

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

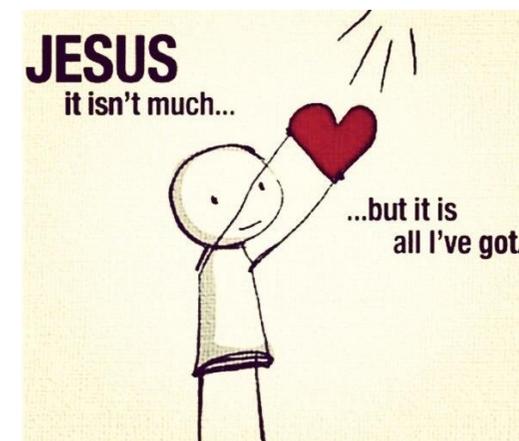
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		10.30am Ladies' Group  6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Combined Christmas Service and (Finger Food) Lunch  3-5pm Table Tennis
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>  <i>No service</i>			<i>Visit to Hamilton Giuseppe Castiglione &amp; Hamilton Gardens</i>		10.30am Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
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	<b>NEW'S YEAR DAY</b>					10.30am Service <b>(FIRST OF 2019 AND FOR ANDREW)</b>  3-5pm Table Tennis
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
16 December 2018

### praying for others

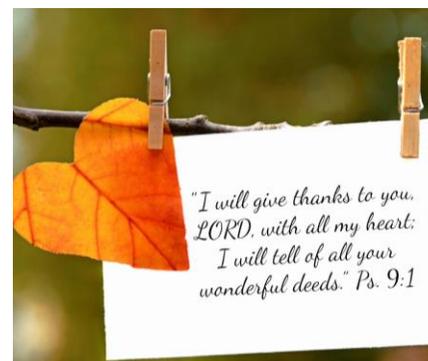
- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries.
- **ACPC congregations** – we pray that we can make a fresh commitment to pursue You daily, excited to see the amazing things You do in our lives.  
Many thanks for the decisive vote to call Pastor 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-focussed.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood.



### Open Eyes, Open Heart

**Acts 16: 6-16**  
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

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

## Next week

Combined Service  
Edith Poon  
Celia Wong  
Brendon & Lidia Fraser  
Rob Fong, Harvey He  
Quin Gee, Ricky Yap,  
Janet O'Callahan

## 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

## Our Combined Christmas Service next week



A reminder that 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!

## When you're leaving the Hall

Just a reminder that the CM Service is often continuing when we're leaving the premises. If it's fine, please remember to leave via the footpath alongside the church. If it's damp, please keep the noise to a minimum going down the stairs.



## A quick thanks

Thank you to Linlee for producing some delicious Christmas goodies for our neighbours. These will be going as Christmas gifts to: One33; the Silverfern Backpackers; the YWCA; and the garage up the road. Please pray that people will see the Christ in Christmas"



For our communion today, Jocelyn will play Sonatina in G Major Op 36 no.5 First movement by Muzio Clementi at the beginning of the service. Tiffany will play Movement 2 of the Sonata in C Major by Mozart after the Bible reading. These pieces of music assist to prepare ourselves for worship and to reflect on God's Word to us.

## 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.
- 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.

## It's Your Future

*Therefore I always exercise and discipline myself [mortifying my body, deadening my carnal affections, bodily appetites, and worldly desires, endeavouring in all respects] to have a clear (unshaken, blameless) conscience, void of offense toward God and toward men.*

Acts 24:16 (AMPC)

The Roman poet Horace wrote: "Rule your mind, or it will rule you."

The enemy wants your mind; he wants to control or influence as much of your thinking as possible, but you do not have to let him. The key to overcoming him is learning to discipline your thinking, and disciplining yourself to believe you are disciplined is the beginning.

As my son once said, "Discipline is a discipline!" Most people don't get excited when the subject of discipline comes up. However, if you learn to understand the power, the liberty, the joy, and the victory discipline brings to your life, you will embrace it eagerly.

**Prayer Starter:** Father, Your Word says You have given me a spirit of discipline and self-control (see 2 Timothy 1:7 AMPC). Help me today to choose my thoughts carefully and purposely dwell on things that are positive and full of hope. Help me to discipline my thoughts, words and actions so I can enjoy the great future You have for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Joyce Meyer