

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Stephen	Marty
Music Leader	Rea	James
Bible Reader	Tony Wong	Samuel
Ushers	Daisy, Francis	Clement, Iain
Techno	Celia, Robert	Harvey, Anthony K
Cup of Tea	Cindy, Joanna C, Gena	Michelle L, Rita, Eva
Dishes		

## HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
<b>CANTONESE GROUP</b>	Albert Ko	Saturday fortnightly @ 4pm	@ Alex Wong Toi's Contact Albert Ko 021 753 912
<b>CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP</b>	Peter Zen	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday @ 8pm	@ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663
<b>GREENLANE GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm	@ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956
<b>ISAAC GROUP</b>	Lydia Lam	Friday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City
<b>LADIES' HOME GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
<b>NEWMARKET GROUP</b>	Robert O'Callahan	Thursday weekly @ 8.00pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City 021 783 289
<b>REMUERA GROUP</b>	Ken Cheung	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday @ 10am	@ Quin Gee's Contact Ken 021 431607
<b>COLLEGE CAREERS GROUP</b>	Genaetta Shew	Wednesday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
<b>WEST AUCKLAND GROUP</b>	Betty Ling	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday @ 5pm	@ Betty & Kuan's Contact Robert W Ph 525 0220

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



## ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

10<sup>th</sup> February 2013

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Maney  
**Theme:** Philippians - Gospel Royale  
**Sermon Passage:** Philippians 1:27-30



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

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School starts today for 2013. The teachers this year are (Bubbles) Quin Gee, Michelle Wai, (Sparks) Weng Wai Bing, Nathan Chan), (Xstreams) Suan Tan, Jean Wong, and (Grids) Liz Yan and Jo Wong.



We'll be using the new building today, although it is not furnished yet. If anyone has a child's table which they no longer use and are able to donate to the church for the crèche that would be most appreciated.

## POT LUCK DINNER, ACPC'S GOT TALENT & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 from 5.30pm for a combined church pot luck dinner, talent performance and silent auction



Have you marked your calendar for this coming Saturday? Bring your friends and family for a rewarding time of fellowship and entertainment. Bring some money and make a bid at the silent auction – there's always a good variety of treasures and surprises.



## NEW HOME GROUP!!!

The Young Families Home Group will be having its first meeting this Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm at Stephen and Michelle Tsang's.

Contact Pastor Mark for more information.

## CHINESE LANGUAGE NETWORK (CLN)

Melissa Wong has been running Mandarin conversation classes on Tuesday evenings at church, with Eve, James and Peter participating in the classes (see notice on notice board).

The Chinese Corner has rebranded itself as "Chinese Language Network" ([www.cln.org.nz](http://www.cln.org.nz)). The founders, Linton Rathgen and Melissa have been interviewed by a news journalist (contributor to Christchurch's "The Press") and a Free View TV network - you can view the article on (<http://www.asianz.org.nz/our-work/young-leaders/out-and-about/chinese-language-network>) and it was picked up by TV9 News. You can view the news clip (<http://www.tv9.co.nz/?p=3371>).

See Melissa, Eve, James or Peter if you would like to join the group.

## REPORT OF PARISH COUNCIL VISION MEETING



A summary of the Parish Council's Vision meeting last Saturday is posted on the notice board and on the church website:

<http://www.acpc.org.nz/>

A few hard copies are on the table.

We encourage you to pass on your thoughts, ideas and

recommendations to an EM (English Ministry) Parish Council member (Marty Bing, Robert O'Callahan, Stephen Tsang or Jean Wong).

## DAY OF REST

Please note that all Mondays are Pastor Mark's 'day of rest'. Please avoid contacting him on Mondays unless it is an emergency.

## HOW DO I CONTACT PASTOR MARK?

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



## TURN YOUR WEAKNESS INTO A WEAPON

'I just let Christ take over! ...' 2 Corinthians 12:10

Speaking of his 'thorn', Paul writes: '...I was given the gift of a handicap...At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it...he told me, "My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness."

Once I heard that, I was glad to let it happen. I quit focusing on the handicap and began appreciating the gift...Now I take my limitations in stride, and with good cheer, these limitations that cut me down to size - abuse, accidents, opposition, bad breaks. I just let Christ take over! And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become' (vv. 7-10 TM).



Paul learned how to turn his weakness into a weapon by allowing it to drive him closer to God. And that's a lesson you must learn too.

Eugene Peterson paraphrases Christ's first beatitude: 'You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule' (Matthew 5:3 TM).

Now, you can't just accept your character flaws and areas of defeat and say, 'Well, I guess that's just the way I am.' No, you must confront each area of weakness, confess it, and 'let Christ take over'. You will always struggle with one thing or another.

Paul recognised this: '...We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us...' (2 Corinthians 4:7 TM). Like common pottery, fragile, flawed and easily broken, God will use you as you surrender and allow Him to work through you.



From *Word for Today* by Bob Gass



Tired and Weary?

**"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."**

Matthew 11:29