

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

**A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith**

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# Calendar

## **w/c 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School. (Sheila)

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00.a.m - Church outing to Littlehampton

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Is 64:1-12)

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.30.a.m - Ladies Breakfast

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism

## **w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.15.a.m - Sunday School (Trish)

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 5.30.p.m. - Together (Philip's Ethiopia Trip)

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30.p.m. - Engage

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Dmitri Filchev)

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00.p.m. - Feltham Bible Focus: Guiding Our Children Online. - Steve Buckeridge (Gospel Hall, Uxbridge).

## **w/c 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (John Tindall)

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (John Tindall)

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Sheila)

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 6.30.p.m. - Engage

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Rob Goodgame)

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House

## **w/c 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m - Sunday School (Trish)

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 5.30.p.m. - Equip (Old Testament History Books)

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 6.30.p.m. - Engage

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Missionary Prayer / Bible Study (Is. 65:1-12)

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 5.00.p.m. to 7.00.p.m. - Sing-along Praise and Tea.

## **w/c 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship (Geoff Thomas)

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School (Sheila)

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30.p.m. - Engage

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study (Mark Henderson)

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> 8.00.a.m - Men's Breakfast

## Notes

**Our Church Outing** is set for May 28th, 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.

**Breakfasts** On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Ladies of the church have opportunity to share time together over breakfast. This commences at 8.30.a.m. Rachel (Boughton) will be giving a talk as part of this. Whilst the men are due to breakfast together on June 30<sup>th</sup> at 8.00.a.m.

**Together.** On 3<sup>rd</sup> June Philip plans to give a report on his recent trip to Ethiopia.

**Feltham Bible Focus** this month on June 9<sup>th</sup> has us looking at the subject of how we are 'Guiding Our Children On-line'. We particularly want to help parents on this issue. However the evening is appropriate (and intended for all), whatever our age, in order to help ourselves and others to keep safe online. Steve Buckeridge from Gospel Hall in Uxbridge.

**Open House** From 1<sup>st</sup> June we revert to 10.00.am to Midday as our time for opening.

**Engage** Engage has been has been restructured so as to now cater for ages 10-20. Come along at 6.30.pm. on a Tuesday if you are that age.

**International Day** On June 10<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.

**Equip** On June 17<sup>th</sup> we plan to continue our studies looking at the Old Testament history books.

**Hymn Singing Event** Between 5.00.pm and 7.00.pm on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup> we are having a time of singing hymns and praising God. This is a great opportunity to invite others to come join us. A tea will be supplied. Andrew Heron is also due to bring a message from God's Word.

**Data Protection** New data protection laws came into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May. As a result the church needs specific permission from you in order to contact you or keep you updated with church events and information. Accordingly, for those who have not done so already, please complete the paper consent forms which are in the brown envelopes in the entrance hall, and pass them to Zach. Also please 'opt in' to the email sent out on 14<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any queries please speak to Zach.

# Spiritual Notes

## An Example of Prayer

Paul tells the Colossians (and us) about **Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured** (Col. 4:12). Here is a man devoted to the Lord and His people. He shows this devotion to both the Lord and his people, through his prayer. As we consider his prayer we see:-

**Who he was.** He was a servant of the Lord. Or more accurately a slave of the Lord. He was a man whose life was dominated by the Lord. He did not live for himself; he lived for the Lord. He was a mastered man. The Lord had mastered Him and therefore he was in a position to be useful for his Lord. So many of us are ineffective in our Christian lives because we have never been mastered by our Lord. We are wanting to be under our own control, rather than under His control.

Moreover, he had a connection to the Colossians; he belonged to them. The Colossian church was his church. Can it be said of a certain church that you are one of them? You may be on the membership list, but that does not mean you are one with them in heart. Epaphras truly belonged to the Colossian church. Do you belong to Feltham Evangelical Church?

**How he prayed** He was relentless. He was always in prayer; always asking the Lord for the best welfare of his beloved friends in Colossae. He was convinced that prayer was the best way of showing his interest and bringing forth blessing into the church at Colossae. Accordingly he kept on praying. Are we similarly convinced of the value of prayer?

He was not just saying his prayers he was wrestling his prayers. A wrestler has his whole body involved when he wrestles his opponent. Here we see Epaphras and he has his whole being seeking to bring forth the blessing of the Lord for the Colossian Christians. Are we of that manner? Do we expend mental, and spiritual energy in prayer for the best welfare of others. This requires energy; spiritual energy. You may be physically weak, but you can still be strong in spirit, and with the Lord's enabling you can give much labour in prayer.

When we think of wrestling in prayer we realise that the Christian life is one of conflict. We have an enemy who longs to remove or denude those who are witnesses for the Lord. He labours to minimize the spiritual effectiveness of Christians. He is ever working to that end. So we similarly must intentionally labour in prayer to crave the Lord's working from the Lord to protect and preserve. We do this in order that we and our fellow believers will be effective for the Lord.

**What was the prayer?**

He was praying for their spiritual welfare. He was engaged in warfare to obtain the best welfare of his brothers and sisters in Colossae. He wants them to be a people who are for God. He wants their lives to be God-centred lives. He does not want them cast to and fro by all kinds of winds of teaching and circumstances. He wants them standing firm.

He wants them in the will of God. He desires that they be Bible believers. The will of God is revealed in scripture and through the Word believers are strengthened in their souls. Further, though, being in the will of God means that they would be moving in the Spirit in all their ways; being in the right place at the right time for the Lord. Are you praying like that for your fellow believers in the church?

He wants them to be mature. He wants them not to be stunted in their growth. He wants them to mature into reliable and effective believers. He is praying for their progress in the Lord. He wants them to grow. He wants them to develop into fine Christians whose lives reflect something of the character of Christ.

And he wants them to be fully assured. Through their growth in grace and in the knowledge of the Saviour he wants them to know that they are the Lord's.

So what about you. A prayer ministry is a ministry which is open to all believers. In fact it is the most precious ministry that any believer to have. To be "in the sanctuary" of God praying into God's purposes to bless His people is especially "big".