



紐西蘭基督教華人衛理公會美恩堂  
CORNERSTONE @ GREENLANE CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH

欢迎您  
WELCOME

星期日, 上午十点正  
SUNDAYS, 10AM

193 CAMPBELL ROAD, GREENLANE, AUCKLAND

5<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Week 1

Today's Message:

**Seek God's Wisdom for 2025**

**Psalm 90:1-17**



**Our Vision:**

- 1. To Worship God in Spirit and Truth**
- 2. To Uphold the Word and Love of the Cross**
- 3. To Witness the Power of Jesus' Resurrection**

**Our 2023-2024 Church Theme**

**"Abide in Christ, Live by Faith, Serve in Unity"**



5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Holy Communion Service

Silent Prayer & Prelude	
Preparatory Hymn	<i>The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 29: 1-4, 11</i>
(stand) Praise and Worship	
(stand) Opening Prayer	
(stand) Response to Prayer	<i>Gloria Patri</i>
(stand) Nicene Creed	
Scripture Reading	<i>Psalm 90:1-17</i>
Prayer of Illumination	<i>Lord Let my Heart be Good Soil</i>
Sermon	<i>Seek God's Wisdom for 2025</i>
(stand) Responsive Hymn	<i>Another Year is Dawning (HOP 426)</i>
Tithes & Offerings	
(stand) Offering Prayer & Hymn	<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>
Welcome & Announcements	
Holy Communion	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Christ has Died / is Risen / will Come Again Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)</i>
(stand) Closing Anthem	<i>Now Unto Him</i>
(stand) Benediction	
(stand) Amen	<i>Four Fold Amen</i>

	<u>Sunday Service Roster</u>	
	<b>5 January 2025</b>	12 January 2025
Preacher	Rev James Chin	Ps SOON Chin Boo
Liturgist	Hui Kung Lau	Nick Chua
Worship leader	Emily Wong	Chris Ing
Worship pianist	Winnie Wong	Lydia Sim
Liturgy pianist	Winnie Wong	Evan Yong
Audio	Chris Ing	Jeff Wong
Visual & Streaming	Annabelle Tiong & Elijah Ing	Jacqueline Wong
Ushers	Betty Hii & Christina Sim	Josephine & Wesley Law
Breakfast / kitchen	Tony Ling, Nancy Wong, Tim Ling, Lucy Ling, Samuel Wong, Richard Chai, Hwee Yeng	David Lok, Zavier, Lydia, Julia, Wang Yueh Poh, Fu You, Li Jun, Mandy Kwan
Coffee	Clement Tiong & Zavier (Assistant: Thaddeus)	Ivan Wong & Carol Chai (training)
Refreshment	Ching Ping, Iris, Lee Ping	Hla & Xiu, Frances, Jessie Gong
Cleaning	Young Parent 亲子小组 / North 北岸小组	Group 2: Tim, Clement, Sean, Olivia, Annabelle, Jarron
Lawnmowing	Zi Ang	Zi Ang
CSS teachers	Family Worship Service	Family Worship Service
CSS praise & worship	N/A	N/A
Holy Communion	Bread & Cup team	

1. Our **tithe and offerings** record for 29 December 2024

Sunday Service	Combined Service: \$1,051.40, CSS: \$
Tithes	4:\$300; 14:\$100; 16:\$350; 21:\$300; 23:\$204; 29:\$50; 62:\$310; 64:\$150; 71:\$300; 80:\$609; 80:\$961; 89:\$100; 98:\$264; 105:\$250; 105:\$250; 112:\$100; 117:\$100; 118:\$60; 118:\$60; 119:\$10; 119:\$10; 120:\$169; 153:\$12; 156:\$50; 156:\$50; 163:\$100; 166:\$400; anonymous:\$10
Church Building	4:\$300; 14:\$200; 15:\$50,000; 16:\$150; 38:\$500; 42:\$300; 80:\$300; 80:\$420; 80:\$5; 88:\$500; 89:\$100; 106:\$50; 120:\$1000; 163:\$100; anonymous:\$25
Thanksgiving /Other	64:\$100

	Church Building	New Plymouth	Church Building - Fundraisers	Total
Offerings Received	\$316,460.45	\$2,400.00	\$5,985.00	\$324,845.45

Total collected \$60,730.40. Online \$57,874.00. In person \$2,856.40

*"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21)*

2. Our **Church Building Fundraising** target for 2024: **\$1,100,000**



17/11/24

Raised: \$706,199



01/12/24

Goal 1: +\$393,801



3. If you would like to contribute to our **Church Building Pledge**, an online form is available at <https://rcmc.nz/cb-pledge/>



This donation pledge overrides all previous pledges you may have made.  
此认献取代您之前做出的所有认献。

Name 姓名

Offering Number 奉献号

If available 若有

Email 电邮

Phone 电话

I pledge to offer in 2025 我愿意在2025年认献...

Weekly 每周

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SAMPLE FORM

4. Aspiring writers out there? Our **Christian Literature and Media ministry** wants to hear from you ...



5. Organised by **CMCNZ Board of Music and Worship**, in collaboration with Creative Journey Christian Worship and Music Ministry

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紐西蘭基督教華人衛理公會音樂與崇拜部聖樂營  
CMCNZ Board of Music and Worship Sacred Music Camp

崇拜, 聖樂, 靈命成長  
Worship, Sacred Music, Spiritual Formation

早鳥價  
Early bird  
\$120-140  
before 31.01.25

中英 Bilingual  
信息分享, 工作坊,  
實際操練,  
小組討論, 問題解答  
Sermon, workshops,  
practical sessions,  
group sessions,  
Q&A

30 May - 02 June 2025  
鴻恩堂 Auckland Chinese Methodist Church  
12 Young Road, Mt. Wellington, Auckland

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6. Final English service at Remuera CMC on 22 December 2024.



... built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20)

## 7. A reflection: **What is God building? And Why?**

*Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:20-22)*

I sometimes like to watch home renovation shows, especially where a house or apartment is completely transformed from an eye-sore into something beautiful. It turns out that God is in the construction business, too. His building, though, is entirely beyond what we could ever imagine.



I used to live next to an empty field. One day, a backhoe showed up, and for the next few months, I watched as workers constructed a new home. Their first order of business? Digging the foundation.

God's construction project is the church – not a physical building, but the fellowship of all people who believe in Jesus Christ. His desire is for his followers to become a unified group and not remain a fragmented collection of individuals all doing their own thing.

Let's look at some of its characteristics. First of all, Jesus is the chief cornerstone, which determines the position of all the other stones in a structure. In other words, Christ is the pillar, anchor, or key element of the church. Without him, it loses its reason for being.

The teachings of the New Testament (apostles) and the Old Testament (prophets) give the church its framework and identity. They are what distinguish it from other groups and set the boundaries of its doctrines and beliefs.

And who are the bricks? We are. People. That is, all those who have trusted in Jesus as their Savior.

Now we come to the most crucial question. What's the purpose of the church? Why did God decide to put so much effort into building it? Is it so that we can come together on Sunday mornings to sing and listen to a sermon? Is it so that we can help the poor and needy? Is it so that we can be part of a group of believers that encourage us in our faith? All these things are fine and good, but they are only a means to an end and not the end itself.

Paul gives us a clue to the answer by using the expressions "a holy temple" and "a dwelling place of God," which in essence are the same thing. These words point to God's desire for the church to be the place where he is active and visible on earth. All his attributes, such as his love, mercy, justice, and grace, should be on full display in the lives of his people. The church is to be where humanity can come to meet God.

Yes, the church has often failed in this mission, but God knew this would be the case when he started the construction project. After all, he's dealing with imperfect people. Nonetheless, his love for us kept him moving forward towards his ultimate goal: to reconcile to himself as many people as possible. For this to happen, he needs a group of dedicated followers who will show the world who he is.

May our lives reflect the Lord to the people around us. May our local churches be known as "the place where God lives." Otherwise, we're missing the point.