

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

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# Calendar

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

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship  
(Philip Venables)  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00.am - Church outing to  
Littlehampton  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (2 Cor. 5:14-17)  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Feltham Journey  
Discussion  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 10.00.a.m. to 12.00.p.m. -  
Open House.  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 11.00.a.m. - Evangelism

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

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.30.pm. - Together  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 8.00.pm. - Elders Meeting  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study  
(Roger Lindie)  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House

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

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Neil  
Osborne)  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (2 Cor. 5:18-6:2)  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House

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

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 5.30.pm. - Equip (OT History  
Books; 2 Kings)  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 8.00.pm. - Elders Meeting  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Mission Prayer /  
Bible Study (David Henderson)  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 9.00.pm to 12.00.am - REVIVE

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

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Andrew Heron)  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship  
(Philip Venables)  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (2 Cor. 6:3-13)  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Feltham Journey  
Discussion  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House.

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 8.00.am - Men's Breakfast

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

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship  
(Philip Venables)  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> (July) 9.30.am. - Prayer  
Meeting  
Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.00.pm. - Elders Meeting  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study  
(Marc Khunan)  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House.  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Evangelism

## Notes

**Our Church Outing** is set for May 27th, the Spring Bank Holiday Monday. We plan to once again visit Littlehampton. We plan to meet at 9.00.a.m. at the church building. If you are coming then remember to bring clothing suitable for the potential weather on that day. Please note, also, that parents are responsible for looking after their own children throughout the day.

**Men's Breakfast** On June 29<sup>th</sup> the men of the church have opportunity to share time together over breakfast at 8.00.a.m.

**Open House** The church building is open every Friday from 10.00 to midday. We also have a thought for the day at 11.00.am. All are welcome.

**International Day** On June 9<sup>th</sup> we intend to have our "Every Tribe, Language, People and Nation" day. This gives us our annual opportunity to celebrate our racial and cultural diversity. Please feel free to dress in your national costume (or the national costume of someone else in the church) and bring some food associated with your country to the fellowship meal.

**Table Tennis Evenings** are now due to be an ad hoc basis as and when people are available to arrange it.

**An Evangelistic Event** is due to taken place on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.pm. Paul Levy from the International Presbyterian Church in West Ealing is due to speak. The theme is "Love Thy Neighbour". This is an event designed to stir us to reach out to our neighbours. See mark for more information.

**Equip** On June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5.30.pm we plan to continue our studies looking at the Old Testament history books. We are due to be looking at 2 Kings

## Spiritual Notes

### *Praying for Misery*

Our praying so easily fits into a worldly pattern. We are always praying about people being brought into a situation whereby they are suitably secure and comfortable and healthy. Sadly such praying most likely reveals that we have lost a godly perspective. We have lost the sense of how God really works.

In Hosea 5:13-15 we see the Lord's dealing with His people described as follows:

**When Ephraim saw his sickness,  
and Judah his wound,  
then Ephraim went to Assyria,  
and sent to the great king.  
But he is not able to cure you  
or heal your wound.**

**For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,**

**and like a young lion to the house of Judah.**

**I, even I, will tear and go away;**

**I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.**

**I will return again to my place,**

**until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.**

I want to particularly draw attention to how it was when Israel admitted their guilt and felt their misery that the Lord made response.

Here we have the people of God in a bad state. The northern kingdom of Ephraim is sick and the Southern Kingdom of Judah is said to be wounded. Things are bad. In response Ephraim is said to have gone to the king of Assyria for help, but no good has come. The Lord's response to His people is far from being complacent about the condition and action of his people. Rather, He responds with aggression as He longs for and works for his people to come to their senses. So He tears them and goes away and leaves them destitute and alone. In all this His longing is that his people would acknowledge their guilt and seek Him.

So how do we pray for those who are in their sin? How do we pray for those Christians who have backslidden away from the Lord? How do we pray for non-Christians who have not yet confessed their sins and come to Christ for salvation. Do our prayers harmonize with the workings of the Lord? His way is the way of bringing people to their spiritual senses. It is to make them realise that without Him their lives are desperate. The Lord's dealings are to distress in order to retrieve. The general principle is that people, whether they be fallen Christians or non Christians, always remain in their sins and indifference until they feel the wounding of the Lord.

This wounding of the Lord is so that they become aware of their sin and their perilous position. It is in order that they will return to their God who is Father. They will return to His beautiful favour and care. We read in another place, Isaiah 30:15 **For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."**

So do our hearts and prayers harmonize with the heart and workings of the Lord? What of our prayer lives and our

church's prayer meetings? Have you heard anyone prayed for someone to be made miserable of late? Are we praying for a conviction of sin in your prayer meetings? Are you thinking about your children or other members of your family and praying for them? It is good if you are. But what are you praying for them? It is good to be praying that they will be brought to distress and being miserable in their sin.

Perhaps when we start harmonizing our prayers more with the way God works we might start to enter into something of the principle of Matthew 21:20-22. there we see how believing prayer can move mountains. We might start to see some mountains begin to move when we start praying for misery.

But we can't leave things there. We must assert that most wonderfully misery is never the final end of the story when we follow God's way. For all who obey God and repent of their miserable state of sin and come to Jesus Christ believing that He died on the cross to take away their sins. These can know the healing of the wounds and sickness of their souls that comes through Our Lord's blood and righteousness. When that happens we end up with **joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory** (2 Pet. 1:8b)