

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

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 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.

w/c 7th October

Sun 7th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 7th 11.00.a.m.- Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)

Sun 7th 5.30.p.m. - Together

Tues 9th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 9th 6.30.p.m – Engage

Wed 10th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Report
/ Bible Study (Roger Lindie).

Thurs 11th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer
Meeting

Fri 12th 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House (Harvest)

Sat 13th 7.00.p.m. Feltham Bible
Focus - "I Am A Jealous God" What
Does That Mean? (Dominic
Stockford)

w/c 14th October

Sun 14th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 14th 11.00.a.m.- Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 14th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship
Lunch

Tues 16th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 16th 6.30.p.m. - Engage

Tues 16th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting

Wed 17th 7.30.p.m. - Mission Prayer
/ Bible Study (2 Cor 1:15-24)

Wed 17th 9.10.p.m - Church

Members Meeting

Thurs 18th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer

Meeting

Fri 19th 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House.

w/c 21st October

Sun 21st 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Marc Khunan)

Sun 21st 11.00.a.m. - Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 21st 5.30.p.m. - Equip
(Hospitality)

Tues 23rd 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 24th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible
Study. (Lloyd Mushambadzi).

Thurs 25th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 26th 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House

Fri 26th 9.00.p.m to Sat. 27th
1.00.a.m. - Revive

w/c 28th October

Sun 28th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Paul Biddle)

Sun 28th 11.00.a.m. - Morning
Worship (Paul Biddle)

Sun 28th 6.30.p.m. - His Story In
Video (*Martin Luther*)

Tues 30th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 31st 5.00.p.m. - Light Party.

Wed 31st 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible
Study (2 Cor 2:1-11)

Thurs 1st (Nov) 6.30.a.m. - Prayer
Meeting.

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.

Notes

Feltham Bible Focus This month looks at God's Character. In particular we focus on what it is for Him to be a Jealous God. Dominic Stockford from Christchurch Teddington is due to be preaching on October 13th at 7.00.p.m. Come along and learn.

Harvest weekend is on 12-14 October.

- On 12th October Open House is due to include a harvest presentation at about 11.00.a.m.
- If you would like to bring some produce to be displayed in church for harvest then please make sure it is at the church by 8.30.a.m. on 13th October. The collected provisions will be distributed to those in need in the church and to Sandbanks Resource Centre in Feltham.
- The collection / offering on October 14th will be passed to support Care Sri Lanka.
- There is due to be a bring-and-share fellowship lunch after the morning service on October 14th.

His Story in Video On 4th Sunday of the month at 6.30.p.m during the winter we plan to screen videos / films which educate us about God's great work through history. This month we commence with a video of Martin Luther.

A Light Party is arranged for youngsters on 31st October to show light on an evening of darkness all around. This is between 5.00.p.m and 7.00.p.m.

Equip takes place on 21st October this month and looks at the subject of hospitality.

Pastor's Blog Philip has a personal blog at:

<https://venabling.wordpress.com/>

Clocks Change On 28th October the clocks go back one hour. This means you need to change them so you can be in church on time.

Church Website Visit our website

<http://www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk/fec/> for information about the church including the messages preached in the services.

Spiritual Notes

Parents and Children / Children and Parents

God has established that the family unit is a critical part of the ordering of society. A man and a woman come together in marriage and are given the blessing of children. Notwithstanding the call to singleness and the pain of childlessness this is the general ordering of the family according to God's purposes. But what should be the relationship between parents and children?

Honour. Exodus 20:12 reads “**Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.**” Children are to honour their parents. They are to have a deep respect for them. Parents are the first line of God given authority and they should be respected by the children as representatives of God placed in authority over them. This tendency to respect parents should never diminish throughout life-time of the parents. Even when children are adults they should still honour their parents.

Obey. Ephesians 6:1a **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right** is a command derived from Exodus 20:12. This means that a key aspect of honouring our parents is in obeying them. Children are to have a default position of obeying their parents.

Providing. Children are to be cared for and provided for by their parents. In 1 Timothy 5:8 we read **Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.** This clearly includes the parents' responsibility to care for and provide for their children. Mothers in particular are to lovingly nurture their children. Paul calls the older sisters to **urge the younger women to love their husbands and children** (Titus 2:4)

Guidance. In Proverbs 22:6 we read **Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.** When you plant a sapling it needs guidance and protection right from the time it is planted so that it will grow healthily. The aim in doing this is that ultimately it will become a strong full grown tree. Similarly with children, right from birth, they need guidance and protection in order that the

children grow to be fulsome adults. This responsibility is reinforced in Ephesians 6:4 **Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.** Fathers, in conjunction with their wives, must take responsibility for training their children.

Care for older parents. In 1 Timothy 5:4 Paul states, **But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.** Here we find is the clearly established responsibility of children to provide for their parents when they get older. When their parents can no longer care for themselves it is a shameful thing for the children not to provide for parents. The Lord Himself condemned the Pharisees and Scribes for their trickery in this sphere. They said of their resources, which could have been given to help their parents, that they had been devoted to God. This freed them, so they thought, from having to help their parents. We read the words of our Lord Jesus in Mark 7:11 **But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God).** Such religious manipulation was an abomination to the Lord (see Mark 7:13) and it should be for us.

Transition. Given what has been stated above the relationship and responsibility between parents and children changes over time. When children are young, parents must provide for them. When parents are old, children must provide for them. Implicit in those two statements is the transition of responsibility. Children commence as being dependant upon their parents and transition into being providers for their parents. This transition is gradual. When children and parents are both in a position to provide for themselves then there is no need for the providing and depending mechanism to operate. In fact, if parents are providing for their children when those children should be providing for themselves, there is something wrong. In such a case they are most likely not helping their children stand independently and thereby harming them through their "kindness". It is only when children are young and parents are old, and dependent, that the care must be provided. The need of care necessitates the provision of care. The failure to provide the care, whether it be to young children by parents or old parents by children, is not good and is displeasing to the Lord.