| What's happening in May & June @ ACPC? |                                  |                                  |   |                                   |                                  |   |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Mon                                    | Tues                             | Wed                              | Thurs   | Fri                               | Sat                              | Sun   |
| 20                                     | 21                               | 22                               | 23  | 24                                | 25                               | 26  |
|  | 7.30pm<br>Professionals<br>Group | 6.30pm<br>Young Adults'<br>Group | 10.30am<br>Tea & Talk                                 |                                   | 10.00am<br>Remuera<br>Home Group | 10.00am<br>All Church<br>Prayer   |
|  |                                  |                                  |   |                                   |                                  | 10.30am<br>Sunday Service   |
|  |                                  |                                  |   |                                   |                                  | 3-5pm<br>Table Tennis   |
|  |                                  |                                  |   |                                   |                                  | 6-9pm<br>Pot Luck<br>Dinner   |
| 27                                     | 28                               | 29                               | 30  | 31                                | 1                                | 2   |
|  | 7.30pm<br>Professionals<br>Group | 6.30pm<br>Young Adults'<br>Group | 10.30am<br>Tea & Talk<br>8:00pm<br>Greenlane<br>Group | ASCENSION DAY<br>30 <sup>74</sup> | T                                | 10.30am<br>Sunday Service<br>3-5pm<br>Table Tennis                      |
| 3                                      | 4                                | 5                                | 6   | 7                                 | 8                                | 9   |
| QUEEN'S<br>BIRTHDAY                    | 7.30pm<br>Professionals<br>Group | 6.30pm<br>Young Adults'<br>Group | 10.30am<br>Tea & Talk                                 |                                   | 10.00am<br>Remuera<br>Home Group | 10.30am<br>Sunday Service<br>3-5pm<br>Table Tennis                      |
| 10                                     | 11                               | 12                               | 13  | 14                                | 15                               | 16  |
|  | 7.30pm<br>Professionals<br>Group | 6.30pm<br>Young Adults'<br>Group | 10.30am<br>Tea & Talk<br>8:00pm<br>Greenlane<br>Group |                                   |                                  | 10.30am<br>Sunday Service<br>with<br>Communion<br>3-5pm<br>Table Tennis |

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 105 Vincent Street, Auckland City 19 May 2019

### praying for others

- Rev Tang & Pastor Cox for God's guidance, wisdom, love, and strength in leading our ministries. We pray for blessings on them and their families.
- ACPC's needs we pray:
  - May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member;
  - For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
  - For unity among the entire congregation for our building needs;
  - For the parents in ACPC, that they may nurture and inspire their children to live godly lives;
  - For our members visiting Israel this month, travelling mercies and a renewed appreciation of Your gospel; and
  - For those who are unwell, may You give comfort, rest, healing and strength.





1 Corinthians begins Acts 18:1-17 Pastor Andrew Cox

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

Ricky Yap, Ken Meng Chan, Eve Lam

This week

Tony Wai

Darren Koo

Samuel Ho

Stephen & Jacqueline Tsang

Harvey He, Ricky Yap

### Next week

Marty Bing Isabel Lam Nathan Chan Yanna & Tiffany Ho Harvey He, Sammy Bing, Blake O'Callahan Weng Wai Bing, Michelle Wai, Glenda Choy

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

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

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

#### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

### Congratulations to Eden & Jo, and James & Christy!!!



It was a week for weddings last week at ACPC, with Joanna and Eden getting married on Friday, and Christy and James starting their married life together yesterday!

Many blessings to both the happy couples for the years and adventures to come.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck,

write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 3:3

## Next Sunday Reminders

- 10am, all ACPC prayer meeting in the chapel downstairs; and
- 6 9pm, Pot-luck dinner and games bring your friends and your favourite recipe!

# RightNow Media

A reminder about RightNow Media. Looking for a good study for your small group, or a great video for Sunday School or your own kids? Click the Get Started button in your invitation email or email Pastor Andrew and he will sign you up!

# 1 Corinthians: Introduction Questions from Andrew

This morning we are beginning a study of Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Here is the first study to help you get the most of out of the teaching. <u>I suggest you answer them</u> on a separate piece of paper.

1. Welcome to 1 Corinthians! Read how the church got started in Acts 18:1-17. What was Paul's strategy in this city?

The greater Corinth area had about 100,000 people. Because it was located on a narrow isthmus, sailors could drag boats from one sea to the other, saving them 1000 kms of sailing. In Paul's day, it was probably the wealthiest city in Greece – a centre of commerce, trade, culture and religion. The massive hill overlooking the town housed a temple to Aphrodite, the goddess of love. The worship of Aphrodite fostered prostitution in the name of religion. At one time 1,000 sacred prostitutes served her temple. Paul probably wrote this letter in the spring of A.D. 55.

- 2. Skim through the book of Corinthians or, if you have time, read it right through. What stands out to you? What do you know about this book already?
- 3. The church in Corinth was pretty "messy". Here are some issues I thought of as I read this letter:
  - a) Can I still be a Christian and live a worldly life? Why church fights are not a good thing!
  - b) What about Christian "celebrities"? Who should we follow or "un-follow"?
  - c) Should we expect support for our ministry? Is "tent-making" the best way?
  - d) What about singleness and marriage? Is marriage the optimum situation for everyone?
  - e) What about male and female roles? How are they impacted by the gospel and my culture?
  - f) How do we worship God well together? Balancing freedom and form in our gatherings.
  - g) What about spiritual gifts? Sometimes we can take our eyes off the giver and on to the gifts.
  - h) What happens after we die? We need to purge our theology of unbiblical ideas.

Looking at some of these issues, which ones seem most relevant today? / to you personally?

- 4. What remedy does Paul suggest for their various problems? (See 1:10, 8:1, 9:19-23, 10:24, 31, 16:14.) How might the famous "love" chapter (13) be seen as the climax of Paul's argument?
- 5. As we go through this study together I will: (pick one or more):
  - a) Listen to the messages on Sunday or online
  - b) Read the letter myself
  - c) Attempt the questions in the newsletter
  - d) Watch Jennie Allen's messages on 1 Corinthians on RightNow media
  - e) Meet with others to discuss.
  - f) Be accountable to put it into practise

