

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 26th January

Sun 26th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 26th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship (Philip Venables)

Tues 28th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 28th 8.00.pm. - Leadership

Meeting

Wed 29th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (2 Cor. 10:12- 11:4)

Thurs 30th 6.30 am. Prayer Meeting

(at Mark and Laura's)

Friday 31st 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. -

Open House.

Sat 1st 11:00.am. - Evangelism

w/c 2nd February

Sun 2nd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Philip Venables)

Sun 2nd 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 2nd 5.30.pm. - Together

Tues 4th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 5th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (Andrew Heron)

Thurs 6th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

(at Andrew and Brenda's)

Fri 7th 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. -

Open House.

w/c 9th February

Sun 9th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 9th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 9th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship

Lunch.

Tues 11th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 11th 8.00.pm. - Leadership

Meeting

Wed 12th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (Mark Henderson)

Thurs 13th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

(Allan Navas's)

Fri 14th 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. -

Open House.

Fri 14th 5.30.pm. To 7.30.pm. - Family

Night

Sat 15th 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast

w/c 16th February

Sun 16th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Philip Venables)

Sun 16th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship. (David Henderson)

Sun 16th 5.30.pm. - Equip (2

Chronicles)

Tues 18th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 19th 7.30.pm. - Mission

Prayer / Bible Study. (2 Cor. 11:5-15)

Thurs 20th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

(Philip and May Lin's).

Fri 21st 10.00.am. to 12.00.pm. -

Open House.

Fri 21st 9.00.pm. to 12.00.am. -

Revive.

w/c 23rd February

Sun 23rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper

(Andrew Heron)

Sun 23rd 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship. (Philip Venables)

Tues 25th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 25th 8.00.pm. - Leadership

Meeting

Wed 26th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Thurs 27th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

(Zach and Amy's)

Fri 28th 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. -

Open House.

Notes

Open House continues on a Friday Morning from 10.00.a.m until midday. During that period the building is open for anyone to drop-in.

Equip On February 16th we plan to continue our journey through the Old Testament History Books by studying 2 Chronicles.

Preaching Our series on “No Greater Love Than that of Jesus our Lord” continues with messages on A Love For The Lost (Feb 2nd), A Love for The Church (Feb 9th) and A warm and welcoming Love (Feb 16th). On February 23rd we are due to start a series on the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3.

Together on February 2nd is due to give us further opportunity to consider the issue of how we build relationships together

Membership Sunday On February 23rd we plan to have a Membership Sunday where we focus on the privileges and responsibilities of church membership. There is due to be a lunch for members after the morning services.

Men's Breakfast The men of the church have opportunity to share food and fellowship over breakfast on February 15th.

Leaders Time Away Zach, Philip and Mark are due to be away on February 10th to pray, study and consider the life of the church together. Pray this would be a valuable time for them and the church.

Fellowship Lunch On February 9th we are planning to have a “bring-and-share” fellowship meal.

Hymn Singing At some of our services we use the words which are projected on to the screen. If you would prefer to have the words on sheets in front of you then please speak to those who are doing “door duty” or on the sound / recording desk.

Web-site The church web-site (www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk) has up-to-date information about the life of the church. Please visit it and publicise it to others as we seek to make known the wonderful message concerning Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Notes

We Believe in Sex

Yes you really did read that! We are a church and we believe in sex. Sex is a beautiful gift from God. It is a gift whereby a man and a woman celebrate and enjoy the one flesh union that they have through marriage. Sex is pure, holy and beneficial within the boundaries that God sets.

The main problem with sex, over the centuries and one which has been particularly demonstrated over the last fifty years, is that people have chosen their own ways rather than God's ways for engaging in sexual relations. This does not take away from the beauty of sex, but it does demonstrate the foolishness of mankind. When we depart from the Maker's instructions then we always lose out.

Sex is not a dirty activity to be performed merely for the producing of children. Through sex children may be gifted by God to a husband and wife in marriage. However, that does not take a way from the special bonding which takes place between that couple as they share themselves with each other physically.

So sex is good and sex is for marriage. And we emphasize that; it is for marriage. Couples should pray about how they can glorify God through the giving of themselves to each other. We do hasten to add that sex does not necessarily always work out perfectly and couples need to talk and pray, be sensitive to each other and seek counsel if necessary. But sex is for marriage.

Sex though is wrong and destructive outside of marriage. To engage in sexual relations outside of marriage is to disobey the

Lords command which stands as “**And you shall not commit adultery** (Deut 5:18). It is a special gift, upon their marriage, for a husband and wife to give each other their purity. If during their time of “going out” prior to marriage either party seeks to take things too far (and the man is normally culpable in this) then the other party should be very wary of going ahead to marry that person. The way Boaz treated Ruth in Ruth 3 gives an admirable model of how any man should treat the woman of his affection during courtship.

The reserving of sex for marriage is part of God's wise ordering of things. It means that relationships are built soundly. A relationship built on physical engagement is not likely to last long. Marriages built on companionship and sharing fellowship with God will most likely endure. Sex is designed to be the completing of the marriage, and not the foundation. Furthermore, when a couple in their advancing years cease to be so sexually active then they have the foundation to carry on enjoying marriage together.

The fact that the Bible devoted a whole book, the Song of Solomon, to the intoxicating and captivating love of a couple for each other is instructive. This love includes the physical elements. If we read the Song of Solomon and conclude that it is smutty or inappropriate then we are at odds with the mind of God.

So we believe in sex. We believe in it as a special gift from God. It is not something that humans put into marriage because we like it. With such thinking we conclude that God is not bothered about sex. Such is completely wrong. Sex is from God for us to enjoy.