



## What's happening in November @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Sunday Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk  8.00pm Greenlane Group	 16 November International Day for Tolerance		10.30am Communion Sunday Service  3-5pm Table Tennis
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	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 Christmas Potluck Dinner
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk  8.00pm Greenlane Group	 Advent		10.30am Youth Group & Sunday School Christmas Service  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, and especially keep Rev Tang in our prayers as he goes on study leave and holiday in Malaysia this month.
- **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;
  - A suitable buyer for 105 Vincent Street;
  - For calm and effective study habits for those sitting their exams this month;
  - For those who are injured, unwell or troubled by difficult circumstances, may You give comfort, peace, rest, healing and energy; and
  - Praise for God for a great time of fellowship at our Potluck last Sunday.



The Lord was with...  
through Christ, the Lord is with...

**Genesis 45: 1-15, 50: 22-26**

John Probert

*A very warm welcome to everyone,  
especially visitors,  
to the service today!  
Please join us for morning tea  
afterwards.*

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GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME.  
ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD.

## Serving @ acpc

Service Leader  
Music Leader  
Bible Reader  
Ushers  
Techno  
Cup of Tea & Dishes

## This week

Tony Wai  
Ant Yan  
Rachael Cox  
Eva Yeung, Soo Land Wong  
Mandy Lowe, Harvey He  
Quin Gee, Eve Lam,  
Linlee Chan

## Next week

Daniel Alexander  
Natalie Wong  
Samuel Ho  
Michelle & Jacqueline Tsang  
Blake O'Callahan, Rob Fong  
Francis Yu, Suan Tan,  
Jean Wong

## 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

Well, we crashed out of the Rugby World Cup earlier than we hoped. Sorry to bring it up! I have been impressed with the coaches and players from NZ. They have fronted up. They haven't focused on sour grapes. They are gutted of course. But there is perspective too. It is, after all, "only a game"! We can be rightly proud of our boys. It reminds us that we all face failure at times. At times we are in the "Winnie the Pooh ... not much Winne" as Ian Grant likes to say! How we handle those moments says a lot about our character. I recently heard an interview with Andrew Brunson and his wife Norine. Andrew was a missionary in Turkey for 23 years who was imprisoned for 2 years on trumped up charges. He was honest - he often despaired. But he made an incredible comment: he was glad it was the full two years because he would not have come through and experienced all the Lord wanted to teach him. Wow. It reminds me of Psalm 119:71: "It was good that I was afflicted - that I might learn your decrees." Tough lesson! But praise God for all those who stand firm in their trials and come out stronger for it.



## Sermon Notes

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## Questions

1. Have you ever had a secret you were bursting to tell someone? When do you "let the cat out of the bag" or not?
2. Read Genesis 45:1-15. What do you know about the story of Joseph?
3. Imagine being one of Joseph's brothers. What would you have been feeling?
4. How did Joseph see God's hand behind the events of his life? How did God preserve his chosen people?
5. God is not the author of evil, but he can use anything, including evil actions, to his purposes. What not-so-good things in your life have you seen God's work through? Read Psalm 119:71. Thank him for those not-so-good things and the fruit they have borne.

## Devotional

*Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

Colossians 3:13

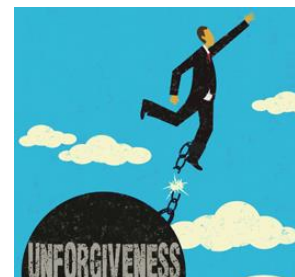
Unforgiveness. Bitterness. Resentment. Regret. Languishing over the loss of the past. All of these things, and those other things similar to them, hinder us from reaching our destiny. They keep us trapped on detours for far too long. They weigh heavy on us, causing our shoulders to slump and our smiles to turn downward.



Far too many people are failing to reach their destinations because they are still feeling loaded down by the pain of the past. The weight of yesterday continues to weigh them down today, keeping them from moving freely into tomorrow.

Nothing, and I mean nothing, will hinder you arriving at your destiny like this thing called unforgiveness. Unforgiveness includes holding on to past pain, past hurts, past grudges—the weightiness of regret, remorse, and revenge. Unforgiveness is that one thing above all else that will block God's movement in your life taking you from where you are to where you are supposed to go.

When you hang on to the weight of yesterday, it will hinder the progress to tomorrow.



Unforgiveness is that critical area that must be addressed if you are going to reach your destiny.

If anyone had a right to be angry, bitter, and hold a grudge, it was Joseph. But Joseph chose another path. Joseph chose another approach. He chose a different perspective.

If you and I want to be set free from unforgiveness, try Joseph's perspective!

*Devotional by Dr Tony Evans, Lifeway Christian Resources*