

Feltham Evangelical Church

Newsletter: November 2016

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

Calendar

w/c 30th October

Sun 30th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 30th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 30th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Trish)
Tues 1st 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 1st 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 1st 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 1st 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 2nd 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Rob Goodgame)
Thurs 3rd 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 4th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 5th 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism

w/c 6th November

Sun 6th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 6th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 6th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Diana)
Sun 6th 5.30.p.m. - Together
Tues 8th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 8th 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 8th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 9th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 42:10-17)
Thurs 10th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 11th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 12th 7.00.p.m - Feltham Bible Focus (Basil Howlett; Carey Baptist Church, Reading. *Ephesians* 5:22 – 6:9)

w/c 13th November

Sun 13th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (David Mead)
Sun 13th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Service (David Mead)
Sun 13th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Sheila)
Sun 13th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch
Tues 15th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 15th 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study

Tues 15th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 15th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 16th 7.30.p.m. - Missionary Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 43:1-13)
Thurs 17th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 18th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 19th 9.00.a.m. - Cleaning and Maintenance

w/c 20th November

Sun 20th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer and Praise (Philip Venables)
Sun 20th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship including Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 20th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Trish)
Sun 20th 5.30.p.m. - Equip (Reaching Out to Muslims)
Tues 22nd 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 22nd 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 22nd 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 23rd 7.30.p.m. - Prayer/Report (Mark and Gill Newham)
Thurs 24th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 24th 7.30.p.m - Feltham Journey Discussion
Fri 25th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Fri 25th 9.00.p.m. To Sat 26th 1.00.a.m. Sat - Revive

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. 43:14-28)
Thurs 1st (Dec) 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

Notes

Social Media The Church has a presence online through social media:

- Facebook: Please 'like' and 'share' our posts at <https://www.facebook.com/felthamevangelicalchurch>
- Twitter: Please feel free to 'follow' us at <https://twitter.com/FelthamFEC>
- And please share links from the web-site with others on social media or via e-mail, WhatsApp etc.

Feltham Bible Focus This month is on November 12th. We continue our studies in Ephesians with Basil Howlett from Carey Baptist Church, Reading picking up the study in Ephesians 5:22.,

Equip This month we consider the issue of evangelism among Muslims. Zach Mollallegn and Mark Henderson will seek to pass on helpful teaching they received through attending the Muslim Engagement Training Course.

Bible Study Continues on a Wednesday evening. We are continuing to study the book of Isaiah. We are now into chapter 42. These are important occasions to learn from God's Word together. Come whenever you can.

Missionary Contacts This month sees the following missionary contacts visiting us:

- David Mead is due to be with us on November 13th. He is due to be preaching at the services and informing us of his recent endeavours for the Lord. Also over lunch on that day we will have any interview with him.
- Mark and Gill Newham serve the Lord out in Mongolia and are a missionary couple we have bonded with in recent months. They are due to be with us on 23rd November to spend the evening with us.
- Matt Bater is considering God's call upon him to serve in Romania. At Feltham Bible Focus on 12th November he will update us about this.

Fellowship Lunch We are due to have fellowship lunch together on November 13th. This is due to be on a bring-and-share basis.

Revive We continue with our evenings/nights of seeking God. These times give us an extended opportunity to enjoy being in the presence of God together and to long for His mighty working to the honour of His Name. Join us for part of the time (or all) if you can. This month we are due to meet from 9.00.p.m on 25th to 1.00.a.m on 26th.

Spiritual Notes You Have Got to be Saved

'The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved (Jer. 8:20),' are the somewhat pathetic words of the nation of Judah. The question I want to ask is; Are they your words as well? They have a certain pertinence in that you are reading them in the November newsletter. That means, very literally, the summer has ended and harvest-time has past. It means as well that another year will soon be passed away. So is it true that you, yes you, are still not saved?

To make any issue of you being saved, we must immediately explain what it is to be saved. When the Philippian jailer was in a state of shock after an earthquake had shaken his prison he was forced to be suddenly faced with his weakness before God (see Acts 16:25-28). As a result he was fearful of what that meant for his future. Through the earthquake he had some taste of the great impending judgement of God and he was afraid. It is in that context that Paul mentions about how to be saved. So Paul urged him to **"believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved (Acts 16:31)"**. Through believing in Jesus he will be saved from the real and anticipated suffering that comes under and through the wrath of God.

To be saved then, is very much connected with being rescued. It is about deliverance from danger; it is about salvation. When Paul said to the jailer that he must believe on the Lord Jesus he was indicating to the jailer that there was an escape from the terrible rigours of hell. But how is it that Jesus delivers us from this perilous future. It is because Jesus died for our sins. As Isaiah prophetically says **But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities (Is. 53:5a)**. The wrath that the jailer anticipated comes because of sin; my sin. However, the Lord Jesus died to take away our sins. So when we believe in Him truly we are turning from the foulness of our sins, and realising that we can be accepted with God and delivered from the wrath to come in and through Jesus Christ. This is salvation and as Peter declared **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12)**. Only in Jesus can we be saved.

So returning to our original question about being saved we ask, in an alternative fashion: has Jesus saved you? It is so important that you face this question. If you are not saved you face eternity under the righteous judgement of the Lord God Almighty because you have offended His holy majesty and decided that you don't want him. This is terrible and it reminds us how offensive our sin and rebellion are to God. So you must be saved.

To be saved you need to realise the vile character of your sins and turn from them. You then need to look to Jesus Christ who died on the cross to bring salvation. You must turn to Him and believe. If you do then you will be saved.

Oh you must do this. Let nothing stop you. Which leads me to ask this November of you: What is stopping you if you are not saved. Salvation is on offer as God's great gift to you. Is there a problem of understanding it? But it could not be simpler. You have a problem and that problem is your sin. There is one remedy for your problem and that is found in Jesus Christ. So heed the Word of Isaiah 45:22 **'Turn to me and be saved all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other.**

You say that you are just fine without Jesus Christ and you don't understand this fuss about God, judgment and eternity. If this is your case then I urge to you to think and re-think. You may persuade yourself that life is OK here, but what of God and His judgment? His eternal judgment is real for those who die in their sins outside of Christ. If you die in your sins you face an angry God, fall under His judgement and anticipate an eternity of suffering: will that not make you to think?

Finally, you may have been made thoughtful about these matters through reading this, but you are thinking: I don't know if I am saved. To which I say go and seek counsel from a Christian you trust. But most important go to God to seek to sort out the matter with Him. In particular test yourself by reading through 1 John. John said of his writings in that book: **I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life (1 John 5:13)**. So read 1 John to test whether you are really saved

And if you are saved. Then praise Him for His goodness. Thank Him for His salvation. And go live for Him.