

What's happening in February @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	7.30pm Professionals Group	10.30am Ladies' Group 6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8:00pm Greenlane Group			10.30am (Combined) Commissioning Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
18	19	20	21			22
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk	Thank You Dinner for the Vogels!	10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Service 11:45 am Forum re 25 Union St 3-5pm Table Tennis 6-9pm Pot-luck Dinner
25	26	27	28	01	02	03
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AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
10 February 2019

praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Pastor Cox as they minister at ACPC in 2019** – for God's guidance, wisdom, love, and strength in leading our ministries. We pray for blessings on them and their families. We thank you for Rev Vogel's ministry here.
- **ACPC ministries** – we pray that we may build an intimate and deeper relationship with God in the new year. May we follow Him closely and be His disciples. May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member.
- **For our neighbours in the city** – that we take the opportunities to show Your kindness, love, mercy, grace and hope to our neighbourhood.



Don't be Benign, Shine!
Philippians 2:12-18a

Andrew Cox

*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

Jono Yu
Darren Koo
Stephen Tsang
Samuel & Jocelyn Ho
Michael Yu, Rob Wong
Michelle Tsang, Michelle Wai, Allister Young

Next week

Marty Bing
Anthony Yan
Samuel Ho
Stephen & Jacqueline Tsang
Rob Fong, Tiffany Ho
Glenda Choy, Linlee Chan, Ken Meng Chan



Sunday 24 February 2019@ 11:45am – Open forum to discuss the proposal to make an offer on the property at 25 Union St and answer your questions. The Parish Council will meet the following Wednesday to discuss this feedback.

Church

Church Camp is up
Christian Camp in Mangawhai Heads on Sunday 3rd March. **Mark this on your** registrations and more details are We also hope to have ACPC T-shirts (design skills of James!) available for purchase the week before camp. Watch this space.



Camp!

at Moirs Point
Friday 1st to **calendars now**, as available today!

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Reaching out each week @ acpc

Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly



A Word from Andrew

A few years ago, I was browsing in a “Two Dollar” Shop and I came across a toy phone with the name, “Benign Girl.” The dictionary definition of “benign” is “having a kindly disposition; gracious”. You can see why the designers in China thought it a nice description for a girl! But in NZ, we seldom use the word for human beings. It is more likely applied to

medical conditions (e.g. a tumours) as meaning “not malignant” or “not harmful.” It got me thinking: are we as Christians meant to be merely benign? Sure, there’s a place for being “nice” but there’s also a need to stand up for truth – to point people to a God to whom they are accountable and a Saviour who loves them. So don’t be benign, shine!

Key February Dates

Today from midday Picnic at Old Government House (cnr Princes St and Waterloo Quadrant) with other local churches.

Sunday 17 February 2019 @ 10.30am – Andrew’s formal Commissioning Service as Pastor to the EM followed by morning tea. Please make sure that you can make it!

Friday 22 February 2019@ 6:30pm – The date for our Thank You Dinner for Rev Stuart and his wife Alison. \$30 per person for a classic 10 course banquet at Golden Horse Greenlane. Please pay to M Bing 12-3409-0018429-50 or cash to Linlee.



How well do you listen?

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

'Let the person who has ears listen!' Mark 4:9
GWT

Studies show we forget 50 per cent of what we hear immediately, 80 per cent within a day, and 97 per cent within a week. So what's the solution? When you listen, make understanding your goal, not just remembering facts. Great learners are great listeners; that's why they always have a flow of fresh ideas. The truth is, you'll never know how close you are to a breakthrough or a blessing until you learn to listen. Be honest. How often have you said you're going to spend more time listening to the people in your life who matter? Start doing it, because if you don't show up for life's 'special moments', before you know it there will be none left to show up for.

The people who really listen to us become the most important people in our lives. If you want to be one of them, you must do three things: (1) Look directly at the speaker. Don't belittle someone by catching up on work, talking on the phone, or tweeting and texting while they're talking. Focus on them! (2) Don't interrupt. When you do that, people think you don't place much value on what they're saying. Or that you're trying to impress them with how much you know. Or you're too excited by what you have to add to the conversation to let them finish. (3) Suspend your judgement. Wait to hear the whole story before you respond. If you don't, chances are you'll miss the most important things the speaker has to say. Can you think of anyone you haven't been listening to lately? The good news is it's not too late to become a good listener.

Soulfood: Ecc 5-8 Luke 6:37-49 Ps 107:10-16 Pro 3:19-20