

## what's going on @ acpc in august?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	10.30am Ladies Group 6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8pm Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Welcome Home Communion Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis 6-9pm Pot-luck Dinner and Games
28	29	30	31	1 sept	2	3
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis

### Keen on attending home group?

Newmarket:	Robert Fong	027 274 2570
Remuera:	Ken Cheung	021 431 607
St Heliers:	Marty Bing	021 753 406
Young Adults:	Rob O'Callahan	021 783 289



Please note the Ladies Group and Greenlane Home Group are taking a break during the next month.

## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
13<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries. Travelling mercies for Rev Tang is studying in Hong Kong for the next few weeks.
- **ACPC congregations** – that we hear more keenly God's direction for us on a personal and church level, and act upon it.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we may put into action meaningful ways to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood.
- **For those who are unwell, particularly for family members of those at ACPC** – We pray for continued healing, comfort, and strength, as well as for peace of mind for their loved ones.



**Romans 11:33-36; Genesis 1:1; Revelation 22:21**

*John Probert*

*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

Rob O'Callahan  
Peter Ting  
Michelle Tsang  
Samuel & Tiffany Ho  
Mandy Lowe  
Weng Wai Bing, George Lowe,  
Benson Fong

## Next week

Marty Bing  
Ant Yan  
Stephen Tsang  
Brendon & Ginny Fraser  
Mandy Lowe, Harvey He  
Michelle Wai, Eve Lam,  
Sheryl Feng,

## Reaching out each week @ acpc

### Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

A good way to develop your table tennis skills in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere.

## Communion Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>



Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, we will celebrate communion. The theme will be "Welcome Home". It is an opportunity to invite members of the church or Christians who have not been to church for a while. We have prepared some invitation cards to give to anyone who you may know. The intention is to have an "easy listening" type of communion to help people ease back in to meaning and flow of the Lord's Supper."

## Do your Shopping with Foodbank in mind

The Mission provides around 11,000 food parcels to Auckland-based individuals and families in desperate need each year.

Auckland City Mission food parcels are comprised largely of donated food items. Donations of food both large and small are greatly appreciated.

Here's some ideas for what to buy for the Auckland City Mission Foodbank:

- 420g Cans of Spaghetti
- 400g Cans of Tomatoes
- 420g Canned Soup
- 1 jar of Jam/Honey
- 375-400g packet of Cereal
- 500g packet of Rice
- 420g Cans of Baked Beans
- 1 Litre UHT Milk
- 410g Canned Fruit
- 500g Dried Pasta
- 500g packet of Sugar
- 420g Canned Soup



*He answered them, "Whoever has two shirts should share with the person who doesn't have any. Whoever has food should share it too."*

Luke 3:11



## Why and How to Worship

In his book, *The Vision and The Vow*, Pete Greig tells of how a distinguished art critic was studying an exquisite painting by the Italian Renaissance master Filippino Lippi. He stood in London's National Gallery gazing at the 15<sup>th</sup> century depiction of Mary holding the infant Jesus on her lap, with St Dominic and St Jerome kneeling nearby. But the painting troubled him. There could be no doubting Lippi's skill, his use of colour or composition. But the proportions of the picture seemed slightly wrong. The hills in the background seemed exaggerated, as if they might

topple out of the frame at any minute onto the gallery's polished floor. The two kneeling saints looked awkward and uncomfortable.

Art critic Robert Cumming was not the first to criticise Lippi's work for its poor perspective, but he may well be the last to do so, because at that moment he had a revelation. It suddenly occurred to him that the problem might be his. The painting had never been intended to come anywhere near a gallery. Lippi's painting had been commissioned to hang in a place of prayer.

The critic dropped to his knees in the public gallery before the painting. He suddenly saw what generations of art critics had missed. From his new vantage point, Robert Cumming found himself gazing up at a perfectly proportioned piece. The foreground had moved naturally to the background, while the saints seemed settled – their awkwardness, like the painting itself, having turned to grace. Mary now looked intently and kindly directed at him as he knelt at her feet between St Dominic and St Jerome.

It was not the perspective of the painting that had been wrong all these years, it was the perspective of the people looking at it. Robert Cumming, on bended knee, found a beauty that Robert Cumming the proud art critic could not. The painting only came alive to those on their knees in prayer. *The right perspective is the position of worship.*

Nicky Gumbel



## Reformation & Music Next Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

The NZ Chinese Church Music Association join the celebrations of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Luther's Reformation where the 2017 Auckland Inter-Churches Multicultural Choral Service will perform the chorale piece 'A Mighty Fortress is our God' at the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle, 429 Queen Street next Saturday at 7.00pm (free entry). Check out <http://nzccma.weebly.com/20107240372796321205-events.html> for more details