

what's going on @ acpc in December?						
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Communion Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Combined Service And Lunch CHRISTMAS EVE
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS DAY	BOXING DAY					10.30am Service NEW YEAR'S EVE

Keen on attending home group?

We're taking a break over Christmas, but get in touch with our leaders for a great start to 2018!

Greenlane (George Lowe)	021 739 838	Ladies (Glenda Choy)	524 9391
Newmarket (Robert Fong)	027 274 2570	Remuera (Ken Cheung)	021 431 607
Young Adults (Rob O'Callahan)	021 783 289	St Heliers (Marty Bing)	021 753 406



AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
17th December 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 be intentional about nurturing and maturing our personal relationship with Jesus.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood, especially those without homes.
- **For those who are unwell** – We pray for their comfort and healing, may their health and energy be restored. In particular, we place Jenna and Uncle Harry in Your precious care for rest and increasing strength.
- **In this busy Christmas season** – we pray that we keep focussed on You, and the ways our lives can honour You.



Waiting Patiently and Silently

for the Lord

Luke 1: 1-25

Rev Stuart Vogel

a special thank you to Tiffany and Jocelyn for leading us in worship through their music today

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

Stephen Tsang
 Ant Yan
 Kathleen Chen
 Rose & Rob Wong
 Harvey He, Rob Fong
 Jean Wong,
 Ken Meng Chan

Next week

Combined Service
 Ant Yan
 Benson Fong
 Tony & Matthew Wai
 Mandy Lowe, Rob Wong
 CM *but please bring something for lunch*

ACPC Christmas Celebrations

We'll celebrate Christmas this year with a Combined Service on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December at 10.30am, followed by a shared lunch. Please bring food to share... finger food would be great... either way if it could be prepared cut up and ready to be served, that would be fantastic!



Please note that there will be no service at ACPC on Christmas Day, 25th December.

Reaching out each week @ acpc (holiday edition)

Last **Tea and Talk** for 2017, this Thursday at 10.30am for tea and English conversation!
 Last formal **Table tennis** of 2017 this afternoon, resumes in February 2018.

ACPC's week that was

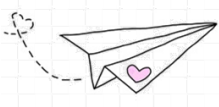


Thank you, everyone for coming to **Griffith Gardens** on Sunday for the 125th anniversary of the decision to begin a mission to Chinese in Auckland. Now we look forward to the next 125 years. We will bless the letter and material to be put in to the Archives for the members of ACPC to read in December 2117



This has been a very joyful week for ACPC - Caleb arrived to join Jono, Nancy and Justin's family, and Nathan and Linlee were married on Friday (waiting for the official photos... but rest assured they made a dashing couple, their service reflected them perfectly and the doughnuts were super fresh!). We thank God for them all and we pray that God's grace will continue to shine upon them.

Jenna has returned to Hobart to recuperate. Please continue to pray for her. She and Helen, her mum, want you to know how much they really appreciate ACPC's support. Get well soon Jenna!



Hearing God is your top priority

'Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!'
 Matthews 11:15

Hearing God is your top priority! You learn to hear from God by making time to listen to Him!

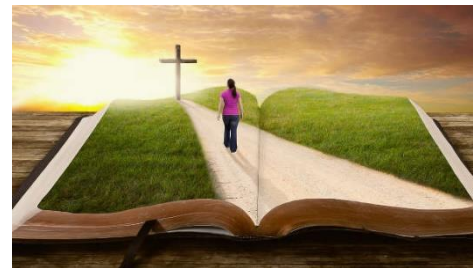
Fifteen times in the New Testament Jesus said, '... anyone with ears should listen!'. This tells you three important things:

- (a) *As part of God's family you have spiritual ears*; even if you are deaf in the natural, your spiritual ears hear God speak to your spirit;
- (b) *You have to use them*. Are your spiritual ears clogged up with world wax?
- (c) Hearing from God must become your top priority. Babies are born with the ability to hear, but don't understand. Understanding takes time; it requires intimacy with their parents.



Get the idea? Luke writes: 'Then He opened up their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.' (Luke 24:45 NIV)

Looking back over your life you realise that God has often talked to you, you just didn't understand what He was saying at the time. He's patient with you while you learn.



So what now? It's not easier to hear God's voice when you're having a rough time; you're just more keen to listen to Him when things are difficult! Until that changes, you'll only go to Him in a storm and not hear what He's saying in your everyday life. Jesus said, 'By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as God tells me' (John 5:30).

Jesus only did what His Father in heaven told Him to do; He wants you to learn to live that way too!

Word For You Today