

## What's going on @ acpc in July?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Refugee Sunday Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	7.30pm Professionals Group	10.30am Ladies' Group  6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk  8.00pm Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Service  3-5pm Table Tennis  6-9pm Pot-luck Dinner

## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
1 July 2018

### praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries.
- **ACPC congregations** – we pray that we can make a fresh commitment to pursue You today, excited to see the amazing things You will do in our lives. We pray for guidance as we look to our future in the city
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbours.
- **For those who are working in mission** – that God's guidance and wisdom be with them as they carry out his work.



### The Challenge To Be Up-Right In The Sight Of God

John Probert

**1 Samuel 1: 2-3, 9-17.**

**Luke 1: 5-17**

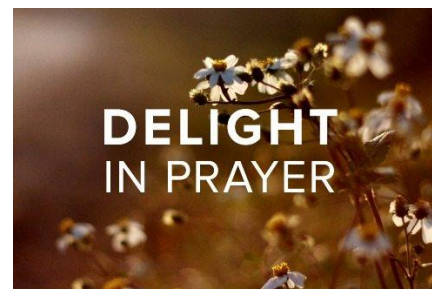
*A very warm welcome to everyone,  
especially visitors,  
to the service today!  
Please join us for morning tea  
afterwards*

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## Serving @ acpc

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

## This week

Marty Bing  
Peter Ting  
Stephen Tsang  
Eva Yeung, Soo Land Wong  
Mandy Lowe, Michael Yu  
Quin Gee, Linlee Chan,  
Jean Wong

## Next week

Robert Wong  
Ant Yan  
Nathan Chan  
Brendon & Lidia Fraser  
Rexson Tse, Harvey He  
Janet O'Callahan, Sheryl Feng,  
Jean Wong



## Do your Shopping with Foodbank in mind

The Mission provides around 13,000 food parcels to Auckland-based individuals and families in desperate need each year. Auckland City Mission food parcels are comprised largely of donated food items. Donations of food both large and small are greatly appreciated – canned food (around 400g), dried rice or pasta (500g), cereal (375-400g) and 1 litre UHT milk are always welcome!

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

**Tea and Talk - tea and English conversation:** every Thursday at church from 10.30am-12pm

**Table tennis:** Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly, a good way to develop your table tennis skills in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere.



## Refugee Sunday



We are "celebrating" Refugee Sunday on July 8. Refugees come to us and begin a new life. They bring many good gifts with them. So despite their tragic stories as refugees, we can "celebrate" some good things. Last year, we donated kids' sports gear and bikes, as that is what refugees ask for. This year, we are asking our neighbours on Vincent St to do this as well. This is a way of building

friendships with them too. **If you don't have any more sports gear or bikes to donate this year, please consider donating crockery, cutlery and anything for the kitchen.** This is also particularly asked for and needed; families need to eat!

## Child Dedication

The dedication and baptism of children service will take place towards the end of the year. If you would like to consider this and haven't spoken to Stuart as yet, please do so.



## Entertainment Book – it's not too late!

If you're still wondering whether to get an Entertainment Book or not, there's still time. An ideal way is to get a Digital Membership, much easier to remember when it's on your phone and there is even the ability to share offers with another Family Member.



<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1031f53>

## Let Your Mess Become Your Message

*And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:18

I encourage people to let go of their past, but never to run from it. The only way to gain victory over the pain of our past is to let God walk us back through that doorway of pain and into victory. No one can achieve victory for us; we have to work out our own salvation. Paul explained this truth in his letter to the Philippian church, saying:



"Therefore, my dear ones . . . work out (cultivate, carry out to the goal, and fully complete) your own salvation with reverence and awe and trembling (self-distrust, with serious caution, tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation, timidly shrinking from whatever might offend God and discredit the name of Christ). [Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight. (Philippians 2:12-13 AMPC.)



We have to let God take us through things and let Him work in us so our mess becomes our message. Difficult things that we have endured in our past prepare us for God's blessings in our future.

**Prayer Starter:** Father, You are the only One Who can take what I've been through and work it out for my good. Help me to continually draw closer to You and deal with the painful areas of my life that You want to heal. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Joyce Meyer