

What's happening in September @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Sunday Service plus Fundraising Lunch 3-5pm Table Tennis
16	17	18	18	20	21	22
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8.00pm Greenlane Group	 <p>How will you spend the rest of 2019?</p>		10.30am Sunday Service, Infant Dedication & Communion 3-5pm Table Tennis
23	24	25	26	27	29	29
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.00am Prayer then Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis 6-9pm Potluck Dinner

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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;
 - We pray that through the Redemptive Family series that we individually be inspired and empowered to share how God's mission advance through this church;
 - For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
 - For unity among the entire congregation for our building. We pray that Your will be done in this property development and its associated logistics;
 - For the parents in ACPC, that they may nurture and inspire their children to live godly lives; and
 - For those who are injured, unwell or troubled by difficult circumstances, may You give comfort, peace, rest, healing and energy.



**“Redemptive Family:
How do friendships become
redemptive relationships?”**

2 Cor 5:16-21

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

This week

Tony Wai
Darren Koo
Samuel Ho
Benson Fong, Soo Land Wong
Harvey He, Blake O'Callahan
Ricky Yap, Eve Lam,
Jean Wong

Next week

Glenda Choy
Ant Yan
Janet O'Callahan
Suan Tan & Benson Fong
Mandy Lowe, Rob Fong
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



A Word from Andrew

I have to admit, I'm having a hard time getting excited about the next year's Cannabis Referendum! I've mentioned the so-called "Death with Dignity" and Abortion Reform bills already and, to me, those issues are pretty black and white. Since I believe people are made in the image of God, the taking of life is simply not an option, except in cases of war and perhaps self-defence.

So I thought this week's comments from former prime minister, Helen Clark, were worth listening to. Drugs is a scourge on society but I am not sure prohibition has been that successful. But what kind of message does it send to our young people if cannabis were legal? Tricky! We should all get up-to-speed on the issues before the referendum.

On leave this week

Andrew will be away in Christchurch 13-16 of September for the NS Barbershop Harmony Convention. His quartet and chorus are competing. Hopefully you'll see a video of the quartet at next week's lunch!

Fundraising Lunch – next Sunday

Please Save The Date for Church Lunch and Talent Show on Sunday September 15th. Lunch \$10 per person, children under 10 free. Funds raised will be used to support Lydia for her Orchestral trip next year.



Mark your diary for our workshop

Redemptive Family Workshop 4-5 October, Friday 7-9:30 pm and Saturday 9 am - 12:30 pm at St Peter's Presbyterian Church, 7 Harrison Rd, Mt Wellington.

Questions

1. Have you ever been reconciled to someone that you were estranged from?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. What has God done for us?
3. What has God appointed us to be? What motivates you to share your faith with others?
4. Andrew talked about the "1%" rule. What is that 1% shift in a relationship you have so that it will be more redemptive? (It could be: invite them for coffee or a meal, visit them in hospital, share a "good news snippet", etc.) Pray for opportunities!

Praying as a church this month

- **Sunday 29th September** – all church prayer in the chapel from 10am to our service.

Social Media and Friendships

You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'
Exodus 20:17

Social media is a good way to stay up to date on the activities of friends and family. But it also has a way of revealing what is in our hearts. Have you ever glanced at a friend's post and thought to yourself, "how did they get that?" or "why didn't this happen to me?" These small comparisons can invite jealousy and envy into our hearts.



In Exodus 20:17, we are commanded by God not to covet anything that belongs to our neighbour. What social media does is put the "thing" you may covet 20 cm from your face and says, "don't you want this?" Then, we think about what we have or don't have in comparison to our friends. Comparison then causes division, and creates a space for the enemy to sabotage our friendship(s). But... what if we made a conscious effort to celebrate with our friends and encourage them, instead of coveting what they have? What if we thought of ways to show our support for whatever achievement(s) they share? It is possible! By liking their status update and writing a heartfelt comment, we are able to refuse covetousness in the moment and choose celebration!

Jamaal Diggins and Shammrie Brown

