

What's happening in November & December @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8.00pm Greenlane Group	 <i>Advent</i>		10.30am Youth Group & Sunday School Christmas Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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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 is on study leave and holiday in Malaysia.
- **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;
 - Praise God for His provision in our building needs;
 - Comfort for Jane, Rose and Cindy and families as they farewell their mum, Susan, today;
 - A wonderful time at the Christmas Pot Luck tonight;
 - For calm and effective study habits for those sitting their exams this month; and
 - For those who are injured, unwell or troubled by difficult circumstances, may You give comfort, and peace.



Missions

Proverbs 3:1-15

Sally Hong & Emma 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

Glenda Choy
Andrew Cox
Soo Land Wong
Brendon & Ginny Fraser
Blake O'Callahan, Rob Fong
Allister Young, Janet
O'Callahan, Ken Meng Chan

Next week

Youth Group
Avery O'Callahan
Jocelyn Ho
Francis Yu & Soo Land Wong
Harvey He, Blake O'Callahan
Gena Gan, Rachael Cox,
Yanna Ho

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

Imagine being imprisoned for 19 years simply for the crime of stealing a loaf of bread! That's what happened to Jean Valjean in Victor Hugo's sprawling novel, *Les Misérables*. Jean was understandably bitter. So when a kindly bishop offered him hospitality, he thought he'd help himself to some silverware after dark. Disastrously, he was picked up by some gendarmes (police) who brought him back to the bishop's house. But rather than accuse Jean, the bishop said they were gifts and gave him the candlesticks as well! This act of grace began a change in Jean's heart which impacted the lives of many people. I mention "Les Mis" today because our family was able to go to the musical at The Civic on Friday night (28 years after seeing it last time). *Les Mis* not only has unforgettable music, but a message that everyone needs to hear: the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Coming Up...

Christmas Pot-Luck Tonight at 6pm! The Christmas Tree is up, come and get into the festive season early with a Christmas themed dinner. Please bring something to share. Bring your friends!

Family Christmas services:

Sunday 1 December 10:30 am. Join us for a family-friendly celebration of Advent!

Sunday 22 December 10:30 am. Combined Cantonese and English Christmas service.

Workshop with the Architects: Monday 2 December 6-9 pm. Come here and share your ideas with G2 Architects as they begin their work on the 25 Union St property.

Church Camp: 28 February to 1 March 2020, Moirs Point Christian Centre, Mangawhai Heads. Mark your diary today.



Questions

1. This morning, Sally and Emma shared their vision for reaching young people. What challenges facing young people today especially concern you?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 12. What do you notice? What questions do you have?
3. Verses 1-7 contain metaphors about growing old. Check out this section in a paraphrase version, such as *The Living Bible* or *The Message.*, what do you learn?
4. They say, "youth is wasted on the young!" What do you know now that you wished you knew then?
5. What is "the conclusion of the matter" (v. 13-14)? How can you, and our church, encourage young people to do this?

A Daily Offering

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:1-2 (NIV-UK)

The phrase "living sacrifice" seems like an oxymoron. In the Old Testament, animals were killed to cover people's sins. If it wasn't killed, it wasn't sacrificed. But now we are called to be living sacrifices. What does this mean? In one sense, we have died - to our old, sinful selves. We are no longer who we used to be. But then we have been born again in Christ. And now that we live again, we should offer ourselves completely to God, day after day, as living sacrifices. This is how we properly worship God, by giving him our all.

Pray: Thank you for your mercy! I offer myself to you - my gifts and gaffes, my joys and jobs. Renew my mind so I may know and do your will.

"The Reason" by Momentum Youth - devotional from the YouVersion Bible app.

Congratulations to Isabel and Johnny



Congratulations to Isabel and Johnny as they started their married life together yesterday. Blessings and best wishes for the joys, challenges and adventures in this next chapter of your lives.

"Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned."

Song of Solomon 8:7