

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

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# Calendar

## **w/c 26<sup>th</sup> August**

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

## **w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

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

## **w/c 9<sup>th</sup> September**

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

## **w/c 16<sup>th</sup> September**

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

## **w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

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

## **w/c 30<sup>th</sup> September**

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

## Notes

**Fellowship Day** Join with us on August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> to 8.30.a.m on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> to look at the historical books of the Old Testament. We pick up the story in 2 Samuel.

**YY Group** On Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Thereafter we intend to move on to study 2 Corinthians. Come along and learn together on a Wednesday evening.

**Revive** On September 21<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>

**Church Members' Meeting** On September 20<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.**