

What's going on @ acpc in April?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 7.30pm Prayer Group			10.30am Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
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AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
15 April 2018

praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Rev Vogel as they minister at ACPC** – for wisdom & God's guidance in leading our ministries.
- **ACPC congregations** – we pray that we can make a fresh commitment to pursue You today, excited to see the amazing things You will do in our lives.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood, especially those without homes.
- **For those affected by recent heavy rain, flooding and power cuts** - Pray for safety, comfort, strength and assistance.



Risky Grace on Auckland's Streets

Rev Stuart Vogel

Isaiah 42: 1-17

*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

Marty Bing
Darren Koo
Brendan Fraser
Brendon and Ginny Fraser
Michael, Rob W
Eve Lam, Gena Gan,
Allister Young, John Probert

Next week

Robert Wong
Peter Ting
Nathan Chan
Francis Yu, Gena Gan
Rexson, Mandy
George Lowe, Janet O'Callahan,
Sheryl Fen

Bible reading challenge If you haven't begun the 6 months Bible Reading Challenge and would like to do so, please take a copy of the pamphlet on the table, This is part of our programme at ACPC this year which is to build up our Bible knowledge, faith and community.

Coffee with Stuart "In order to keep in touch people with better, I would like to pop by for coffee with members at their work during lunch breaks. I am very flexible about time and place. See me or ring to arrange an opportunity"

Reaching out each week @ acpc

Tea and Talk - tea and English conversation: every Thursday at church from 10.30am-12pm

Table tennis: Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly, a good way to develop your table tennis skills in a friendly, stress-free atmosphere.



The baptisms and dedications last week were a wonderful expression of what it means to be a Christian community. Every blessing to Nancy and Mandy and Jono, Nancy, Justin and Caleb

Calling all ANZAC bakers The day before ANZAC Day, food associated with World War One will be taken to our neighbours. This includes Anzac biscuits and "trench cake", which was an ingenious cake made only from available and rationed items. If you can help to bake something from the Great War for Stuart to take to the people of Vincent Street, please bring them to church next Sunday, 22nd April. See Jean or Stuart if you need the recipes. We will have an appropriate card to accompany the baking

ANZAC @ the Vogels This has been a busy month and we can all relax. On ANZAC Day, you are invited to come to the Vogels for an "At Home" and high tea. Come and go anytime between 3.00 to 5.00pm as you please, simply relax and chat. This is your opportunity to pick up some walnuts. Mandarin speaking students have been invited to experience a "high tea". If you have a traditional 3 tier scone, cake and pikelet plate, could Stuart borrow it please?

Taiwan mission If you are under 35 and would like to experience mission and ministry in Taiwan, you have a fabulous opportunity in July (3-16). See Darren and Stuart for details

Position Yourself to Receive

<https://www.rhema.co.nz/the-word-for-today>

'The wise listen to others.' Proverbs 12:15 NLT

Positioning yourself to receive - makes all the difference! For example, as you read this, if you position yourself to receive by saying to the Lord, 'I will take action on what you show me,' you'll benefit more than if you read it just to be motivated or inspired. To resist or to receive - that's a choice you make every day. Nothing dies quicker than a new idea in a closed mind. It's impossible to learn if you think you already know it all.

One of the reasons Jesus reacted so strongly to the Pharisees was because they refused to receive what he had to say. A wrongly positioned mind is like a microscope that magnifies trifling things but can't receive great ones. Every situation, properly viewed, is an opportunity. But opportunities can only 'drop into your lap' if you position your lap where opportunities drop. When you don't position yourself to receive, it's like asking for a bushel while you're holding a cup. Too often our minds are locked on one track. We're looking for red so we overlook blue; we're thinking 'tomorrow' and God is saying 'now'. We're looking everywhere, and the answer is right under our nose.

When a person is positioned correctly, he or she is ready to receive all God has for them. The Bible often uses the word simple. The original term means 'thick, dull, and sluggish', and it describes those who are insensitive and unreceptive to the thoughts of others. God will speak to you through people, but unless you listen you won't hear what he has to say. So today position yourself to receive.

Soulfood: Jer 36:27-40:16 Mk 1:40-45 Ps 25:1-7 Pro 9:17-18