

what's going on @ acpc in December?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8pm Greenlane Group		11.00am Remuera Home Group Christmas Get-together	10.30am Youth & SS Service + Griffith Gardens & Lunch 3-5pm Table Tennis
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7.30pm Newmarket Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Communion Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Combined Service And Lunch CHRISTMAS EVE
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS DAY	BOXING DAY					10.30am Service NEW YEAR'S EVE

Keen on attending home group?

Greenlane (George Lowe)	021 739 838	Ladies (Glenda Choy)	524 9391
Newmarket (Robert Fong)	027 274 2570	Remuera (Ken Cheung)	021 431 607
Young Adults (Rob O'Callahan)	021 783 289	St Heliers (Marty Bing)	021 753 406

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
10th December 2017

praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries.
- **ACPC congregations** – that we be intentional about nurturing and maturing our personal relationship with Jesus.
- **For those who are unwell** – we pray for their comfort and healing, may their health and energy be restored.
- **Blessings and travelling mercies Haeun** – we pray for your safe return to South Korea, and for God's continued blessings as you settle back home.
- **God's Blessings on our changing families** – for safe arrival of a baby boy to Nancy, Jono and Justin's family on Friday and as Linlee and Nathan get married this Friday!



Looking back with gratitude
and

Forward with faith

**1 Peter 3:15; Acts 1: 1- 5;
Acts 2: 1-4 and 14-16; and
Matthew 7: 24-29**

The Right Rev Richard Dawson

*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

Youth Group
Darren Koo
Blake O'Callahan
Rob & Blake O'Callahan
Rob Fong, Rob Wong
Suan Tan, Jean Wong,
Allister Young

Next week

Stephen Tsang
Ant Yan
Kathleen Chen
Rose & Robert Wong
Harvey He, Rob Fong
Kate and Rexson Tse,
Ken Meng Chan

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.



Today's Celebrations – after the service

Just as a reminder, after the service and a quick morning tea we will continue our 125 year celebration and head for Griffith Gardens. At the Gardens, The Rt Rev Richard Dawson and Rev Wayne Toleafoa, the Moderator of the Northern Presbytery will bless our apple trees and hyssop plants, and we'll plant Chinese mustard.



If you booked a seat last week for the lunch at Golden Century afterwards, please remember to pay \$10 to either Aunty Jean or Uncle Marty.



ACPC Christmas Celebrations

We'll celebrate Christmas this year with a Combined Service on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December at 10.30am, followed by a shared lunch. Please mark this in your calendars and join us! *Please note that*

there will be no service at ACPC on Christmas Day, 25th December.

New Parish Council Responsibilities

When the Parish Council met last month, there were a number of changes to responsibilities. In particular, please note that our new Session Clerk is Marty Bing, while Coby Lin and George Tong in the CM are taking on responsibility for Property and Maintenance. Continued prayer and encouragement for our whole leadership team would be appreciated. Many thanks to the many in our congregation who faithfully serve ACPC throughout the year.

God's Supernatural Favour

There is a distinction between natural favour and supernatural favour. Natural favour must be earned, but supernatural favour is a gracious gift from God.

First Samuel 2:7 says, The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and He lifts up. A perfect example of this is found in the life of Esther. God raised her up out of obscurity to become the queen of the entire land. He gave her favour with everyone she met, including the king.



Esther drew upon that favour to save herself and her people from being murdered by Haman, who was an evil man. She may have been afraid to go to the king and ask him to intervene, but Esther knew she had favour with God and pressed on with complete confidence in Him.



Like Esther, we should live with the freedom and liberty that comes from living in God's favour. Regardless of the circumstances that come into your life, believe God for supernatural favour.

Despite how hopeless things may seem, God can lift you up. If your life is in His hands, the light of the Lord shines upon you.

Joyce Meyer

Sermon Notes

