

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

W/c 29th Jan

Sun 29th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 29th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Service (Chungman Shon)
Sun 29th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Trish)
Tues 31st 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 31st 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 31st 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 1st 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 45:14-25)
Thurs 2nd 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 3rd 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 4th 8.30.a.m. - Ladies Breakfast
Sat 4th 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism

W/c 5th Feb

Sun 5th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 5th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Service (Philip Venables)
Sun 5th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Diana)
Sun 5th 5.30.p.m. - Together.
Tues 7th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 7th 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 7th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 7th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 8th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 46:1-13)
Thurs 9th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 10th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 11th 7.00.p.m. - Feltham Bible Focus; Has the Bible Been Changed? (*Brian Edwards - Hook Evangelical Church*).

W/c 12th Feb

Sun 12th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 12th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Service (Philip Venables)
Sun 12th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Trish)
Sun 12th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch

Tues 14th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 15th 7.30.p.m. - Mission Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 47:1-5)
Thurs 16th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 17th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 18th 9.00.a.m. - Cleaning and Maintenance

W/c 19th Feb

Sun 19th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer and Praise (Graham Machin)
Sun 19th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship including Lord's Supper (Graham Machin)
Sun 19th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Sheila)
Sun 19th 5.30.p.m. - Equip (Dementia / Alzheimer's)
Tues 21st 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 21st 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 21st 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 21st 8.00.p.m. - Elders meeting
Wed 22nd 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Marc Khunan)
Thurs 23rd 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 23rd 7.30.p.m. - Feltham Journey Discussion
Fri 24th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Fri 24th 9.00.p.m. to Sat 25th 1.00.a.m. - Revive

W/c 26th Feb

Sun 26th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Marc Khunan)
Sun 26th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Service (Philip Venables)
Sun 26th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Sheila)
Tues 28th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 28th 5.00.p.m. - Young Person's Bible Study
Tues 28th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 1st March 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 48:1-11)
Thurs 2nd 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 3rd 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 4th 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism

Notes

Open House continues on a Friday Morning. During that period the building is open for any to drop-in. Since the beginning of the year we have had a “Pause for Thought” slot at about 11.00.a.m.

Young Person's Bible Study takes place on a Tuesday evening at 5.00.p.m. This is a great opportunity for the “young” of the church to learn of the great truths of God through the study of God's Word. Pray for Marc who leads this time and for all those who attend.

Ladies Breakfast is due to take place on February 4th. It commences at 8.30.am. This is a great opportunity for the ladies of the church to enjoy a time together. Please contact Amy for further information.

Equip On February 19th we plan to look at the issue of dementia and Alzheimer's. We will seek to consider how we should understand such situations biblically and in terms of caring for someone with these afflictions.

Fellowship Lunch On February 12th we are planning to have a “bring-and-share” fellowship meal.

Feltham Bible Focus is due to take place on February 11th. Brian Edwards from Hook Evangelical Church is due to be with us. He will be speaking about the reliability of Scripture. His subject is “Has the Bible been changed?”

Hymn Singing At some of our services we use the words which are projected on to the screen. If you would prefer to have the words on sheets in front of you then please speak to those who are doing “door duty” or on the sound / recording desk.

Flowers Trish continues to faithfully arrange flowers for the church. If you would like to contribute towards the flowers then please put your name down for the relevant week on the list on the noticeboard, then shortly before that week pass your money to Trish.

The Welcome Booklet has already been widely distributed throughout the town. However, there are still many to give out. If you are able to assist by distributing them along roads in the town then please speak to Zach. Also when we meet for evangelism on February 4th we plan to use this as a further opportunity to distribute the booklets. Pray that these booklets might be used by the Lord to bring many to His wonderful salvation in Christ.

Web-site The church web-site (www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk) has been refurbished to give a fresh look. Please visit it and publicize it to others as we seek to make known the wonderful message concerning Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Notes

Everyone Must Know

There is a message that everyone must know. It is a message that matters beyond any other message. It is the message of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul writes that he was **not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes** (Rom. 1:16a). Everyone needs salvation and this message is the only message that tells of salvation. The gospel is the message that everyone must know. So what is the gospel?

God. The Gospel begins with God. The Gospel tells us of the God who created us. **So God created mankind in his own image**, (Gen 1:27a). It is to this God that we owe our life because He created us. And it is in this God that we find life. So we read in John 17:3 of our Saviour praying to His Father **this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent**. Life is found in a harmonious relationship with God.

So what is this like? He is holy righteous and just. This is summarized in Habakkuk 1:13a: **Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing**. Everything bad and sinful is an abhorrence to Him. Our God is beautiful. This is the God we must be in relationship with to have life.

Us. Alas, we are very much now not like God in our characters. This is because of sin. All have turned away from God's way. The Bible tells us in Romans 6:23 that **the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**. Sin puts us under the judgment of God. As we have thought, God cannot tolerate sin in His presence. So we are banished from His favourable and blessed presence. The eternal wrath of God is upon us. And therefore we are facing hell.

So what is your response to this? Do you say that it does not matter!? I can just go my own way without God and it will all be alright. In response to such thoughts, I want to make it very clear to you that it does matter. It matters because we have this binding responsibility towards our creator. We are made to please Him. If we don't want to please Him, we have to face the consequences of that choice. We may want to ignore God, but He won't ignore us. There is ultimately a day of judgment when we face our Maker. And if we die in our sins we are set for an eternal hell. And that is too terrible to consider.

Christ. Into this situation, though, God intervened. Because of our sin there is a great gulf between ourselves and God. We are completely unable to draw near to God. The wonder of the Gospel is that God sent His Son into the world to bridge that gap. Sin wrecked us and alienated us from God. At the cross the Lord Jesus was made sin for us. On the cross He took all the eternal wrath of God against sin. He did not have to die because of His own sin, because He had none, but He suffered for our sins. And now He is raised again. He has taken life again beyond the grave to prove that He has conquered death once and for all.

Us. We need to respond to this message. We need to believe in Jesus. The blessing of the Gospel comes to all who place their faith in our Lord Jesus. It is sin which stops us believing in Christ. Sin is the great impenetrable barrier which is placed between us and God. We need to repent of our sins, in all of their vile character, and place our faith in Christ. In like manner as to how we rely upon a chair when we sit down so we need to rely on Christ for our eternal salvation. We need to trust Him. The Bible calls us to **turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus** (Acts 20:21b). And all who have faith in our Lord Jesus are promised eternal life.

So this is the Gospel. It starts with God. It moves then to consider our desperate situation before Him because of our sin. Sin is about us turning away from God. The Gospel brings us the “turning to God” message which brings eternal life. We must believe the Gospel. If you have any questions find a reliable Christian who will seek to answer them or go to a reliable site such as www.gotquestions.org. To fail to believe is devastating. The contrast between belief and unbelief is stated in John 3:36: **Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.** Before you dismiss the Gospel message please ponder upon that. And if you are believing then be thankful with such overwhelming thanks for such a great Gospel. But beyond that be thankful for such a great Saviour.