

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 25th February

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

Sun 25th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 25th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School. (Trish)

Tues 27th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 27th 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Wed 28th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Marc Khunan)

Fri 2nd 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 3rd 8.30.a.m. - Ladies Breakfast.

Sat 3rd 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism.

w/c 4th March

Sun 4th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Dan Jarvis)

Sun 4th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Dan Jarvis)

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 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 6th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting.

Wed 7th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Robert Goodgame)

Friday 9th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 10th 7.00.p.m. - Feltham Bible Focus; #EveryoneMustKnow. (Mark Henderson / Zach Mollallegn).

w/c 11th March

Sun 11th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Chungman Shon)

Sun 11th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Chungman Shon)

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 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Wed 14th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Fri 16th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

w/c 18th March

Sun 18th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Josh Venables)

Sun 18th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Zach Mollallegn)

Sun 18th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School. (Sheila)

Sun 18th 5.30.p.m. - Equip. (Sharpening Our Evangelism)

Tues 20th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 20th 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 20th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting.

Wed 21st 7.30.p.m. - Mission Prayer / Bible Study. (Istvan Salanki)

Fri 23rd 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Fri 23rd 9.00.p.m. To Sat 24th 1.00.a.m. - Revive

w/c 25th March

Sun 25th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Marc Khunan)

Sun 25th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Mark Henderson)

Sun 25th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School. (Trish)

Tues 27th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 27th 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Wed 28th 7.30.p.m. - Stanwell Cong. Ch. (Jonny Dyer)

Thurs 29th 7.30.p.m. - Cranford Baptist Ch. (Paul Williams)

Fri 30th 10.30.a.m. - Good Friday Service

Fri 30th 7.30.p.m. - Hayes Town Chapel (Bruce Powell)

Sat 31st 8.00.a.m. - Men's Breakfast

Notes

Ladies Breakfast A ladies breakfast is due to take place on March 3rd at 8.30.am. This is a great opportunity for the sisters of the church to fellowship together. Rachel (Boughton) is due to give a talk on Hannah's prayer in 1 Samuel 2.

Feltham Bible Focus is due to take place on March 10th. Zach and Mark from our church will be giving a presentation on the #EveryoneMustKnow project.

Fellowship Lunch On March 11th we are planning to have a “bring-and-share” fellowship meal. Chungman Shon is our preacher on that day and we will be interviewing him over lunch about Christianity in Korea.

Food Preparation It is good for us to be able to share meals together as a church. We thank the LORD for His good blessing upon us during these times. One caution we need to continually have in mind is that of making sure the food we share together is appropriately prepared. Let us therefore make sure that any cooked food is thoroughly cooked.

Equip On March 18th we plan to consider our evangelistic effectiveness together. From 5.30.p.m Mark and Zach will be leading us in “Sharpening our Evangelism”.

Cleaning and Maintenance on a Saturday have now come to an end. If you wish to help with looking after the building please contact Bob.

Clocks Change On 25th March, the clocks go forward one hour. So please make sure that you alter your clocks so that you can be in church on time on that day.

Mobile Phones Please make sure these are turned off during the services so there is no unnecessary disturbance.

Early Morning Prayer Meeting There is no Thursday 6.30.a.m. prayer meeting in March.

Spiritual Notes

Forgiving One Another.

There are so many relationships between people which are fractured. In order for those relationships to be restored there needs to be forgiveness. Last month we thought about being forgiven by God; this month we want to carry on the theme and consider forgiveness between ourselves.

Fracture: We first of all need to establish whether or not there has been a breakdown in a relationship. Many things happen in life which lead to disagreements or awkwardnesses among people, but these do not necessarily lead to fractured relationships. As Peter says in 1 Peter 4:8b: **love covers over a multitude of sins.** We may be uncomfortable or annoyed with others for what they have done or said, but many times we can simply let them pass in the general flow of relationships. It is only when something of a significant degree has happened, so that a relationship is fractured, that we need to be thinking about how that relationship can be restored.

Repentance: For a relationship to be restored there needs to be repentance. Forgiveness that leads to the restoration of a relationship can only happen when there is an acknowledgement of wrong. This immediately seems appropriate when we consider that in Colossians 3:13 Paul says **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** How did the Lord forgive us? He forgave us when we repented of our sins. Accordingly, if X has done something to offend Y, so that the relationship is fractured, then for the relationship to be restored X must repent and ask Y for forgiveness. Forgiveness among us must operate on the same basis that it operates with God.

Release: Upon repentance the offended party is bound to accept that repentance. In Luke 17:3 we read **If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them.** Upon repentance we are duty bound to forgive that person who has repented. Through repentance and forgiveness the sin is removed. The principle of forgiveness on the basis of repentance is driven home fully in Luke 17:4 where the Word says **Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying "I repent," you must forgive them.'**

Sometimes we may not feel like forgiving someone, but such is a wrong attitude. In Matthew 18:21-35 we find the motivation for forgiving someone is in how much we have been forgiven by God ourselves. In that passage there is a man who has been forgiven ten thousand bags of gold, but who will not forgive another man who owes him a hundred silver coins. Such a man is a contradiction. We, as Christians should realise how much we have been forgiven and therein is the motivation to always forgive others.

But what of the situation where there are those who have wronged us, but will not repent. Should we forgive them? There are two key issues here:

1. We must forgive in our hearts. In Mark 11:25 **when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”** We need to release the matter in our hearts. If we do not then bitterness can start to spread in our hearts and that will be disastrous for our spiritual welfare.
2. We are not able to distribute this forgiveness from our hearts until the other person repents. There cannot be a full restoration of the relationship until there is repentance.

Restoration Once there is repentance and the release of the sin, then there is restoration of relationship. This is so beautiful. There are three things to note here though:

1. The matter should never be brought up again. After all, God in forgiving us has **as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us** (Psalm 103:12). Similarly we should make sure that released sin is not brought up again.
2. As part of the restoration process though, restitution may be appropriate as a proof of repentance. Zacchaeus displayed this transformation in his life by saying **‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount’** (Luke 19:8).
3. Although there is restoration it does not prevent us from being wise in the future. If someone has stolen from us and the relationships fully restored, we are wise to be wary in our financial dealings with that person in the future.