

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 26th August

Sun 26th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Dmitri Filchev)
Sun 26th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)
Mon 27th 10.30.a.m. - Fellowship Day
Tues 28th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 29th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer and the
Word
Thurs 30th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Sat 1st 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism.

w/c 2nd September

Sun 2nd 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)
Sun 2nd 11.00.a.m.- Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)
Sun 2nd 5.30.p.m. - Together
Tues 4th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 4th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 5th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Is. 66:12-24)
Thurs 6th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 7th 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open
House
Sat 8th 7.00.p.m. Feltham Bible Focus -
'How Can I Know I am a Christian' -
(Andy Robinson).

w/c 9th September

Sun 9th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)
Sun 9th 11.00.a.m.- Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)
Sun 9th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch
Sun 9th 6.30.p.m. - Prayer Meeting
Mon 10th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 11th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 12th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Dmitri Filchev)
Thurs 13th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 13th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 14th 9.15.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 14th 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House.
Fri 14th 7.30.p.m - Prayer Meeting
Sat 15th 9.00.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 16th September

Sun 16th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Marc Khunan)
Sun 16th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)
Sun 16th 5.30.p.m. - Equip (Old
Testament History)
Tues 18th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 18th 6.30.p.m. - YY Group
Tues 18th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 19th 7.30.p.m. - Mission Prayer /
Bible Study (2 Cor. 1:1-7)
Thurs 20th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 20th 7.30.p.m - Church Members
Meeting
Fri 21st 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House
Fri 21st 9.00.p.m to Sat. 22nd 1.00.a.m.
- Revive

w/c 23rd September

Sun 23rd 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Josh Venables)
Sun 23rd 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship
(Mark Henderson)
Tues 25th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Wed 26th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Marc Khunan)
Thurs 27th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 28th 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open
House
Sat 29th 8.00.a.m. - Men's Breakfast
Sat 29th 4.00.p.m. - Ladies Event; "The
Generation Divide" (Jayne Kinghorn).

w/c 30th September

Sun 30th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper (Ron
Hollands)
Sun 30th 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship
(Ron Hollands)
Tues 2nd (Oct) 9.30.a.m. - Prayer
Meeting
Tues 2nd 6.30.p.m. - Engage
Tues 2nd 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting
Wed 3rd 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible Study
(2 Cor. 1:8-14)
Thurs 4th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 5th 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open
House
Sat 6th 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism.

Notes

Fellowship Day Join with us on August 27th for our day of fellowship together from 10.30.a.m. The preaching in the morning is due to be by Peter Mead and Gedion Agzew, two of our mission partners. We plan to have a bbq lunch together and activities in the afternoon. And this year we have the special treat of a bouncy castle.

A Ladies Event is due to take place on September 29th from 4.00.p.m. The afternoon is entitled "The Generation Divide". The focus is on how older Christian women can help their younger sisters in the Lord grow in their faith. Jayne Kinghorn is due to be speaking. There is a due to be a tea during the event as well. Please speak to Amy for further information.

Week of Prayer and Fasting As we venture into the latter part of 2018, we look ahead to a further season in the life of the church. It is important, then, that we set ourselves to move forward with God. During the week commencing on September 9th, we have a week of prayer and fasting planned (see calendar above for details of the meetings). As regard to fasting it is good to think of giving up meals during the week to seek the Lord. In particular we plan to use the period of 8.30.a.m on Friday 14th to 8.30.a.m on Saturday 15th as a fasting time. From 8.30.a.m on the Saturday we intend to break-fast together at the church building.

Equip We continue this month on September 16th to look at the historical books of the Old Testament. We pick up the story in 2 Samuel.

YY Group On Sept 16th the YY makes a reappearance 6.30.p.m. All youngsters aged 9 and upwards are welcome..

Bible Study After 90 studies in the book of Isaiah we conclude on September 5th. Thereafter we intend to move on to study 2 Corinthians. Come along and learn together on a Wednesday evening.

Revive On September 21st Revive recommences after the summer break. These evenings give us extended time to cry out to our Father for the making known of our great God.

Feltham Bible Focus this month is on September 8th. We are looking at the subject: How Can I Know I am A Christian. Andy Robinson from Woodstock Road Baptist Church in Oxford is due to be preaching.

Open House recommences this month, after the summer break, on September 7th

Church Members' Meeting On September 20th the church members meet for fellowship and to consider issues in the life of the church. Pray for a time of knowing the Lord and his way for the church together.

Thanksgiving On September 9th at the 11.00. service we plan to include a time for thanksgiving for the gift of Helina Mollallegn to us and particularly to Zach, Amy, Emmillija and Elias.

EveryoneMustKnow Sunday The EveryoneMustKnow initiative continues. On Sunday 2nd September at our 11.00 service and at Together we intend to focus on the desire that everyone in Feltham would know the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Fellowship Meal On September 9th we intend to have our fellowship meal together. It is on a bring-and-share basis.

Spiritual Notes

Bitterness Kills The Bitter

Bitterness is a disease of the heart and can be likened to cancer in the way that it works. As cancer eats away at the body so bitterness eats away at the heart. One kills the body the other kills the soul.

Of course, the bitter do not want it that way. What they want is for harm to come to the object of their bitterness. When anyone has bitterness in their heart, they want to harm the person who has caused the harm that has led to that bitterness. However, as a general rule, it is only the person who has the bitter spirit who gets harmed. Bitterness wants to kill the other person, but in the end it kills you!

Bitterness is a poison to the soul. It spreads ill will throughout your whole being and beyond. In Hebrews 12:15 we read **See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.** The demeanour and attitudes of a bitter person are reflective of the state of their heart. The contours of the heart are ultimately reflected in the contours of the face. Such people create an atmosphere around them. Their bitterness

does not just remain personal to them, it also spreads to other people through their attitudes and the general impact they have on others. Bitter people are not good to have around.

Moreover, the bitterness of soul which emerges from the bad reaction to one experience tends to spread to the attitude to other experiences. As a result the whole tone of life is made bitter.

Bitterness then must be rooted out at source. You may think that that means the elimination or transformation of who or what has caused your bitterness. Many think that all will be well when this has happened. This was Haman's attitude towards Mordecai. Everything was great in his life except he had a deep-seated bitterness towards Mordecai, the Jew. So when his wife suggested eliminating Mordecai, he was happy (see Est. 5:9-14). He thought if I remove Mordecai all will be well. Alas the ultimate source of the problem is not the cause of the problem. It is our polluted hearts that is the cause of the problem. We need to keep our hearts free from bitterness. In the end the gallows which Haman erected to kill Mordecai were used to kill Haman himself (see Est. 7:1-10). This is one story which powerfully illustrates how bitterness kills the bitter.

The keeping of bitterness from the heart is what our Lord is referring to when he says in Mark 11:25 **And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.** Holding things against someone inevitably leads to bitterness. Accordingly, there is need for the release of those tendencies to bitterness from the soul. Of course forgiveness can only be distributed to the other person when they repent, but holding anything against anyone is catastrophic to the soul and needs to be dealt with. If it is not dealt with it will devastate your soul.

The motive for the Christian to release bitterness from the soul is to maintain fellowship with the Lord. If we are not repenting of the sin of bitterness then we will not be blessed with the knowledge of the forgiveness of our sins. A forgiven person is a forgiving person and that forgiveness must be operative in

releasing things off my soul so that bitterness does not fester.

The reality is that the cause of your bitterness may well remain. The person who has wronged you may well be very glad they wronged you and be rather pleased that you are bitter towards them. To allow your bitterness to fester until that person changes may well lead to your bitterness going with you to the grave. And as we have thought that lingering hard attitude will destroy your life. As a result you will have no fellowship with God, be a miserable person to live with and of no value for the service of God.

So to conclude we take up the urgings of Paul in Ephesians 4:31-32 **Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**