Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk	When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them? PS 8:3-4		10.30am Service Guest Speaker & Lunch 3-5pm Table Tennis
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	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
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
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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 <u>hope</u> to our neighbours.
- At Communion we pray that You would draw each of us into closer fellowship with You, as we partake together of the bread and wine, remembering Your love and sacrifice for us.

DEAR GOD, Thank you for today, Yesterday and tomorrow; My family, my joys, my sorrows; for all that made me stronger. AMEN.



Persistent, Determined, Courageous Faith

Rev Stuart Vogel

Matthew 15: 1- 28

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

Tony Wai Darren Koo Jono Yu Samuel & Jocelyn Ho Rob Wong, Rob Fong, Tiffany Ho Gena Gan, George Lowe, John Probert, Suan Tan

Reaching out each week @ acpc

<u>Tea and Talk - tea and English conversation</u>: every Thursday at church from 10.30am-12pm <u>Table tennis</u>: Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly, a good way to develop your table tennis skills in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere.

Notices from Stuart

Thank you for all the gifts for refugees that were blessed last week. They are great and will be delivered this week, after cards have been made.

There are Bible studies, which Stuart has prepared, on the ACPC English Ministry website that can be used for personal or home groups. Check them out.

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.



Next week

Jono Yu

Peter Ting

Jono Yu

Francis Yu. Gena Gan

Rexson Tse, Mandy Lowe

Weng Wai Bing, Allister Young,

Ken Meng Chan

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!

You can also donate much needed gifts such as sleeping bags, beanies, or a hat etc... using your FlyBuys points <u>http://pointsforpurpose.org.nz/give/#homelessness</u>

Our contributions for the City Mission will be blessed along with our offerings on the 1st Sunday of the month and delivered after the service that day (unless they are perishables, in which case they can be delivered immediately after any service). Please keep that in mind in your shopping for the Mission.

Celebrate Ordinary Life

Every day is not Christmas or your birthday or even a holiday at school or work. In fact, most days are ordinary; they don't have anything special about them unless we make them special. Too many ordinary days, especially if stress is "ordinary" for you, can lead to fatigue, lack of joy, resentment, or even bitterness. The way to avoid these things is to take time to celebrate and do things you enjoy—for no particular reason. Do them to celebrate life and to keep yourself in a good frame of mind.



The first thing your brain may say to you when you decide to have a little celebration in the middle of a mundane day is, *You don't have time to do that*. But I am telling you that you need to take the time. If you do, your remaining tasks will go more smoothly and joyfully. If you don't, then you are probably headed for some version of sinking emotions discouragement, anger, resentment, or self-pity. When you

start to feel down, just take the time to do something "up" that lifts your mood and helps you feel better about life in general.

Perhaps we could enjoy everyday life more if we learned to celebrate the ordinary. Eat a cookie (not a dozen), go to lunch with a good friend, sit in the sunshine, go for a walk. Take the time to do whatever is special to you in the midst of your ordinary, everyday activities.



No day needs to be ordinary if we realize the gift God is giving us when He gives us another day.

Prayer Starter: Father, help me to celebrate life today. In the midst of my busy day, allow me to see opportunities to laugh or do something special that will lift my mood. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Joyce Meyer

Sermon Notes