

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

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 (at
Zach and Amy's)
Fri 28th 10.00. am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House

w/c 1st March

Sun 1st 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Jon
Cassam)
Sun 1st 11.00.am. - Morning Worship
(Jon Cassam)
Sun 1st 5.30.pm. - Together.
Tues 3rd 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 4th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study. (Lloyd Mushambadzi)
Thurs 5th 6.30.am - Prayer Meeting (at
Mark and Laura's)
Friday 6th 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. -
Open House.
Sat 7th 11.00.am. - Evangelism.

w/c 8th March

Sun 8th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Dmitri Filchev)
Sun 8th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Erastsos Kremmydos)
Sun 8th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch.
Tues 10th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Tues 10th 8.00.pm. - Leadership
Meeting Meeting.
Wed 11th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Antonis Topaloglou)
Thurs 12th 6.30.am – Prayer Meeting
(at Andrew and Brenda's)
Fri 13th 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House.
Fri 13th 5.30.pm. to 7.30.pm. - Family
Night

w/c 15th March

Sun 15th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Richard Buggs)
Sun 15th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Richard Buggs)
Sun 15th 5.30.pm. - Equip. (Sharpening
Our Evangelism)
Tues 17th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 18th 7.30.pm. - Mission Prayer /
Bible Study (2 Cor. 11:16-28)
Thurs 27th 6.30.am .- Prayer Meeting (at
Philip and May Lin's)
Fri 20th 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House.
Sat 21st 8.00.am. - 9.30.am. - Ladies
Breakfast.

w/c 22nd March

Sun 22nd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Phillip Venables)
Sun 22nd 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Philip Venables)
Tues 24th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Wed 25th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (David Henderson)
Thurs 26th 6.30.am - Prayer Meeting (at
Zach and Amy's)
Fri 27th 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House.
Fri 27th 9.00.pm. to 12.00.am. - Revive

w/c 29th March

Sun 29th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Philip Venables)
Sun 29th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
(Philip Venables)
Tues 31st 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
Tues 31st 8.00.pm. - Leadership
Meeting
Wed 1st (April) 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Andrew Heron)
Thurs 2nd 6.30.am - Prayer Meeting (at
Mark and Laura's)
Fri 3rd 10.00 am. to 12.00.pm. - Open
House.
Sat 4th 11.00.am. - Evangelism.

News

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Notes

Ladies Breakfast A ladies breakfast is due to take place on March 21st (8.00.am to 9.30.am). This is a great opportunity for the sisters of the church to fellowship together.

Training Morning On February 29th from 9.30.am. to 12.30.pm., Hayes Town Chapel are hosting an event to help understand the world we are seeking to reach with the salvation of Christ our Lord. The morning gives a great opportunity to increase our understanding and have fellowship with others from other churches. It should be suitable for all aged thirteen upwards

Fellowship Lunch On March 8th we are planning to have a “bring-and-share” fellowship meal.

Food Preparation It is good for us to be able to share meals together as a church. We thank the LORD for His good blessing upon us during these times. One caution we need to continually have in mind is that of making sure the food we share together is appropriately prepared. Let us therefore make sure that any cooked food is thoroughly cooked.

Mission Awareness On March 11th we intend to host Antonis and Vicki Topaloglou who serve the Lord in Thessaloniki, Greece. Although they are not on the list of missionaries whom we support, having

Antonis and Vicki with us will give us a further awareness of God's work around the world.

Membership Sunday On February 23rd we 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.

Spiritual Notes

Excellence

Our God is glorious. Our God has shown the way He works in the creation that we see around us. His working is always good. The sum total of His completed creation is described as very good; **and God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good** (Gen 1:31b). God does His work in an excellent way. We should similarly, as His people, aim to do everything in an excellent way. Alas we can often be guilty of relegating our spiritual lives and church activity to the “left-over” part of our lives. This creates a mentality of slovenliness. Moreover, our church and the work of God are given the appearance of tawdriness.

But surely this should not be. Everything about our faith is characterised by total devotion. Our Saviour came from glory on a total commitment mission. His life and works were excellent in all their facets. His works declare the God of all excellence. Every healing and deliverance declare that this is a God who does no shoddy work. And when we see His salvation work at the cross there is one statement which sums up the proper completion of that perfect work and that is **“it is finished”** (John 19:30b). This statement by our Saviour shows that there were no loose ends, all was done well; completed fully.

The call upon God's people, as a result of His salvation being granted into our lives, is to respond with whole-hearted devotion. So we read in Romans 12:1 **I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.** And in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 **do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.** Simply put: our Lord deserves the best.

It is not good enough just to say that we trust in the Spirit of God to work

through our poor works to bring glory to God. We should bring of the best and present it to God. This is one of the principles underlying the feast of first-fruits (see Lev. 23:9-14). In bringing the first-fruits to the Lord you were making sure that it was not the dregs; the left-overs, it was the freshest and the best.

The laxity of the priests in bringing offerings in a casual and half-hearted way is resoundingly condemned by the Lord in Isaiah 1:2-20 and Malachi 1:6-20. The Lord's outrage at such actions is seen when we read **When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favour? says the Lord of hosts** (Mal. 1:8).

One of the implications of the works of the Lord being done casually is that outsiders look on and think that our God cannot be a God of much importance.

The church is the church of the living God. We should have the best music and the best audio/ visual and the best web-site and the best..... This means proper preparation and practice. It means being there on time to fulfil your duty. It means encouraging best practice and eradicating bad practice.

This does not mean that we do things for show. We are not doing things to impress people. But a church which has a shoddy website or toilets (or whatever) is not one that is representing the God of all glory in a wholesome way.

Whatever we do we should do to the glory of our God (see 1 Cor. 10:33b) is a principle that should drive all of our lives. Is Feltham Evangelical church doing all for the glory of God? If not we need to wake up and sort ourselves out. Is your ministry a ministry where there is total consecration to the task?