

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 24th September

Sun 24th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Michael Venables)
Sun 24th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Mark Henderson)
Sun 24th 11.15.a.m - Sunday School (Diana)
Tues 26th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 26th 5.00.p.m. - Engage
Tues 26th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 27th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 54:1-17)
Thurs 28th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 28th 7.30.p.m. - Feltham Journey Discussion
Fri 29th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 30th 8.00.a.m - Men's Breakfast

w/c 1st October

Sun 1st 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 1st 11.00.a.m. - Morning Service (Philip Venables)
Sun 1st 11.15.a.m – Sunday School (Trish)
Sun 1st 5.30.p.m. - Together
Tues 3rd 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 3rd 5.00.p.m. - Engage
Tues 3rd 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 3rd 8.00.p.m - Elders Meeting
Wed 4th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 55:1-13)
Thurs 5th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 6th 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 7th 8.30.a.m. - Ladies Breakfast.
Sat 7th 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism

w/c 8th October

Sun 8th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 8th 11.00.a.m. - Harvest Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 8th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch
Tues 10th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 10th 5.00.p.m. - Engage
Tues 10th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Wed 11th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 56:1-12)
Thurs 12th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 13th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House

Sat 14th 7.00 p.m - Feltham Bible Focus
(*Christianity Is About God Stopping Me Having Fun.* - Nathanael Evans, East London Tabernacle)

w/c 15th October

Sun 15th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 15th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Nathanael Evans)
Sun 15th 11.15.a.m – Sunday School (Diana)
Sun 15th 5.30.p.m. - Equip (God's Big Picture cont.d)
Tues 17th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 17th 5.00.p.m. - Engage
Tues 17th 6.45.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 17th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 18th 7.30.p.m. - Missionary Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 57:1-13)
Thurs 19th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 20th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 21st 9.00.a.m. - Cleaning and Maintenance

w/c 22nd October

Sun 22nd 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Marc Khunan)
Sun 22nd 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Alexander Roks)
Sun 22nd 11.15.a.m - Sunday School (Sheila)
Tues 24th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 25th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Robert Goodgame)
Thurs 26th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 26th 7.30.p.m. - Feltham Journey Discussion.
Fri 27th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House
Sat 28th 8.30 a.m to 11.30.a.m. - Revive

w/c 29th October

Sun 29th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 29th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 29th 11.15.a.m – Sunday School (Trish)
Tues 31st 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 31st 6.00.p.m. - Light Party
Wed 1st (Nov) 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Lloyd Mushambadzi)
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

Feltham Bible Focus this month looks at God's attitude towards us. Is He just a killjoy to stop us having fun or is there another view? Come and hear Nathanael Evans from East London Tabernacle speak on the subject on October 14th at 7.00.p.m.

Harvest weekend is on 6-8 October.

- On 6th October Open House is due to include a harvest presentation at about 11.00.a.m.
- If you would like to bring some produce to be displayed in church for harvest then please make sure it is at the church by 10.00.a.m. on 7th October. The collected provisions will be distributed to Sandbanks Resource Centre in Feltham.
- The collection / offering on October 8th will be passed to support Caring For Life.
- There is due to be a bring-and-share fellowship lunch after the morning service on October 8th.

Breakfasts are due to take place for the men on 29th (Sept) and the ladies on 7th (Oct). These provide a great opportunity for the men and ladies of the church to enjoy a time together.

A Light Party is arranged for youngsters on 31st October to show light on an evening of darkness all around.

Reformation Evening On 28th October at 7.00.p.m at Hayes Town Chapel there is opportunity to hear Dr Ken Brownell speak on "Saved by Grace: Martin Luther and his legacy after 500 years."

Clocks Change On 29th October the clocks go back one hour. This means you need to change them so you can be in church on time.

Spiritual Notes

The Only Saviour

Isaiah has been described as the Bible in miniature. Its 66 chapters align with the 66 books of the bible. The first 39 chapters align with the 39 books of the Old Testament, and the last 27 with the books of the New Testament. But its immensity goes beyond those facts because it draws together all the themes of God's workings throughout scripture and therefore, through time and eternity. The top point of the whole development of the book is the final Servant song in Isaiah 52:13-53:12.

Israel as “the servant of the Lord” is messed up in their sin and rebellion, and that is displayed by their captivity in Babylon. Into that mess comes The Servant of the Lord. He comes to make everything good. At the heart of Him making all good (and Him being the foundation for all good), is His sacrificial offering of Himself for others. Isaiah 53 shows us the saving work of the Servant of the Lord who is our Saviour Jesus.

52:13-15. The Special One.

Make no mistake this is the One in whom all God's purposes are focused. He always operates wisely and will be exalted above all (v13). The tortuous shame that He experienced (v14) will lead on to Him blessing many, even beyond Israel as the value of His suffering is received into their lives (v15a). All this is done as God works to transform lives (v15b).

53:1-3. The Rejected One.

Very few have received Him and naturally people don't grasp that the source of power is in Jesus (v1). This is because there was nothing impressive outwardly about Him as He came into this world (v2). People did not see Him as worth reckoning with (v3a). Generally ignored and ultimately rejected, particularly at the cross, this was Jesus (v3b).

53:4-6. The Suffering One.

Yet His life was a life where He brought good to others (v4a). Notwithstanding this when people saw Him on the cross they thought He was getting “His just deserts” (v4b). But they were so wrong! He was actually dying for the the sins of others

(v6b). It was not He who had gone astray, it was us (v6a). And through the suffering of Himself we can know acceptance and healing in our souls (v5).

53:7-9. The Submissive One.

Notwithstanding the fact that He was viciously ill-treated, He was One who had a determined set purpose (v7a). He was set for the cross and nothing would stop Him. Like the lamb set for slaughter and the sheep set for shearing He went uncomplainingly (v7b). And when He arrived at the time for His demise He faces a corrupt judiciary who just wanted Him finished (v8a). There was no prospect of any future; no descendants to be thought of, it was the end (v8b). As you looked on you saw Him cut off (v8c). But as God looked on He saw Him bearing the sins of His people (v8d). According to normal process He was set for the “rubbish heap (gehenna)” grave of the wicked (v9a). But God stops that. The shame is all finished at the cross and He will have a decent burial (v9b). And so a Joseph of Arimathea came. But we must not forget that He never did anything wrong Himself: He never deserved to die (v9c).

53:10-12. The Honoured One.

There is a shift now so that we are introduced into God's purposes regarding His Servant. He crushed Him at the cross (v10a). He made Him to fulfil the guilt (trespass) offering of Leviticus 5 to pay back in full for the sin of mankind (v10b). And so all honour is now to Him, our Lord Jesus. His blessings are manifest in the multitudes of His offspring and the enjoyment of life everlasting. This all reflected great blessing to a Jewish mind (v10c). Everything can be trusted to Him (v10d).

This is all leads us into the great salvation which the Servant brings (v11). The Lord will ultimately find every satisfaction in bringing His knowledge to bear to bless others (v11a-b). He knows the need of man. He also knows His own experience and why He went through what he did (11b). On the basis of this knowledge He, as the righteous One, removes guilt and condemnation, and thereby justifies (v11c). The ungodly are declared right; all because He bore their iniquities (v11d). He will be honoured in the end and for all eternity (v12). The great will be allocated to Him (v12a). He, as the Victor, will distribute the spoil as He sees fit (v12b). But let us never forget, it was because he died as a transgressor for the transgressors, that is you and me, that he is magnified (v12cd). On account of Him bearing our sin and interceding for us, it is now well for us in Jesus; the Servant of the LORD (v12ef). Praise HIM.