

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 29th September

Sun 29th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 29th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Tues 1st 9.30.am - Prayer Meeting

Wed 2nd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (2 Cor. 7:8-16)

Thurs 3rd 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting (at Philip and May Lin's)

Fri 4th 10.00.am to 12.00.pm -
Open House

Sat 5th 11.00.am - Evangelism.

w/c 6th October

Sun 6th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 6th 11.00.am- Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 6th 5.30.pm - Together

Tues 8th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Tues 8th 8.00.pm - Leadership
Meeting

Wed 9th 7.30.pm - Prayer / Bible
Study (2 Cor. 8:1-6)).

Thurs 10th 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting (at Church Building)

Fri 11th 10.00. am to 12.00.pm -
Open House (Harvest)

w/c 13th October

Sun 13th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 13th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 13th 1.00.pm - Fellowship
Lunch

Tues 15th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Wed 16th 7.30.pm - Mission
Prayer / Bible Study (2 Cor. 8:7-
15)

Thurs 17th 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting (at Mark and Laura's)

Fri 18th 10.00.am to 12.00.pm -
Open House.

w/c 20th October

Sun 20th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Andrew Heron)

Sun 20th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 20th 5.30.pm - Equip (One-to-
One Bible Study)

Tues 22nd 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting

Tues 22nd 8.00.pm - Leadership
Meeting

Wed 23rd 7.30.pm - Prayer / Bible
Study / Report (Dominic
Stockford).

Thurs 24th 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting (at Zach and Amy's)

Fri 25th 10.00.am to 12.00.pm -
Open House

Fri 25th 9.00.pm to midnight -
Revive

w/c 27th October

Sun 27th 9.30.am - Lord's Supper
(Philip Venables)

Sun 27th 11.00.am - Morning
Worship (Andrew Heron)

Tues 29th 9.30.am - Prayer
Meeting.

Wed 30th 7.30.pm - Prayer / Bible
Study (Robert Goodgame)

Thurs 31st 6.30.am - Prayer
Meeting (at Andrew and Brenda's)

Thurs 31st 5.00.pm. to 6.30.pm -
Light Party.

Fri 1st (Nov) 10.00. am. to
12.00.pm. - Open House.

Sat 2nd 11.00.am Evangelism.

News

Zach Mollallegn commenced work in the social services department of Hounslow Council on August 27th.

Gabriella and Marina Claude and Michael Venables have recently started new stages of their education. Gabriella studying A levels at Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School, Marina studying at Albert Thierry College in Limay (France) and Michael training to be a teacher at Manchester University.

Andrew Heron is preaching at Grange Park Baptist Church, Hayes on the morning of October 6th.

Virginia Okafor's husband died on September 21st out in Nigeria.

Notes

Harvest weekend is on 11-13 October.

- On 11th 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 12th October. The collected provisions will be distributed to those in need in the church and to Sandbanks Resource Centre in Feltham.
- "Love Thy Neighbour" evangelistic event (see below) at 7.30.p.m on October 12th.
- The collection / offering on October 13th will be passed to support Addis Baptist Church in Ethiopia.
- There is due to be a bring-and-share fellowship lunch after the morning service on October 13th.

Equip takes place on 20th October this month and looks at the subject of one-to-one Bible Study. This is a key ministry that we can all consider being involved in. Carl Porter from "The Word One to One" is due to be leading us in this study and training.

A Light Party is arranged for youngsters aged up to 14 years on 31st October to show light on an evening of darkness all around. This is between 5.00.p.m and 6.30.p.m. Food is to be provided.

Together on October 6th sees us recognising the Lord's goodness in establishing Bethlehem Chapel as a functioning independent church. We have shared in the work of the church there through our close fellowship with Robert and Charlotte Goodgame over the last nine years.

Evangelistic Event With society breaking down and loneliness and isolation

on the increase what does it mean to love thy neighbour? An evangelistic event to invite friends, family and neighbours to is due to be held on October 12th. This is our “Love Thy Neighbour” event. Simply we want this to be a means by which our neighbours, friends and family can come to hear the “Good News” about our Lord Jesus Christ. Be praying for and inviting people to come along. It starts at 7.30.pm. Contact Mark for full information.

Pastor's Blog Philip has a personal blog which you can find at <https://venabling.wordpress.com>

Clocks Change On 27th October the clocks go back one hour. This means you need to change them so you can be in church on time.

Prayer For Nation The next time of prayer is due to be on October 5th, from 10.00am to 11.30am, at Christ Church, Christchurch Avenue, Teddington.

Spiritual Notes *The Touch of Faith*

Take a look at Mark 5:24b-34 and you will find the healing by our Lord of a woman in a desperate plight. The account begins with a portrayal of her despair and misfortune. The lady has been afflicted by a flow of blood out of her body for twelve years. Waking up everyday she would have living demonstrable evidence that all was not well. She had sought help to such an extent. that all her money had been used up. Alas the seeking after medical help had contributed nothing to her welfare. Rather her situation was now worse.

Her financial poverty was accompanied by her being an outsider to the religious system of the day. The declaration of Leviticus 15:25 was **“If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, for all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean.** Accordingly she is not only in a state of poverty, but also permanently excluded from the centre of the religious (and social) activities of that time which was the tabernacle. How desperate and pathetic was her case.

Yet she has heard of Jesus Christ; reports had some how come to her ears of what he could do. She ventured all upon getting to Him. She had to come to Him covertly else she would have been driven away if people saw that she, the excluded unclean one, was there. So she came recognising that to touch His garments was enough. Why did she reckon this way? She had continual evidence through her garments of her condition; her uncleanness. The connection between her internal condition and garments she had drawn day after day for twelve years. Hence, she deduced that His garments revealed His purity and power and contact with them would cure her affliction.

So she comes into the tumult of the crowds around our Lord, and touches His garment. Immediately she felt something that she had not felt for twelve years, a lack of blood flowing; she was healed of her affliction! She had received what she desired and could have sneaked away relieved by the transformation of her condition. But she was to receive something fuller.

Remarkably the Lord knew that she had touched Him. His disciples scorned the Lord's thought that this was be the case. After all a mass of people were milling around and touching the Lord; it was nonsense for Him to think that just one had touched Him. But He knew power had gone out of Him. He knew that amidst all the other touches there had been a desperate, bereft women who had reached out in faith and touched Him.

When the Lord asked for the person who touched Him to reveal themselves she was faced with a dilemma. Would she come out in the open or would she just shrink away and merge into the crowd? But the Lord has stopped as he wondered who had laid the hand of faith on Him. Everything stops for that moment. Then she decides she would come out and reveal all. She came in fear and trembling; she threw herself down before Him. Maybe she thought that she would once more be told of her foul condition and the wrong she had done in coming into the crowd and contaminating others. But perhaps there was a glimmer of hope that this man might give a different response. Whatever it was all pretence was gone. She is there and it is just her and Jesus alone. Was she thinking "unclean" would once again come ringing in her ears?

But No! It was different this time. **And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease"** (Mark 5:34). Rejection turned to reception and that as part of the family; she is a "daughter". She has been made well. She was now fully whole. Everything what she should be, she now is. This is more that physical healing; it is wholeness, fullness of life. This is all because of her faith; her trust in the Lord. And she can now go away into situation of permanent healing. Her life was saved.

She was transformed. Let us learn that the touch of faith always draws out life-transforming power from our Lord Jesus. When was the last time you touched His garments in faith? So go and know your desperate spiritual condition today. And go and know, by faith the power of our Lord in your life and thereby go into wholesomeness; go into real life in Christ and because of Christ.