

What's happening for the rest of 2019 @ 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 8.00pm Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Communion Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk	 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN SOLIDARITY DAY		10.30am Combined Christmas Service and shared lunch 3-5pm Table Tennis
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		CHRISTMAS DAY				10.30am Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	NEW YEAR'S EVE				SAVE THE DATE A WALK IN THE PARK!!!	10.30am Sunday 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.
- **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;
 - In this busy Christmas season, may we slow down enough to focus on You Lord;
 - For those who are injured, unwell or troubled by difficult circumstances, may You give comfort, and peace; and
 - For protection, comfort and healing in Samoa as they struggle to contain their measles outbreak.

Second Week of Advent: PEACE



Women be silent?

1 Corinthians 14:26-40

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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Service Leader
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Bible Reader
Ushers
Techno
Cup of Tea & Dishes

This week

Glenda Choy
Natalie Wong
Janet O'Callahan
Benson Fong & Soo Land Wong
Mandy Lowe, Rob Fong
Bryony To, Pauliana Lo,
Michelle Tsang

Next week

Marty Bing
Ant Yan
Jono Yu
Suan Tan & Benson Fong
Rob Fong, Harvey He
Allister Young, Janet O'Callahan,
Ken Meng Chan

Today's Message

Main Point: Paul's recommendations that women be silent in the church arose out of specific situations of order in worship and the danger of false teaching

Key verses: 1 Corinthians 14:33 & 40 ... God is not a God of disorder but of peace ... everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.



Other Points:

- In 1 Corinthians 14:26-40, Paul continues the topic of order in worship. In this context, women are not to participate in a way which leads to chaos and confusion.
- In 1 Timothy 2:11-15, Paul seems to give a "creation principle" - since Adam was created first, he takes precedence. But Paul could simply be using this as an illustration for the present issue.

- Women received little formal education so were more susceptible to false teachers, so they were instructed to remain silent and learn.

Action Point: In what ways can I contribute to worship at ACPC and in service to the community?

Going Further

- Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-40. What is the purpose of order in worship?
- Read 1 Timothy 2:11-15. This is a prickly passage! But the idea of women learning is actually quite radical. How can we all have a more solid grasp of God's Word?
- What do you think the role of women should be in teaching and leadership in the church? Are there any limitations? Why / why not?
- Is there a specific contribution you can make in our Sunday service or in your wider community?



Reaching out each week @ acpc

Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

Table tennis: is formally taking a break over December and January. Updates in the New Year.

A Word from Andrew

The Tuesday night homegroup has been doing a challenging series recently: "Every Good Gift" and is by Ann Voskamp. You can find it on RightNow Media. (See me if you need help setting it up.) This last week was about being generous with our time. She writes, "We are pressed for time in our culture. Our lives are filled with distractions, to-do lists, and deadlines. When we do have time, we spend it debating the issues, volleying for the high ground, and missing the hurting people. We've gone blind. We tell ourselves the problem is that time is limited when really it's that we lack the ability to see." This is a good reminder in the run-up to Christmas - to focus time and energy on the needs of others - that's what Jesus did!



Missed Monday's Workshop on 25 Union Street?

There's still the opportunity to provide feedback/comments on the images on the wall after church, and/or to complete the survey in hard copy at the back of the church (or soft copy from Andrew's email last week) if you haven't done so already.

Coming Up...

Christmas Service: Sunday 22 December 10:30 am. Join us together Combined Cantonese and English Christmas service, followed by a shared finger food lunch.

Church Camp: 28 February to 1 March 2020, Moirs Point Christian Centre, Mangawhai Heads. Have a chat to those who enjoyed this year's camp (its great facilities, wonderful food, laughter, games and friendships, the inspiring studies and discussions, and did we mention the lodges?) and mark your diary today.



Congratulations Yanna and Samuel on becoming full members of ACPC today!

So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:5