

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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# Calendar

## **W/c 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m - Sunday School. (Sheila)

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00.a.m - Church outing to Littlehampton.

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Marc Khunan)

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism.

## **W/c 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m - Sunday School. (Diana)

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 5.30.p.m. - Together.

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 5.00.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 6.45.p.m. - YY Group.

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting.

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Isaiah 52v1-12)

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 8.30.a.m. - Ladies Breakfast.

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 7.00.p.m - Feltham Bible Focus: How can Jesus be the Son of God? (Mark Richards – Newtown Evangelical Baptist Church, Chesham)

## **W/c 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Mark Richards)

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Mark Richards)

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m - Sunday School. (Diana)

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch. - International Day

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 5.00.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 6.45.p.m. - YY Group.

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Rob Goodgame)

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 9.00.a.m. - Cleaning and Maintenance.

## **W/c 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Marc Khunan)

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m - Sunday School. (Sheila)

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> 5.30.p.m. - Equip. (Fasting)

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 5.00.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 6.45.p.m. - YY Group.

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting.

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Mission Prayer/Bible Study. (Is 52:13 -53:6)

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 8.30.a.m. To 11.30.a.m. - Revive.

## **W/c 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m - Sunday School. (Trish)

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 5.00.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 6.45.p.m. - YY Group.

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m - Feltham Journey Discussion.

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> (July) 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism.

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 6.00.p.m. - Ladies Meal

## Notes

**Equip.** On June 18<sup>th</sup> fasting is the theme of our study. With Muslims starting their fasting month on May 26<sup>th</sup> What are we to make of fasting as Christians?

**International Day** On June 11<sup>th</sup> we intend to have our “Every Tribe, Language, People and Nation” day. This gives us our annual opportunity to celebrate our racial and cultural diversity. Please feel free to dress in your national costume (or the national costume of someone else in the church) and bring some food associated with your country to the fellowship meal.

**Our Church Outing** is set for May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Spring Bank Holiday Monday. We plan to once again visit Littlehampton. We plan to meet at 9.00.a.m. at the church building. If you are coming then remember to bring clothing suitable for the potential weather on that day. Please note, also, that parents are responsible for looking after their own children throughout the day.

**Ladies Events.** In the near future are:

- On June 10<sup>th</sup> the Ladies of the church have opportunity to share time together over breakfast. This commences at 8.30.a.m.
- On July 1<sup>st</sup> there is due to be a meal together at The Bulldog, Harvester in Ashford. See Amy for details.

**Together.** On the first Sunday of the month we have a time in the evening to share our lives together as a fellowship.

**Feltham Bible Focus** this month on June 10<sup>th</sup> has us looking at the subject of who our Lord Jesus is. Mark Richards from Chesham will be answering the question: How can Jesus be the Son of God?

**The General Election** On June 8<sup>th</sup> raises questions about how we as Christians should respond. There is an article in the articles section of on the church web-site to help guide us in our attitude to the election.

**Pastor's Blog** Philip has a blog at Venabling:  
<https://venabling.wordpress.com/>

**Polling Station** Our church premises are due to be used as a polling station for the General Election on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Spiritual Notes

## The Pathway To Peace.

Peace is a much talked about subject and much yearned for experience. So we have “Peace talks”, songs about peace (“All we are saying is give peace a chance” for example), peace agreements and all kinds of other things to do with peace. And yet things do not seem too peaceful around us. War still proliferates. Households are more like war zones than enclaves of peace. Wranglings and disputes are found in all kinds of organisations. And terrorist attacks relentlessly hit our cities. Peace seems far away.

So is there a pathway to peace or is it a make the best of a bad job attitude that we must accept? Is this world just going to continue with upheaval, friction and confrontation or is there a way out? In the end will peace break out? Or will everything end unhappily ever after?

If we are to look for a pathway of peace we need to look at what leads to all the wars and confrontations going on in our society and lives. When we delve beneath all the manifestations of dispute and conflict we conclude that the cause of the rancour and violence is laid firmly at the door of human beings. It is we who are the problem. If human beings were fully given over to **Love your neighbour as yourself**. Then there would be peace. Alas it is far from so. Many don't believe in the God who is the Lord of all and of them. Creation declares Him and their conscience speaks of Him to them, yet they resist. God is not in all their thoughts and they do not want Him to be so. Nad when teh way of god is reveled to them in his law there is a rejection of His ways. Sin is in us, sin is in me, sin is in the world and all the uproar and confusion and peacelessness is derived from that. By the way in the Bible we have four chapters where sin is not around, Genesis 1-2 and Revelation 21-22) and in these times peace oozes out of every crevice and every breath.

So there is the diagnosis of the problem; there is no peace because there is sin. There is no peace in the world because there is no peace with God among human beings. Which raises the question can there be peace with God; is there a path to peace? Paul makes the glorious assertion that there can be and there is. He declares in Romans 5:1-2 **since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.** What is this all about?

- Those who have faith in Jesus Christ are justified. That means that they are declared right with God. The relationship with God which was fractured by sin is now restored through Jesus Christ.
- Jesus Christ has done this through dealing with our sins on the cross.

He shed His blood that we might be forgiven.

- We now stand in a beautiful situation personally experiencing the gracious favour of God through His Spirit. And expecting glorious things for the future; We hope in the glory of God.

The world strives to get people to come together and they do for hard times or for a specific purpose. Special celebrations and special crises seem to achieve this, as the recent Manchester atrocity demonstrated. But it is only in Christ that there can be enduring unity. That is why the church is different. The Church is the only place on the planet which has been granted the means of achieving peace and experiencing peace. We are one in Christ. Our International Day on June 11<sup>th</sup> gives us once again a great opportunity to display how the pathway to peace who is Jesus Christ has brought us together.

But what of world peace you say? *“Your talking about personal peace is all well and good but people are being killed all around the world.”* To which we answer that the great hope of peace as related in the Bible, has started to break out now throughout the world as a result of Christians gathering together as churches. Each church is a peace enclave. However, ultimately peace will come fully when the Prince of Peace comes. The One who has triumphed over sin will bring full restoration to this planet. Sin will be banished, the curse lifted and peace restored. When the curse is lifted this will come to pass: **For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.** (Rom. 8:20-21).

So there is a pathway to peace. He is Jesus Christ. And we must assert finally that He is the only pathway to peace. There is no other One who has conquered sin and brought in peace. No other religious leader, no other politician or philosophy has done this. It is in Christ that peace breaks out.