

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Robert O	Jean
Music Leader	Rea	Anthony
Bible Reader	Samuel	Liz
Ushers	Michelle W, Matthew	Eva, Jessica
Techno	Jeff	Harvey, Anthony K
Cup of Tea	Sheryl, Michelle L, Daisy	Jenny, Janet, Cindy
Dishes		

HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
CANTONESE GROUP	Albert Ko	Saturday fortnightly @ 4pm	@ Albert and Emily's 021 753 912
CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP	Peter Zen	1 st & 3 rd Friday @ 8pm	@ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663
GREENLANE GROUP	Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956
ISAAC GROUP	Lydia Lam	Friday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City
LADIES' HOME GROUP	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
NEWMARKET GROUP	Robert O'Callahan	Wednesday fortnightly @ 6:30pm	@ Robert O'Callahan's office - Level 7, 5 Short St Newmarket 021 783 289
REMUERA GROUP	Ken Cheung	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's, Remuera Contact Ken 021 431607
TERTIARY GROUP	Genetta Shew	Wednesday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
WEST AUCKLAND GROUP	Betty Ling	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 5pm	@ Betty & Kuan's Contact Robert W Ph 525 0220

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

9th December 2012

Speaker: Pr Mark Maney

Sermon Title: Christian or Atheist? What does it matter as long as the orphans are helped?

Bible Reading: John 3:16-18



Welcome to all visitors to this morning's service. You are invited to stay for a cup of tea after the service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 9TH DECEMBER 2012

At 11.45am today - to vote on the Parish Council's motion to call Rev Chu Hang Tang to ACPC as Senior Minister. Please sign the attendance register straight after the service if you are staying for the meeting.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 16th December 2012 at 10.30am. Who is Christmas all about? Invite your family (grandparents, aunts and uncles) and friends with children of all ages to enjoy the celebration of Christmas.

(TRINITARIAN) DOXOLOGY

Among Christian traditions a doxology is typically a sung expression of praise to the Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. A doxology in widespread use in English, in some Protestant traditions commonly referred to simply as The Doxology or The Common Doxology is



*Praise God from whom
all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

"The Lord hears the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 15:29

- ✚ Pastor Mark and family and his ministry at ACPC
- ✚ The Congregational Meeting this morning – that the decision will reflect God's plan for ACPC
- ✚ The people suffering from the horrific effects of the tornado in Auckland this week.

JANUARY – MARCH 2013 WORSHIP ROSTER

Please tell Jean as soon as convenient, (by email or text – sojewong@gmail.com or 0211411054) the dates that you will be out of Auckland from January to March 2013. If you are not on the Worship Roster (see notice board by the hall door) and would like to be, please tell Jean. Your offer of service will be most appreciated.

CANTONESE MINISTRY CHOIR OUTREACH

The CM Choir will be performing Christmas carols at Auckland Hospital (in English) and a couple of rest homes in Sylvia Park and Epsom (in Chinese). Please come if you are able to and support them by chatting and greeting the nurses and patients.

Monday, 10th December

at Auckland Hospital at 5.30pm – 7ish.

Saturday, 15th December

at Sylvia Park Resthome, 26 Long Ford St and at Epsom Resthome at 61 Epsom Ave. (Time to be confirmed.) Contact Jean if you can go along.



HOW DO I CONTACT PASTOR MARK?

Email: markpmaney@gmail.com;
Cell Phone (preferred): 021 309 544; or
Church Manse: 908 8200

HELP NEEDED AT ST DAVID'S FOODBANK

St David's Foodbank would appreciate assistance before Friday 21st December with the packing of supplies to cover the holiday period. The Foodbank is open from Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 12 noon. If you can assist for any period of time, please contact Jean (0211411054 or sojewong@gmail.com).



STAY FOCUSED!

'...Let us strip off every weight that slows us down.' Hebrews 12:1



The Bible says, 'Let us strip off every weight that slows us down...And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.'

God has given you the two things needed to run and win your race in life: time and energy. And you can't afford to waste them. Why do we have such a hard time saying no?

Two of the most common reasons are:

1) Fear of rejection. Ultimately, you must ask yourself this question: 'Whose approval am I seeking, God's or people's?'

2) Fear of missing out on good opportunities. We assume that whenever opportunity knocks, we must answer the door and say yes to whatever's standing there. That's a mistake. Opportunity doesn't equal obligation. There will always be more opportunities than there is time to pursue them. So you must choose your opportunities prayerfully and wisely.

Jim Collins, author of the book 'Good to Great', writes: 'Most of us lead busy but undisciplined lives. We have ever expanding 'to do' lists, trying to build momentum by doing, doing, doing. But it rarely works. Those who built the good to great companies made as much use of 'stop doing' lists, as 'to do' lists. They displayed a remarkable discipline to unplug from all sorts of extraneous junk and channel their resources into only one or a few areas.'

In his groundbreaking book, 'Focus: The Future of Your Company Depends on It', Al Ries adds, 'Great leaders, in spite of a multitude of distractions, know how to keep things focused. They know how to inspire and motivate their followers to keep pushing "the main chance". They don't let side-issues overwhelm them.' So stay focused!

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