

What's going on @ acpc in August?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8:00pm Greenlane Group			10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	7.30pm Professionals 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
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 4:30pm RICE Rally 2018: FOUND with Frnacis Chan @ GCC			10.30am Communion Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	7.30pm Professionals Group	10.30am <i>Ladies' Group</i> 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
5 August 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 and discernment as we look to our future in the city. We wait expectantly for Your plans for a new minister for the EM.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood.
- **For those who are unwell** – that Your healing hand may be upon them and that they may be comforted.



Mordecai to ACPC – belief, trust, obedience

John Probert

Esther 2: 5 -10, 17, 4: 12-14, 8: 1-2, 15-17
John 1: 14

*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

Glenda Choy
Peter Ting
Samuel Ho
Brendon & Ginny
Rob W, Harvey
Paulino Lo, Cindy Lowe,
Eva Yeung

Next week

Rob O'Callahan
Darren Koo
George Lowe
Suan Tan, Benson Fong
Rob F, Tiffany
Eva Lam, Francis Yu,
George Lowe

Put God first in all things

<https://www.rhema.co.nz/the-word-for-today>

'Seek first the Kingdom of God.' Matthew 6:33 NKJV

Until the sixteenth century, scientists believed the earth was the centre of the universe and the sun revolved around it. Then an astronomer called Copernicus came along and argued that the sun didn't revolve around the earth, the earth revolved around the sun. In so doing, he revolutionised the scientific world forever.

And when it comes to discipleship, Jesus did the same thing: 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you' (Matthew 6:33 NKJV). At its core, sinfulness is selfishness. It's enthroning yourself - your desires, your needs, your plans - above all else. You may still seek God, but you don't seek him 'first'. Instead of trying to fulfil his purposes, you try to get him to fulfil yours. Who's following who? Instead of following Jesus, you're trying to get him to follow you. It doesn't work that way. 'Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it"' (Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV). Note the words 'loses his life for my sake'. There's a lot of talk today about 'finding yourself'.

The way to find yourself - is to seek God. D.L. Moody said, 'The world has yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the man or woman who is fully and wholly consecrated to him.' If you're willing to surrender yourself to God, there's no telling what he will do with you.

Soulfood: Ezra 6-8 Lk 10:13-24 Ps 78:9-16 Pro 19:24-26,

Sermon notes

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.



City Mission This morning we will bless donations for the City Mission. We will normally do this on the first Sunday of the month. This morning we have extra donations given by the Auckland Taiwanese Presbyterian Church for the Refugee Centre. If we could make a special effort to donate feminine hygiene products, that would be very welcome at the City Mission.

RICE Rally Last week our friends Sidney, Rachel and Charlie from the RICE movement shared about their upcoming Youth Rally (FOUND) on 16 August featuring guest speaker Francis Chan. The movement is aimed at high schoolers. A number of our youth group will be attending. If you know any other high schoolers interested in going contact Nathan. More information can be found at:

<https://ricemovement.org/rally/>.