

## What's happening in July & August @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk  7:30pm Greenlane Group with Cambodian One 2 One Facilitator Mr Ly Huy		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.00am Prayer then 10.30am Sunday Service  3-5pm Table Tennis  6-9pm Pot Luck Dinner
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			<b>1.00pm</b> All Church Baptism Service <i>Afternoon tea afterwards</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Sunday Service & Communion  3-5pm Table Tennis

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## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
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### 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;
  - For the parents in ACPC, that they may nurture and inspire their children to live godly lives;
  - For those seeking baptism next month, that You continue to direct and encourage them as they walk with You; and
  - For those who are injured or unwell, may You give comfort, rest, healing and energy.

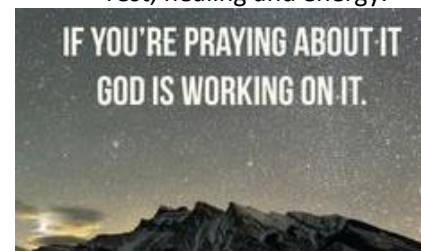


### "Marriage and Singleness"

**1 Corinthians 7:25-40**

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

## This week

Jono Yu  
Darren Koo  
Stephen Tsang  
Brendon & Lidia Fraser  
Rob Fong, Blake O'Callahan  
  
Weng Wai Bing,  
Michelle Wai, Glenda Choy

## Next week

Marty Bing  
Isabel Lam  
Lilian Shum  
Francis Yu & Benson Fong  
Rob Fong, Mandy Lowe,  
Sammy Bing  
George Lowe, Eva Yeung,  
Linlee Chan

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

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

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly



## A Word from Andrew

Monday morning (NZ time) saw many New Zealanders glued to their TVs to see the outcome of the Cricket World Cup final. NZ lost by 0 runs but England won on a technicality. However, people from around the world poured praise on the team and captain, Kane Williamson. Former captain, Brendon McCullum, wrote after their semi-final win over India: *"There has to be a winner and there has to be a loser. It's how you carry yourself after both and when your emotions are raw that define you as a person and distinguish your character from others."* After the final, fans were amazed at Kane's honesty and lack of complaint. The Black Caps' example of sportsmanship should make every kiwi proud. Their behaviour transcended the final outcome. The Apostle Paul extolled the discipline and focus of top-level athletes in 1 Cor. 9:24-27 but reminded his listeners that there is a prize far greater than any trophy: the reward given to God's faithful servants.

## This Thursday at 7.30pm

Please join our Thursday Homegroup at 2/6 Momona Rd Greenlane to hear from our Cambodian One2One Facilitator Mr Ly Huy. We start at 7.30 pm followed by supper.

## Be there for next Sunday

- 10:00 - 10:25 am – All Church Prayer Meeting in the chapel downstairs. Join us for a reflective prayer time to pray for ourselves, church and world; and
- 6.00 - 9.00pm – Pot-luck Dinner and Fellowship in the hall. Come and join us (and invite others). Please bring a favourite food, drink or a donation to share.

## Baptism Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm

For our all-church Baptism Service at St Matthew's in the City, 187 Federal St. This will be followed by a shared afternoon tea, please bring a plate or drink - *no services will be held that morning.*

## 25 Union Street Update

I am pleased to announce that a conditional sale and purchase agreement was signed with the owner of 25 Union Street and Presbytery on Thursday. We will now commence due diligence immediately where we have 20 working days to conduct our investigation, and before going unconditional.

A 21<sup>st</sup> August settlement date has been agreed to. The Parish Council will provide further updates on the due diligence in the coming weeks. Please pray for those involved as we continue to work through this important decision. Marty Bing

## Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 7:25-31. We are not sure what "the present crisis" was, but it could be connected to the growing persecution under the Emperor Nero. In unsettled times, marriage and parenthood may sometimes be put on hold. What is the principle for us today (v. 29-31)?
2. How can live with a sense of detachment from the world yet be involved in it?
3. Read 32-40 (see also v. 8-9). What do you learn about marriage and singleness here? Notice that neither lifestyle choice is wrong (v. 38) yet today marriage or at least having a life partner is seen as essential. What encouragement for single people do you see here?
4. How can we be content in our current situation (v. 17)?
5. What is an action point for you from this passage?

## July is the Bible Society's Bible Month...

*Are you blessed enough to own a Bible? Millions aren't.*

You can help change this by praying, by giving and by joining the Bible a Month Club for \$12 a month You'll join Bible Society and nearly 10,000 other Kiwis committed to help get Bibles into people's hands and hearts all over the world.

<https://biblesociety.org.nz/get-involved/bible-a-month-club/>

Sharing from Cambodia... *Life in Pusat prison was very tough. As in many prisons, its inmates suffered from overcrowding, poor conditions and a lack of food. Early on, Sinat began experiencing fainting spells both through hunger and through fear of the prison guards.*

*The only bright spot in Sinat's week was the weekly visits from members of the Bible Society in Cambodia's team. They gave Sinat a Bible. She began to read it. Gradually, she began to understand that through Jesus Christ her sins had been forgiven. She committed her life to Him.*

*One day, Sinat was unexpectedly taken to court and handed a release paper. She had been set free! Since that time she has committed her life to sharing God's Word with prisoners. And she is hard at work helping her local church plant churches in its area.*

