

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

	This Week	Next Week
Worship Leader	Serene	Stephen
Music Leader	Sarah, Jo	Anthony
Bible Reader	Rea	Melissa
Ushers	George, Cindy	Brendon, Lidia, Ginny
Techno	Mike	Harvey, Anthony K
Cup of Tea	Quin, Soo Land, Benson	Jean, Cindy, Allister
Dishes		

## HOME GROUPS

	Leader	Meeting time	Location
<b>CANTONESE GROUP</b>	Albert Ko	Saturday weekly @ 4pm	@ Albert & Emily Ko's 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>COLLEGE &amp; CAREERS GROUP</b>	Mark Maney	Wednesday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street City
<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' GROUP</b>	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's 524 9391
<b>NEWMARKET GROUP</b>	Robert O'Callahan	Thursday weekly @ 8pm	@ 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 021 431 607
<b>YOUNG PARENTS GROUP</b>	Mark Maney	Saturday monthly @ 2pm	Contact Mark 021 309 544

# AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



## ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

19<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**Speaker:** Pr Mark Maney

**Theme:** Did a Miracle Happen at Pentecost?

**Bible Reading:** Acts 2:1-13



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

## PSALM 133:1-3

A song of ascents. Of David.

<sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is  
when God's people live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.

<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.



## PRAYERS

- ✦ Pastor Mark and his ministry at ACPC
- ✦ Rev and Mrs Tang and family - May all their arrangements to move to ACPC and New Zealand flow smoothly
- ✦ All in the church experiencing health concerns

## CHURCH WORKING BEE THIS AFTERNOON AT 2PM

A catered lunch is being served after morning tea for the people staying for the working bee. We'll be tidying the grounds behind the hall and downstairs under the deck and also putting away items on the stage.



## POT LUCK DINNER AND GAMES 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013



Potluck Dinner and Fellowship/Games evening next Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2013 from 6-9pm. What a variety of food we had last month – delicious!!!

Our focus next Sunday is games, games, games. Do you have a good board or strategy game at home? Bring it along and teach it to others!!!

## 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

## SERMON NOTES

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## TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF SERVING GOD (2)

*There hath no temptation taken you...'* 1 Corinthians 10:13

Paul writes, 'There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to [mankind].' Notice the word 'taken'. Suddenly you're 'taken' by a set of circumstances you didn't create, don't want, and don't know how to get out of. Understand this: You don't pick the test, the test picks you! You don't get to choose who breaks your heart, or who gets on your nerves, or who lets you down. When you first held your child you didn't think that one day you'd be down at a detention centre trying to get them released. You couldn't have known that a routine checkup would have you in the hospital fighting a life-threatening illness.

Maybe your problem is so personal and embarrassing that you're afraid to even discuss it with anybody. So you walk the floor at night praying, 'Lord, get me out of this or I'm finished!' Even Paul wrote, '...We despaired...of life' (2 Corinthians 1:8 NAS).

When you've been 'taken' by a situation you learn three things:

- 1) Don't judge others. The Bible says, 'Every man is...drawn away by his own lust, and enticed' (James 1:14 KJV). When you don't know what somebody's been through or the circumstances which have conditioned them, be quiet. If you have to talk about it, talk to God!
- 2) Don't tell your troubles to the wrong people. Look for people who will share your burden, not spread your problem.
- 3) Bring it to Jesus. 'Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need' (Hebrews 4:16 NIV).

From *Word for Today* by Bob Gass

