

Calendar

w/c 27th November

Sun 27th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Marc Khunan)
Sun 27th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 27th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Sheila)
Tues 29th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 29th 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 29th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 30th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 43:1-13)
Thurs 1st 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 2nd 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Fri 3rd 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism

w/c 4th December

Sun 4th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Ron Hollands)
Sun 4th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Ron Hollands)
Sun 4th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Sheila)
Sun 4th 5.30.p.m. - Together
Tues 6th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 6th 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 6th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 6th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 7th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer/ Bible Study (Is. 43:14-28)
Thurs 8th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 9th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 10th 7.00.p.m. - Feltham Bible Focus (Ephesians Ch.6 vv 10-24, Philip Venables).

w/c 11th December

Sun 11th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Trevor Archer)
Sun 11th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Service (Trevor Archer)
Sun 11th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Trish)
Sun 11th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch
Tues 13th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 13th 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 13th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 14th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 44:1-20)
Thurs 15th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 16th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Christmas Open House
Sat 17th 9.00.a.m. - Cleaning and Maintenance

w/c 18th December

Sun 18th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer and Praise (Philip Venables)
Sun 18th 11.00.a.m. - Christmas Carol Service (Philip Venables)
Sun 18th 5.30.p.m. - Lord's Supper at Audrey Carpenter's
Sun 18th 6.30.p.m to 9.30.p.m - "At Home" at Philip and May Lin's
Tues 20th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 21st 7.30.p.m. - Prayer and The Word

w/c 25th December

Sun 25th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 25th 11.00.a.m. - Christmas Morning Service (Philip Venables)
Wed 28th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer and The Word
Thurs 29th 7.30.p.m. - Feltham Journey Discussion
Sat 31st 5.00.p.m to 8.30.p.m - New Years Eve Party

Notes

Carol Service On Sunday 18th December at 11.00.a.m. we intend to hold our Christmas Carol Service. This gives a specific opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbors to hear the glorious gospel message of how Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

The Feltham Journey In January 2017 we plan to re-commence our scheme to read the Bible in two years. This time we plan to read through the Bible chronologically. Reading plans are due to be available later in the month. For further information please speak to Mark.

Christmas Lunch After the services on Christmas Day, there is an invitation to share a Christmas lunch together. All connected with the church are welcome to join in this. So if you have nowhere else to go on Christmas Day please feel free to join with us. If you intend to stay you must inform May Lin by December 22nd so that the relevant catering can be set in place.

Lord's Supper On December 18th we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper, as a church, at Audrey Carpenter's home. Audrey has not been at church for some time now. This gives us an opportunity to be able to fellowship with her in this special way.

Fellowship Lunch On December 11th we are planning to have "bring-and-share" fellowship meal.

Feltham Bible Focus This month is due to take place on December 10th when we conclude our studies in Ephesians. Our own Philip Venables is due to be preaching through the latter part of Ephesians 6.

"At Home" On December 18th from 6.30.p.m to 9.30.p.m all connected with the church are welcome to join with Philip and May Lin at their home for a time together.

"Together" At Together on 4th December our theme will be that of looking forward to being at home in heaven. So it will be an evening of looking forward and being expectant of a greater future.

New Year's Eve On December 31st we are due to have a Church Family New Years Eve party together. We plan to have some games, food and a time of worship and prayer. This due to be between 5.00.p.m and 8.30.p.m.

Open House On December 16th we intend to have a festive flavour to Open House. Besides seasonal refreshments we plan to have a Christmas message and sing some carols, starting at 11.00.a.m. (approximately). There is then planned to be a two week break with a re-start due on January 6th.

Spiritual Notes Should I Go To Church?

Life is busy for so many of us. A phrase often heard is: *"there just does not seem to be enough hours in the day"*. So we have to be thoughtful about what we put into our lives. One thing to consider is whether we should bother going to church.

Before getting into directly answering that question we need to ponder upon which church we should consider going to. There are many fake churches which are not really churches at all. The church we should consider going to is the church which

- believes that The Bible is the inspired, authoritative and infallible Word of God.
- preaches the message of the Bible that focuses on how God has brought salvation through Jesus Christ.

It is the church that professes this and seeks to live it out that we should consider attending.

The issues to consider in whether or not we actually do attend church are dependent upon whether or not we are true believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the true Christian church attendance should be a normal part of their life. In fact, we have to say, that if a person is not attending church, and is professing to be a believer, the genuineness of their profession must be questioned. Right at the beginning when the church was established in Acts 2 the people drew together so that they could hear the apostles' doctrine; enjoy fellowship in the grace of God, worship in the breaking of the bread and seek the Lord through their prayers (see Acts 2:42). These things continue to be at the heart of what a church does when they meet together.

Christianity is a "together" religion and this togetherness is displayed in the church. The church should always be together in their support for one another 24/7, but there must also be those important times when they come together. So we see as God works to bring salvation in the book of Acts that churches were being formed and those in the churches came together. If we look in Acts 20 as an example we see there reference to the believers meeting together on the first day of the week in Troas to break bread and to hear God's Word (see Acts 20:7). Paul in Acts 20:20 indicates how the church in Ephesus was taught publicly as well as house to house.

The rest of the new testament shows how believers are to live for the Lord. At the heart of that experience is being in church. It is interesting that the book of Revelation is sent to churches. The exhortation to true believers in churches in Hebrews 10:25 is that they should **not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another— and all the more as you see the Day approaching.** It is important for Christians to meet together.

But what of the non-Christian? Why should someone who does not share this faith come to church? They should come:-

- **To Hear:** The greatest need for the non-Christian is to be saved. Romans 10:17 tells us that **faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.** It is in church where you will hear this message.
- **To See:** In church you see God at work. The church is God's special place. In church you see a disparate group of people coming together as one in Christ. You should come to church and see how these people love one another and display their unity. As you observe it your wise response is to say "I want that".
- **To Anticipate.** If you are a human being you want to live. The place where you find life is in Christ. And that life in Christ is to be lived in the church. So if you are not a Christian you will yearn for that life and come to church to see the place where that life is lived. And that is all in anticipation of you one day being a part of that body.

So always and for everyone the church is the place to be. It is God's place. For believer and unbeliever alike, there are good reasons to be there. For the believer it is an essential place to enjoy your salvation. For the unbeliever it is the place to learn about Christ so that by faith you will obtain your salvation in Him.