

## what's going on @ acpc in january & february?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		6.30pm <i>Young Adults' Group</i>	10.30am <i>Tea &amp; Talk</i>			10.30am <i>Service</i> 5.30-9pm <i>EM BBQ @ Cornwall Park</i>
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
<i>AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY DAY</i>		10.30am <i>Ladies' Group</i> 6.30pm <i>Young Adults' Group</i>	10.30am <i>Tea &amp; Talk</i> 8pm <i>Greenlane Group</i>			10.30am <i>Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	<i>WAITANGI DAY</i>	6.30pm <i>Young Adults' Group</i>	10.30am <i>Tea &amp; Talk</i>		10.00am <i>Remuera Home Group</i>	10.30am <i>Communion Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7.30pm <i>Professionals Group</i>	10.30am <i>Ladies' Group</i> 6.30pm <i>Young Adults' Group</i>	10.30am <i>Tea &amp; Talk</i> 8pm <i>Greenlane Group</i>			10.30am <i>Service</i> 3-5pm <i>Table Tennis</i>

## Today's Notices – Going to Archives and Communion

This week we will be dedicating the ACPC videos shot by Vyoma and the photos of the planting of the apple tree and mustard plants. With the letter that the Moderators of the General Assembly and the Northern Presbytery signed, they will be hand-delivered by Jean and Soo Land in the **Church Archives** in Dunedin. We hope they will be opened and viewed by ACPC in the year 2117, the 225th anniversary of the beginning of mission to Chinese people in Auckland and the 600th anniversary of the Reformation.

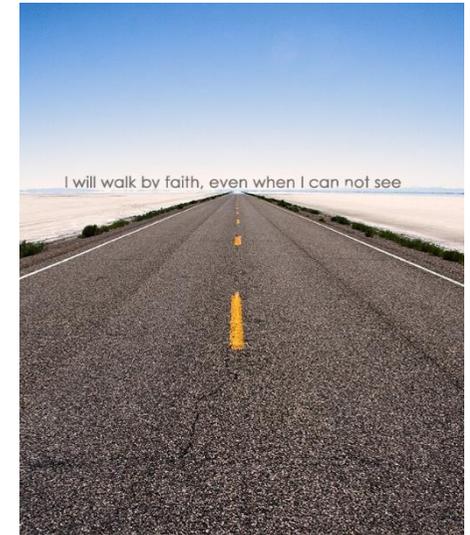
There are posters (that explain the basic points about the **Holy Communion**) on the wall and also on the back table. Please read these when you have time – much appreciated if you could leave the A4 laminated versions in the Church.

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

## 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 in 2018 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, and may You support those that care for them.
- **That in the coming year** – we pray that we can make You our number one priority in all we do.



I will walk by faith, even when I can not see

Re-opening God's SH 1,  
the Road to Faith

**Luke 3:1-19**

*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

Marty Bing  
 Darren Koo  
 Samuel Ho  
 Brendon & Lidia Fraser  
 Rob Wong, Rob Fong  
 Linlee Chan, Yanna Ho,  
 Jean Wong

## Next week

Robert Wong  
 Peter Ting  
 Soo Land Wong  
 Francis Yu, Ricky Yap  
 Harvey He, Mandy Lowe  
 Weng Wai Bing, Suan Tan,  
 Eva Yeung



## Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January @ 5.30pm

Celebrate the New Year with our BBQ at Cornwall Park. We will be at the BBQ wall by Twin Oaks Drive. Please bring some meat and a salad/drink/dessert... all to share. It's Auckland Anniversary Day the next day, so it's the perfect opportunity to invite friends and family to come along to relax and enjoy the food and fellowship!

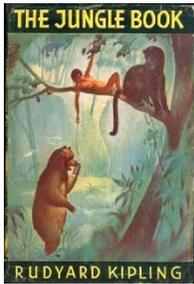
## Reaching out each week @ acpc

**Tea and Talk has started for 2018 - games, tea and English conversation:** every Thursday at church from 10.30am-12pm



## By God's Grace You Can Overcome

*'The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.'* 1 John 4:4 NIV



World-famous author Rudyard Kipling received a rejection letter after applying for a job with a newspaper, it said *'Sorry Mr. Kipling, but you just don't know how to use the English language.'* After a lifetime of defeats, at 62 Winston Churchill became one of Britain's greatest Prime Ministers. Einstein's schoolteachers described him as *'mentally slow, unsociable and adrift in his foolish dreams.'* By age 46, Beethoven was completely deaf, yet wrote some of his greatest symphonies without hearing a note.

Life is about overcoming! You conquer one mountain, then you're faced with another, possibly bigger, one. Peter denied Jesus in a moment of weakness, and Jonah ran from God out of fear. At some stage, we all mess up or want to give up. In every story of victory there are chapters of defeat. But by God's grace you can overcome! That's why the Bible says: *'The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world'* (1 John 4:4 NIV).



Hudson Taylor, an amazing missionary said, *'Many Christians estimate difficulty in the light of their own resources, thus they attempt very little and they always fail. The real giants have all been weak people who did great things for God because they reckoned on his power and his presence to be with them.'*

So what now? Don't worry about failing; worry about how you'll feel if you don't try! God has your back and is full of grace to help you overcome any situation.

The Word For Today

## Sermon Notes

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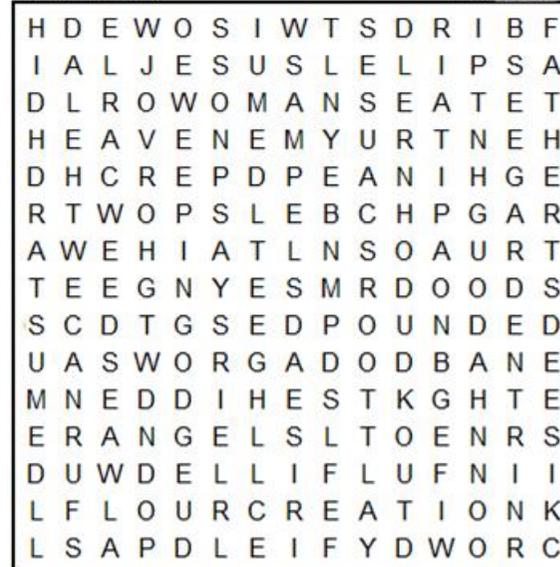


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## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 263

Matt 13:31-43



## A Mustard Seed

ANGELS	BURNED
BIRDS	CAUSES
CROWD	CREATION
DOUGH	FATHER
ENEMY	FULFILLED
FIELD	FURNACE
FLOUR	GARDEN
HIDDEN	GROWS
JESUS	HEAVEN
PERCH	KINGDOM
PLANTS	MUSTARD
PULLED	PARABLES
SEEDS	PROPHET
SHINE	SOWED
TEETH	SPOKEN
WEEDS	STANDS
WOMAN	WEEPING
WORLD	HARVEST
YEAST	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

