

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

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 6.30.a.m. - Prayer
Meeting.

Fri 2nd 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House.

Sat 3rd 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism.

w/c 4th November

Sun 4th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 4th 11.00.a.m.- Morning Worship
(Philip Venables)

Sun 4th 5.30.p.m. - Together

Tues 6th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 6th 8.00.p.m - Elders Meeting

Wed 7th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible
Study (2 Cor 2:12-17).

Thurs 8th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 9th 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House

Sat 10th 7.00.p.m. Feltham Bible

Focus - Prayer Is Just Wishful
Thinking!? (*Phil Page, Cornerstone
Church, St. Albans.*)

w/c 11th November

Sun 11th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 11th 11.00.a.m.- Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 11th 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship
Lunch

Tues 13th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 14th 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Marc Khunan)

Thurs 15th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer
Meeting

Fri 16th 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House.

Sat 17th 8.30.a.m. - Ladies Breakfast

w/c 18th November

Sun 18th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 18th 11.00.a.m. - Morning
Worship (Andrew Heron)

Sun 18th 5.30.p.m. - Equip (1 Kings)

Tues 20th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 20th 6.30.p.m. - Engage

Tues 20th 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting

Wed 21st 7.30.p.m. - Mission
Prayer / Bible Study (2 Cor 3:1-6)

Thurs 22nd 6.30.a.m. - Prayer
Meeting

Fri 23rd 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House

Fri 23rd 9.00.p.m to Sat. 24th
1.00.a.m. - Revive

w/c 25th November

Sun 25th 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 25th 11.00.a.m.- Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 25th 6.30.p.m. - His Story In
Video (*Tortured For Christ*)

Tues 27th 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 27th 6.30.p.m - Engage

Wed 28th 7.30.p.m. - Report (The
Christian Institute)

Thurs 29th 6.30.a.m. - Prayer
Meeting

Fri 30th 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -
Open House

Sat 1st (Dec) 11.00.a.m Evangelism

Notes

Light Party Between 5.00.p.m. and 6.45.p.m. we are celebrating the Light which is the Light of the World on 31st October. On an evening of darkness all around we have an evening for all aged 5 to 13 to join us to have a happy time in a Light environment,

Saturday Seminar On Saturday 3 November between 10.00.am and 12.00pm Amyand Park Chapel are hosting a seminar entitled: GENDER IDENTITY: Principles & Practice The speaker is Phil Heaps from Grace Church, Yate.

Feltham Bible Focus brings us to prayer this month. Phil Page from Cornerstone Church in St Albans is due to be preaching. "Is Prayer Just Wishful Thinking!?" is the subject. We start at 7.00.p.m. On 10th November.

Fellowship Lunch We are due to have fellowship lunch together on November 11th. This is due to be on a bring-and-share basis.

Ladies Breakfast A ladies breakfast is due to take place on November 17th at 8.30.am. This is a great opportunity for the ladies of the church to fellowship together.

Equip We continue this month on November 18th to look at the historical books of the Old Testament. We pick up the story in 1 Kings.

His Story in Video On November 25th at 6.30.p.m we intend to view the video "Tortured for Christ" telling the story of Richard Wurmbrand.

The Christian Institute who seek to be a witness for the Lord in political and legal matters are due to be with us on November 28th They are due to give a presentation on important issues in the UK at the present time.

Cleaning We intend to divide the church premises into parts so as people can take responsibility for cleaning their part. If you would like to help speak to Bob or Philip.

Spiritual Notes

Praying Together

After the Lord Jesus, our beloved Saviour, departed to heaven he left behind a number of His followers. This was a new experience for them. He had bidden them farewell and they were now on their own. So what were they to do? One key thing we observe as we see them in the book of Acts is that they, so very often, were together. This was obviously understandable given that their affiliation to the Lord Jesus set them apart from the rest of the community. We should remember this as we journey through this world. We are called to be a people distinct from the world and we should desire to experience our oneness in Christ together.

But what were they doing as they spent time together? One key part of their “together life” was prayer. In fact it was the first thing they did after watching their Lord go to heaven. When we find them back in Jerusalem we observe that **they all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers** (Acts 1:14).

One of the key elements of the life of the newly formed church in Jerusalem was that they prayed. So we read in Acts 2:42 that **they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.** It is instructive to observe that this church that was moving forward with power and effectiveness (see Acts 2:43-47) was a church that prayed together. Perhaps the reason our churches are lacking in power and effectiveness is because we are not praying together.

As we move forward in the experience of the Jerusalem Church we observe that the release of Peter and John by the authorities led them to have a “together prayer meeting.” After they had reported back to their own people we read: **When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ‘Sovereign Lord,’ they said, ‘you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.** (Acts 4:24). And the outcome is described: **After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly** (Acts 4:31). Perhaps we are lacking in spiritual vitality and bold Word of God

preaching because we are not praying together.

When the church was hit with the loss of James at the sword of Herod and the imminent loss of Peter as well, they met to pray. Difficult, even overwhelming circumstances, were responded to with prayer not panic. We read **So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.** (Acts 12:5). When Peter was released from prison Luke records: **When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying** (Acts 12:12). An intervening God and a praying Church are in harmony. Is our church in harmony with this God through our praying?

As the church faced up to the call to spread the Word and see churches established we find that all this flourished in a praying church. **So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off** (Acts 13:3) is the observation about the church at Antioch. Perhaps our churches might be a home for many gospel workers to be established and sent out if we were more at prayer together to that end.

And what a beautiful prayer meeting it must have been when the disciples at Tyre all gathered to pray with Paul and his companions. **When it was time to leave, we left and continued on our way. All of them, including wives and children, accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray.** (Acts 21:5). Praying together seems to be such a natural part of their life.

So let's be thinking about our praying together as a church. If you are a member of Feltham Evangelical Church it is great and essential to be praying at home on your own. But let us not neglect to join together in prayer. You never know what impact might ensue from this.