

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 31st May

Sun 31st 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

Sun 31st 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship

Sun 31st 5.00.pm. - Small Groups

Tues 2nd 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 3rd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study.

Thurs 4th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 6th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 7th June

Sun 7th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

Sun 7th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship.

Sun 7th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship

Tues 9th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 9th 7.30.pm. - Elders Meeting

Wed 10th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study

Thurs 11th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 13th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Sun 14th June

Sun 14th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

Sun 14th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship.

Sun 14th 5.00.pm. - Evening

Worship

Tues 16th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 17th 7.30.pm. - Mission Prayer / Bible Study

Thurs 18th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 20th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 21st June

Sun 21st 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

Sun 21st 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship.

Sun 21st 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship

Tues 23rd 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 23rd 7.30.pm. - Elders Meeting

Wed 24th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study

Thurs 25th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 27th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 28th June

Sun 28th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

Sun 28th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship.

Sun 28th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship

Tues 30th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 1st (July) 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study

Thurs 2nd 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 4th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

News

Mark and Laura Henderson's baby passed to be with the Lord on May 5th after twenty weeks in Laura's womb. Pray for the Henderson family at this time of loss.

Julio Alverio went home to His Lord on May 27th. He served the Lord faithfully over many years.

Uju Okafor-Udeji has obtained "Leave to Remain" in the UK.

Notes

Sunday Evening Service From June 7th we plan to re-arrange our Sunday Evenings. From 5.00.pm to 6.00.pm. we plan to meet together. We have had the privilege of being in small groups online for three months. We now anticipate the blessing of being together to hear the Word, pray and generally be edified in the Lord and his ways.

Finances In order to continue to serve the Lord in our ministry of giving please contact Olu.

Prayer Times We need to be giving ourselves to the Lord. From this month Tuesdays at 9.30.am., Wednesdays at 7.30.pm, Thursdays at 6.30.am and Saturdays at 9.00.pm. provide us with those opportunities. Let us be zealous in seeking the Lord together.

Services The basic plan for services in June is as per the Calender. Other events may well be arranged in due course and publicized appropriately.

You Tube Videos from church events can be found on the Church's You Tube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCymaXdM1o0VPyhNAKn_ZEPw

Preaching At our morning services in June Ravin Pradham from Amyand Park Chapel is due to be preaching on the 7th. On 14th and 21st Philip is due to be preaching on our Lord as "Good Shepherd" and "Heir of All Things." Then on June 28th Lloyd is due to re-start our series on the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3 by looking at Thyatira.

Spiritual Notes

Are we sitting (too) Comfortably?

Our present situation of being unable to meet “in the flesh” has been likened to that of the nation of Israel when they were in captivity in Babylon. They had been taken away from the place where they should have been; that of the land of Canaan and the city of Jerusalem in particular. They were called to glorify God in the special place he had for them, but had now been exiled to Babylon on account of their disobedience. We, in a sense, are presently in exile as experience the restrictions placed upon us as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

When we consider the issue of exile we realise that it is a theme that is revealed throughout scripture. The banishment from the Garden of Eden recorded in Genesis 3 is the start of the exilic experience. The happening is recounted as follows: **therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.** (Gen. 3:23-24). Why was Adam exiled from the garden? It was because of sin.

When we come to the Babylonian exile, which the people of God experienced, we see that that was because of sin as well. The nation had been warned time and again by the prophets to amend their ways and obey the lord. Alas that was not forthcoming. Finally, the Lord's judgement fell and they were removed from the land in 586BC and taken into exile.

As we think of our present situation, in the light of what happened to Judah, we should be prompted to consider our ways. We could say that this is not a major exilic experience because we are still able to engage with one another in so many ways through online means and other ways. Nevertheless, are there ways that the Lord is speaking to us through this? Is He calling us to repentance? Have we been too casual about the blessing of being able to be together in church: have we taken the “assembling of ourselves together” for granted? Have we been too indifferent to pursuing the blessings of the Lord's Day in fellowship together.

One danger we have, as we seek to improvise our meeting together through online means, at this time is that of becoming too comfortable. In many ways it is easier to be able to sit in our living rooms and “do church” before a screen. There are so many ways it can play into the thinking of our culture that everything should be for my convenience. We need to fight against such thinking.

However, we should not be despising the blessings of what we have online. It is a beautiful providence of the Lord that we are able to appreciate so many good things through the online facilities, such as the ZOOM site that we have used. Being able to see each other and interact has been a blessing. Being able to hear God's Word and sing has been more than worthwhile in so many ways. And we should be thankful for this.

However, exile is never how it should be. So as we go through this experience. We should not only be thinking about any sins that have led us into this exile, but also about the correct attitude to our situation now and moving forward. For us now we should be desiring to have a full experience of being back in our Jerusalem; namely the local church. We should also be preparing ourselves for the right attitudes for when we are back and able to do church in a full bodily experience again. Will we be treasuring this experience or will we be soon taking it all for granted?

Oh and don't forget that whether it is "the exile" of online church or in "the Jerusalem experience" of being back in church that we are still so blessed. We are in Christ and nothing can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. We are in a church with brothers and sisters who love us and pray for us. We are able to have contact with each other without the fear of government surveillance. Millions of our brothers and sisters do not have these latter experiences.