

## What's going on @ acpc in December & welcome 2019!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk  8:00pm Greenlane Group			10.30am Communion Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
	7.30pm Professionals Group	10.30am Ladies' Group  6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Combined Christmas Service and (Finger Food) Lunch  3-5pm Table Tennis
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  <i>No service</i>			<i>Visit to Hamilton Giuseppe Castiglione &amp; Hamilton Gardens</i>		10.30am Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>NEW'S YEAR DAY</b>					10.30am Service <b>(FIRST OF 2019 AND FOR ANDREW)</b>  3-5pm Table Tennis

## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
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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 daily, excited to see the amazing things You do in our lives.

Many thanks for the decisive vote to call Pastor Andrew Cox to lead the EM. We pray for Andrew & his family in this new time in his ministry.

We pray in the busy lead up to Christmas that we remain Christ-focused.

- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood.



### The experience of the Upper Room

#### Acts 1

Sully Paea

*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  
Darren Koo  
Benson Fong  
Eva Yeung & Francis Yu  
Michael Yu, Harvey He  
Jean Wong, Glenda Choy,  
Bryony To

## Next week

Tony Wai  
Ant Yan  
Janet O'Callahan  
Rob Wong & Benson Fong  
Mandy Lowe, Rob Fong  
Gena Gan, Eva Yeung,  
Francis Yu

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

### Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

Tea and Talk has now got some plants in the backyard and at Griffiths Gardens on Wellesley St. This has brought about a lot of good conversation and contacts.

### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly



## Christmas is coming!

A reminder as we continue to celebrate Advent, that this year ACPC will have its combined Christmas Service on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.30am.

This will be followed by a shared (finger food would be really helpful) lunch. See you there!

## What happens after our Meeting?

Many thanks for all who took part in organising and in voting last Sunday to call Pastor Andrew Cox to lead the English Ministry (EM). Your participation sent a clear message of support to ACPC and to Presbytery for this appointment. So what next?

1. Pastor *Andrew Cox* has signed his contract, officially starting his ministry here on 1 January 2019. Watch this space for 'Welcome' opportunities for Andrew, Rachel and the family to ACPC. You may even spot them before then!
2. Rev *Stuart Vogel* will assist in the handover during January after which his official involvement with the EM comes to a close. Watch this space for opportunities to thank both Stuart and Alison for their enthusiasm, support and faithfulness.
3. The *Ministry Settlement Board* (MSB) will be dissolved. Many thanks to Revs Pauline Stewart (St Heliers), Rev Tang, Rev Vogel, Martin Bing, Miles Dillon (St Peter's), Lydia Lam, Robert O'Callahan, Peter Ting, Andrew To, and Jonathon Yu for your guidance and perseverance over the past two years!



## Notices from Rev Stuart...

- On Friday 28 December, everyone is invited to go to Hamilton to see the exhibition of artworks by Giuseppe Castiglione (1688-1766). He was a Jesuit missionary in China who painted in the Emperor's court. Stuart will introduce the artist and his artwork. We will have lunch in the Hamilton Gardens. Please let Stuart know if you are coming and if you can provide a seat(s) in your car for students from the YWCA. This is an interesting and relaxing summer outing as well as a chance to get to know our neighbours.
- On Saturday 18 January 2019, 12.00 to 2.30pm. we will have a programme in Griffiths Gardens in Wellesley St. Uncle Alex will demonstrate his calligraphy, some games and we will have Taiwanese tea to drink in traditional style. Please consider being part of the team to arrange activities - see Stuart.
- If you have older family members who have stories to tell about their immigration here and especially during the time of the poll tax, please let Stuart know. I am researching stories for a book to be published by the Poll Tax Heritage Trust.
- Don't forget to check out the bible studies and triumphant tweets on the website [www.acpc.org.nz](http://www.acpc.org.nz) for personal and group studies and devotions.



## Receiving

Receiving means "taking; accepting; admitting; embracing; believing; entertaining."

We conducted a survey at our office, asking our employees what one of their greatest concerns was in their walk with God. The number one response was, "When can I know that I am doing enough?"



Perfectionism is fuelled with the tyranny of the *shoulds* and *oughts*. It is the constant nagging feeling of never doing well enough or being good enough. Perfectionists usually have low self-esteem, and they hope that more perfection in their performance will allow them to feel better about themselves.

If we never feel quite good enough about ourselves, it is easy to believe that God is not satisfied with us either.

Learning to love yourself is the essence of receiving God's love. It is the ointment that brings healing to your wounded soul. When you receive God's love and learn to love yourself because of it, you'll find rest and be free from the disappointment of perfectionism.

**Prayer Starter:** Lord, help me to receive Your love today and relax in the confidence that You are pleased with me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Joyce Meyer