

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 29th April

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. (Sheila)

Tues 1st 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 1st 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 1st 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting.

Wed 2nd 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Isaiah 63:7-19)

Thurs 3rd 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 4th 10.00. a.m. to 2.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 5th 11.00.p.m. - Evangelism.

w/c 6th May

Sun 6th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Peter Mead)

Sun 6th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Peter Mead)

Sun 6th 11.15.a.m - Sunday School. (Trish)

Sun 6th 5.30.p.m. - Together.

Tues 8th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 8th 6.30.p.m. - Engage

Wed 9th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Roger Lindie)

Thurs 10th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 11th 10.00. a.m. to 2.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 12th 7.00.p.m. - Feltham Bible Focus; (Simon Turpin of Answers In Genesis), Science Confirms The Bible Is True

w/c 13th May

Sun 13th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Simon Turpin)

Sun 13th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Simon Turpin)

Sun 13th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School. (Sheila)

Sun 13th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch.

Tues 15th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 15th 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 15th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting.

Wed 16th 7.30.p.m. - Mission Prayer / Bible Study (Isaiah 64:1-12)

Thurs 17th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 18th 10.00. a.m. to 2.00.p.m. - Open House.

w/c 20th May

Sun 20th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)

Sun 20th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 20th 11.15.a.m - Sunday School. (Trish)

Sun 20th 5.30.p.m. - Equip (Old Testament Historical Books.)

Tues 22nd 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 22nd 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Wed 23rd 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Thurs 24th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 25th 10.00 a.m. to 2.00.p.m. - Open House

w/c 27th May

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

Sun 27th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 27th 11.15.a.m. - Sunday School. (Sheila)

Mon 28th 9.00.a.m - Church outing to Littlehampton

Tues 29th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 30th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Isaiah 65:1-12)

Thurs 31st 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 1st (June)10.00.a.m. to 2.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 2nd 8.30.a.m - Ladies Breakfast

Sat 2nd 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism.

Notes

Equip. On May 20th we plan to start to look at the historical books of the Old Testament. Through that we hope to see the working out of God's purpose in those times.

The Feltham Journey continues and during this month we are due to read from the books of Ezekiel, Joel, Daniel and Ezra. The Feltham Journey is our plan to read thorough the Bible in two years. There are reading plans in the entrance hall. Please see Mark for further information.

Feltham Bible Focus this month sees us looking at the relationship between Science and Scripture. We welcome Simon Turpin from "Answers in Genesis" to speak on "Science Confirms The Bible Is True". This due to take place on May 12th at 7.00p.m.

Fellowship Lunch Mr Turpin will also be our preacher on Sunday May 13th. On that day we have our fellowship lunch is on a bring-and-share basis. We will interview him over lunch.

Revive is taking a break over the summer and is due re-start in September.

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 local elections on May 3rd.

Other Churches We are invited to two special occasions through which to have fellowship with:

- Christ Church, Teddington as they give thanks to God for their new building. This is due to be on Saturday May 12th at 2.30.p.m.
- Hounslow West Evangelical Church as they welcome John Scott as their new pastor. This is due to be on Saturday May 19th at 3.30.p.m.

It would be good to express our fellowship by joining with them on these special occasions. Also, please pray for our own Philip (Venables) as he is due to be preaching at both of these events.

Church Outing is set for May 28th, the Spring Bank Holiday Monday. We plan to once again visit Littlehampton. We plan to leave at 9.00.a.m from the church building. This year we plan to travel in our own cars. 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. If you require transport speak to Philip.

Summer Evening Evangelism Through the Summer we intend to be out in the Town Centre on a weekly basis. The evening may vary each week. Ask Mark for further information.

Open House now runs from 10.00.a.m. to 2.00.p.m. It is a great time to meet together at the church building.

Spiritual Notes

Repentance and the Lord's Supper.

Prior to celebrating the Lord's Supper there is the requirement that all participants should make sure that they are properly prepared. **Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup** (1 Cor.11:28) is the message of Paul to the Corinthians. The implication of this is that we are to use the Lord's Supper as an opportunity to get ourselves right before the Lord through confessing our sins and repenting of them. There is a further implication that, if needs be, we are to resolve any issues that may be causing a breakdown in relationship with another brother or sister.

One benefit of having the Lord's Supper in church every Sunday is that we have an opportunity to make sure that our lives are evaluated in the presence of God every week. In undertaking the examination I confess my dependence on God and desire to be right with Him. Accordingly, if there are known sins in my life I confess them and repent of them.

There are two issues here. The first is my relationship with God. When I approach the weekly communion feast I come confessing all known sin before God. Moreover, I confess all my unknown sins because His sight is purer and more probing than mine.

The second issue is my relationship with others. We must do everything in our power to make sure that we are living in harmony with other people and in particular the believers we are in fellowship with in the church. There are though, very often, issues that we cannot resolve. Romans 12:18 indicates that as much as lies within us we are to live at peace with all men; **if it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.** Notwithstanding this we need to make sure that we have resolved all the issues that we are able to.

Matthew 18:15-18 refers to situations whereby other people have sinned against me. If that has happened I have an obligation according to that passage to take the initiative to go and resolve the matter. There is a process to go through which is outlined in these verses. First, go the person, then if they will not repent take one or two others with you. If repentance still does not ensue then take it to the church. And finally if there is no change that person must be put away from the church. Sometimes we will not be able to go through that whole process before the Lord's Supper, but we must do what

we can.

Matthew 5:23-24 refers to a time when we are aware that others have something against us. In such situations we are to leave the place of worship, which is very pertinent in the context of us coming to celebrate the Lord's Supper. We do that with a view to sorting the matter out with the person who has something against us.

In all this we are entering into the greater meaning of the Lord's Supper. After all it is our New Covenant feast. Of all our activities as a church it is the Lord's Supper which binds us into the triumphant consecrating of the new age by our Lord Jesus through his death and resurrection. As we go through the process of weekly preparing for and then celebrating the Lord's Supper we come into the full expression of what Christ has done for us. We are experiencing afresh how through repentance and faith Christ is made real in our lives.

It is, moreover, one of the implications of celebrating the Lord's Supper that we should be moving away from the celebration as repentant people. If, after you have confessed Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, you then go freely into sin, it is a denial of what you have done. Someone has said that our weekly pattern of life should be one whereby we are living in the light of, both what we have done in celebrating the Lord's Supper last Sunday and of what we are are going to do on the following Sunday. Our lives should be governed by the powerful reality of what celebrating communion together before God means.

Moreover, there is a corporate responsibility which comes upon us because we celebrate communion together. Communion cannot be an individual thing. When we take the bread and cup together we declare to each other that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour. So, I should expect to be challenged by those others if I wander off into sin and deny my confession to them..

Finally, in the scripture that we started with, the Word says that we are to examine before we eat. The scripture does not say that we are to examine and then decide whether or not to eat. This teaches us that we are duty bound to resolve everything, we can, before celebrating the Lord's Supper.