

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

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# Calendar

## **w/c 28<sup>th</sup> April (Week of Prayer and Fasting)**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.  
(Chungman Shon)  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm - Prayer Meeting.  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (2 Corinthians 4:7-15)  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer meeting  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting.  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10.15.am. - Evangelism

## **w/c 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Marc  
Khunan)  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 5.30.pm. - Together (Ask the  
Pastor)  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 8.00.pm. - Elders Meeting.  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study  
(David Henderson)  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Members Meeting  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House.  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 8.30.am. - Ladies Breakfast

## **w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.  
(Mark Long)  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.  
(Mark Long)  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch.

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage.  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Mission Prayer /  
Bible Study (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5)  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Table Tennis  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House.

## **w/c 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.  
(Marc Khunan)  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.  
(Philip Venables)  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 5.30.pm. - Equip (Witnessing to  
Muslims)  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage.  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 8.00.pm. - Elders Meeting.  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study.(Andrew Heron)  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm to Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 12.00 am. -  
Revive

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00.am - Church outing to  
Littlehampton  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Engage  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study. (2 Corinthians 5:6-13)  
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.am. to 12.00.pm. - Open  
House.  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> (June) 11.00.am. - Evangelism.

## Notes

**Equip.** On May 19<sup>th</sup> we plan to have our second session of training in respect of reaching out with the gospel to Muslims. Jimmy Aitkenhead from London City Mission is due to be leading us.

**A Ladies Breakfast** is due to take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.30.am. This gives opportunity for the ladies of the church to share time together.

**A Church Members Meeting** is due to take place on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This is for all Church members and is our Annual General Meeting.

**Engage** starts again this month. This is for all aged 10-20 to come together and study God's Word. It takes place on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm.

### **Week of Prayer and Fasting**

- This is due to be during the week commencing on April 28<sup>th</sup>:
- As we move towards summer, 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.
- This time we intend to focus particularly upon youth and children.
- 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 8.45.a.m on Friday (3<sup>rd</sup>) to 8.45.a.m on Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>) as a fasting time. From 8.45.a.m on the Saturday (4<sup>th</sup>) we intend to break-fast together at the church building.

**Fellowship Lunch** Mark Long from Amyand Park Chapel is due to be our preacher on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>. On that day, we have our fellowship lunch on a bring-and-share basis. We will interview him over lunch to find out what it is like to live as a Christian in the police force.

**Table Tennis** Every Thursday, excepting when there is an alternative church event, the church building is due to be open from 7.30.p.m for all who wish to play table tennis or just spend time together. In May, only May 19<sup>th</sup> is available.

**Together** On May 5<sup>th</sup> we plan to have an "Ask the Pastor" evening, particularly focussing on Philip's and the church's experience through his period of illness earlier in the year.

**Polling Station** Our church premises are due to be used as a polling station for the European elections on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Early Morning prayer Meeting** We are due to re-start this month. We are there to pray from 6.30 to 7.20. Drop in so that we might pray and give thanks to the Lord together.

**Church Outing** is set for May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Spring Bank Holiday Monday. We plan to once again visit Littlehampton. We plan to leave at 9.00.a.m from the church building. This year we plan to travel in our own cars. 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. If you require transport, speak to Philip.

## **Spiritual Notes**

### Knowing Their Character

**But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it (2 Tim. 3:14).** In this scripture, Paul is encouraging Timothy to keep with the Word of God by reminding him about who he had learned the teaching of scripture from, In this he is establishing the principle that the character of those who teach us the Word gives extra reason for us to believe that Word.

This is not to mean that if the Word is brought to us by someone who we know to be an infidel (or later proves to be an infidel), that we reject the Word. Our Lord said in Matthew 23:2-3) that **The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practise what they preach.** The Word must be obeyed because it is the Word of the Lord. We may have good reason to conclude that our teachers are not living by the Word they teach. But that gives us no right to dismiss the Word they teach.

Nevertheless, teachers should be living out what they teach. The Word that teachers teach should be modelled in their lives. This is a big issue for parents and all who teach the Word to others. Moreover, it is a critical issue in our witness generally. So very often it will be the power of a godly life, which is living out the very gospel which is shared with others, that is effective in attracting people to Christ. It may even be that a believer's consistent and attractive testimony for Christ, led to someone seeking the same Christ as Lord and Saviour and being saved.

So we must be aware of our proneness to hypocrisy and be determined in rooting it out in our lives. If you are a teacher of the Word in Church, in your family, or wherever, it is good to examine yourself in these matters. When you speak to the people, do they immediately think: “he/she does not live that out; they say, but do not do”. One of the marks of good character found in scripture is to be blameless. This means that there is no open or public sin or outrageous behaviour in our lives, which people can hold against us.

This also has implications for the manner in which we arrange our church affairs. We live in an age of the internet and social media. It has become easy in this digital age to meet in cyber churches or to get our spiritual food from our favourite Bible teacher online. In such a situation we very likely have no knowledge of the character of those who are teaching us. It should not be this way. Rather, we should be based in local churches where we know the character of those who are teaching us.

And in those churches we need to have leaders who do not “ivory tower” themselves. We need those who move among the people so that their lives can be seen. Paul speaks in 1 Thessalonians 5:11: **Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.** The leaders are among them. If you are a church elder you need to be among the people so people can see your character. Your ministry is given validation by your life. An elder who never visits the sheep under his care or who never mixes with the people in church is denying his calling.

This also cautions against churches becoming too big. If church members are not interacting and interoperating with those who teach them because the church is simply too big then means should be put in place to resolve this situation. Very possibly, this will mean the establishing of splitting a church to form two or more.

So could it be said of us that people, through knowing us, will immediately be aware that they can believe what we teach. Or do our lives undermine and even contradict our teaching? May it not be so!