

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

## **Newsletter: January 2019**

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## Calendar

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

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper.  
(Philip Venables)

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning  
Worship. (Philip Venables)

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> 5.00.p.m to 8.30.p.m - New  
Years Eve Party

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer and The  
Word.

Thurs 3<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open  
House.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 11:00.a.m. - Evangelism.

### **w/c 6<sup>th</sup> January (Week of Prayer and Fasting)**

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper.  
(Josh Venables)

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning  
Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 5.30.p.m. - Together

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (Dmitri Filchev)

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 9.15.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open  
House.

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00.a.m. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper.  
(Dan Jarvis)

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning  
Worship. (Dan Jarvis)

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 1.00.p.m. - Fellowship Lunch.

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Mission Prayer /  
Bible Study (2 Cor. 3:7-18)

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. - Church Members  
Meeting.

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. to 12.00.p.m. - Open  
House.

### **w/c 20<sup>st</sup> January**

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Lord's Supper.  
(Marc Khunan)

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship.  
(Philip Venables)

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 5.30.p.m. - Equip

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00.p.m. - Elders Meeting.

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible  
Study. (2 Cor. 4:1-6)

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00. a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -  
Open House.

Fri 26 9.00.p.m to Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 1.00 a.m. -  
Revive

### **w/c 27<sup>th</sup> January**

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

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Morning Worship  
(Philip Venables)

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30.p.m. - His Story in Video

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30.a.m. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30.p.m. - Engage.

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Prayer / Bible  
Study. (Mark Henderson)

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 6.30 a.m. - Prayer Meeting

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30.p.m. - Feltham Journey  
Discussion

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> (February) 10.00 a.m. to  
12.00.p.m. - Open House.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00.a.m. - Evangelism

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00.p.m. - Fearless

## Notes

**Social Media** In order to maximise our presence online and advance the message of the Lord's grace please consider using the "like" and "share" buttons on the church's Facebook and Twitter pages. These can be found via the Church website. Please do the same concerning all the posts linked to the 'EveryoneMustKnow' pages on social media.

**Together** is on the evening of the first Sunday of the month. this month it is January 6th we have the opportunity to fellowship together through sharing, praying and learning.

**Fellowship Lunch** On 13<sup>th</sup> January we intend to have a bring-and-share fellowship lunch together.

**Membership Sunday** On January 27<sup>th</sup> we plan to have a Membership Sunday where we focus on the privileges and responsibilities of church membership.

**New Year's Eve** On December 31<sup>st</sup> we are due to have a Church Family New Years Eve party together. We plan to have some games, food, a concert and a time of worship and prayer. If you have any item you would like to contribute to the concert please tell Philip beforehand. The party commences at 5.00.p.m. And is due to finish at 8.30.p.m.

**Church Members Meeting** A meeting is arranged for church members on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.p.m. Pray that we might have a good time of fellowship as we consider the life of the church together.

**Equip** This month we look at "The Nine Marks of a Healthy Church". We go into 2019 desirous to be a healthy church and "The Nine Marks" can help instruct us in this.

**Week of Prayer and Fasting** This is due to be during the week commencing on January 6<sup>th</sup>:

- As we move into the new year this gives us an opportunity to pour out our hearts in prayer to God, desiring that He might glorify Himself among us. See calendar for the details of when the prayer meetings are due to take place.
- As we seek the Lord, it is good to think about the call of the Lord upon us to fast. Why not think of missing one or two (or more) meals during the week as we pray into the life of the church. In particular we plan to use the period of 8.30.a.m on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to 8.30.a.m on Saturday 12<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.

**The Feltham Journey** As we enter 2019 we plan to start our third plan of reading through the Bible in two years. "The Feltham Journey" gives a great opportunity to get the reading of Scripture into our daily lives. The reading plans are in the entrance hall at church. We also plan to restart the Discussion which gives opportunity to share what we are learning. See Mark for further information.

**Saturday Seminar** Amyand Park Chapel are hosting a study on Witnessing to Muslims on Saturday 19 January 2019. It is from 10.30am-12.30pm. Tony Brown (author of [www.cults-investigated.com](http://www.cults-investigated.com)) is leading this.

# Spiritual Notes

## Independence or In Dependence

As you move into 2019, what sort of year are you hoping for? As you set out into the new year, what is your attitude towards the circumstances that life may throw at you? What will be your approach to the new opportunities and new challenges of the year? Will it be a year of Independence or a year where you are to fully depend on God?

### **Independence.**

When you are a parent your goal is that your child will so develop that they can live independent lives. If they grow up requiring you to continuously provide for and direct them, then you consider yourself to be a failure. However, in the spiritual realm the reverse is true. When we grow spiritually we do not want independence from God, but rather to be fully dependant on Him.

It is very much the spirit of the age that we live for ourselves and seek to fulfil our dreams. If you feel that something is good for you then you are encouraged to indulge that feeling. The outcome is that people live their lives independent of God. They do not reference Him as the supreme authority over their lives. In some cases, there may be some religion found in people's lives which gives an impression of God being important to them, but ultimately the driving-force for them is being independent so as to do what they want.

In his Proverbs Solomon twice observes that **There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death** (Prov. 12:28 and 14:12). When we choose our way rather than God's way, we are always heading in the death direction. It is always going to end badly when we choose to ignore God through failure to pray or failure to obey His Word.

If we choose the way of independence, there is the beguiling promise of freedom and satisfaction. This is what the devil promised to Eve in Genesis 3:1-5. Satan effectively said to Eve that if she goes her own way and rejects God's way she will be free live. Alas, she chose Satan's way and, as Proverbs 12:28 and 14:12 tell us, the end was death. That death

has led on to the sad tale of humanity with all its selfishness, wars and lies.

### **In Dependence.**

The New Testament three times quotes from Habakkuk 2:4 **"The righteous will live by faith"** (see Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11 and Heb. 10:38). In contrast to the death caused by independent living we have here the promise of life through living in dependence upon God. Dependency is a synonym for faith. It means that I am relying on another rather than myself. The person that depends upon God is a person who is living life and expecting life and destined for life for ever.

How can someone live out the life of being dependant on God? Firstly, they must embrace God's way of salvation in Christ and depend upon Jesus who died on the cross to take away their sins. Through repenting of their sin they gain access to God through Jesus. In such a situation, they come to live by the Spirit as instructed and guided by the Word. The Word of God is the life-giving guide which leads us into the way of life. The life that is dependant on God is always a life which has the Word of God as central.

The dependant life then is a "Word of God life", but it is crucially also a Spirit of God life. As we depend on God in prayer and seek Him in His Word the very person of God takes control of our lives. God, by His Spirit is in us and upon us. This is then life lived in dependence on God. Some would conclude that this must be slavery, but it is rather freedom. **"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom"** (2 Cor. 3:17) is Paul's observation. It is freedom because with the Spirit in our lives we are living in the way we are called to live by our Maker.

So we conclude that the superficial offering of freedom by the world is not delivered upon. Rather, true freedom is delivered by being dependant upon God. When we are slaves to God, living in dependence on Him through his Word, we are being what we are called to be; we are free. Have a very happy "in dependence" new year.