  
Brendon Fraser  
Eva Yeung, Francis Yu  
Darren Koo, Peter Ting  
Soo Land Wong, Yanna Ho,  
Linlee Tram

## Next week

Stephen Tsang  
Rea Thain  
Michelle Tsang  
Samuel & Tiffany Ho  
Robert Fong, Harvey He  
Jenny Wong, Tony Cooper,  
Allister Young

## Sermon Notes

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## Reaching out each week @ acpc

### Tea and Talk - games, tea and English

#### conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

#### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

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



## Prayer for Uncertain & Anxious Times

(Rachel Jones, [www.thegoodbook.co.uk](http://www.thegoodbook.co.uk))

Dear Father in heaven,

You are the God of the nations and the Lord of history.

We marvel that You watch and sustain the universe,

We praise you that You hold our world in the palm of Your hand.

And we thank you that on one momentous day in history,

Your Son entered our world and shed His blood to bring us peace with You.

Thank you that Your mercy in the past has secured our future.

Thank you that *"all the days ordained for us were written in Your book before one of them came to be."*

Thank you that when we belong to You, nothing can snatch us out of Your hand.

Thank you that whatever else happens, when we are in Christ, we can be confident that our future is secure. We look forward to standing around Your throne and praising Your name for eternity.

And so we praise Your name now.

In view of Your mercy in the past and our promised future hope,

we pray with confidence for our country and our world.

Give wisdom to leaders and financiers, and grace to Your people:

Where we are anxious, make us hopeful.

Where we are uncertain, make us confident.

Where we are proud, make us humble.

Where we are unkind, make us gentle.

Where we are scornful, make us loving.

Where we are divided, make us united around the gospel of Your Son.

And whatever gives Jesus Christ most glory, we ask that You would do it.

In His powerful saving name,

Amen.

## 10 Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year



Once, when the people of God had become careless in their relationship with Him, the Lord rebuked them through the prophet Haggai. *"Consider your ways!"* (Haggai 1:5) he declared, urging them to reflect on some of the things happening to them, and to evaluate their slipshod spirituality in light of what God had told them.

Even those most faithful to God occasionally need to pause and think about the direction of their lives. It's so easy to bump along from one busy week to another without ever stopping to ponder where we're going and where we should be going.

The beginning of a (Chinese) new year is an ideal time to stop, look up, and get our bearings. To that end, here are some questions to ask prayerfully in the presence of God.

1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest time-waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in 10 years? In eternity?



Don Whitney