

Feltham Evangelical Church

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Calendar

w/c 26 th July	w/c 16 th August
Sun 26 th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.	Sun 16 th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
Sun 26 th 11.00.am. - Morning	Sun 16 th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.
Worship	Sun 16 th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship
Sun 26 th 5.00.pm. - Evening Service	Tues 18 th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 28 th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting	Wed 19 th 7.30.pm. - Mission Prayer /
Tues 28 th 7.30.pm. - Elders Meeting	Bible Study
Wed 29 th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible	Thurs 20 th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Study.	Sat 22 nd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting
Thurs 30 th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting	w/c 23 rd August
Sat 1 st 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting	Sun 23 rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
w/c 2 nd August	Sun 23 rd 11.00.am. - Morning
Sun 2 nd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.	Worship.
Sun 2 nd 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.	Sun 23 rd 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship
Sun 2 nd 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship	Tues 25 th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Tues 4 th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting	Tues 25 th 7.30.pm. - Elders Meeting
Wed 5 th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible	Wed 26 th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study	Study
Thurs 6 th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting	Thurs 27 th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Sat 8 th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting	Sat 29 th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting
Sun 9 th August	w/c 30 th August
Sun 9 th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.	Sun 30 th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
Sun 9 th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship.	Sun 30 th 11.00.am. - Morning
Sun 9 th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship	Worship.
Tues 11 th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting	Sun 30 th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship
Tues 11 th 7.30.pm. - Elders Meeting	Tues 1 st (Sept) 9.30.am. - Prayer
Wed 12 th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible	Meeting
Study	Wed 2 nd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Thurs 13 th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting	Study
Sat 15 th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting	Thurs 3 rd 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
	Sat 5 th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

News

Comfort Kalu is presently in West Middlesex Hospital on Kew Ward after suffering a stroke. Pray for Comfort, Kelechi and Samson at this difficult time.

Notes

Service Arrangements It has been good to be back in our building again since July 5th. We continue to use the online technology alongside being in the building. Please share with the elders, Philip and Zach, any blessings or problems as we go through this transition period. Pray that we would be kept safe, but above all that we would know the Lord working for His glory.

Attending Services if you are attending services the you should have read this document

<http://www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk/fec/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Coronavirus-document-to-be-circulated.pdf> before you do so.

Vision At the evening service on July 19th Mark set before us a vision for us as a church. This flowed from the messages that we had earlier in July about weakness. His thoughts focussed on evangelism, church planting, a “Mums and Tots” group and seeing people in the church rising up to serve the Lord. Please be praying about this. The great missionary to India William Carey said: “Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.” May that be true of us. So as we look forward let us be praying earnestly to the Lord and planning into His future for us. Please speak to Mark and the elders further about these matters.

Spiritual Notes

Are you a good repenter?

Christians should excel all others as repenters. As believers in our Lord Jesus Christ repentance is part of our DNA. To come to Christ we have to repent. To display that we are in Christ, we have to be regularly repenting. Alas it is not always this way because of a satanic lie that has infiltrated the church. The lie is that if you are in Christ you are now a good person, and you have to prove you are a good person by displaying that you are now righteous in all your ways. Repentance is for immature, failing Christians is sadly and wrongly what people think.

Of course, we realise that we should be pursuing righteousness. Alas, though we are still in the flesh and there are occurrences of sin in our lives. When we discover sin in our lives our response should be, not to cover it up, but to be quick and earnest in our repenting.

David was a believing man who committed sin. The prayer of Psalm 51 is a repenting prayer. We have to be clear that this was not the prayer that brought him to faith. Rather, it was prayer of a believing man who realised he had fallen into sin.

In order to understand what David was working out before the Lord in Psalm 51 we have to go back to 2 Samuel 11 and 12. David had been guilty of foul acts before the Lord. He had committed adultery with Bathsheba and then had her husband, Uriah, murdered by proxy. It was sin of the most serious and overt kind.

Through the ministry of Nathan (see 2 Sam. 12:1-12), the Word of the Lord was brought to David and He was convicted of His sin. With such an awareness of sin in his heart he uttered the words of Psalm 51.

As we come to the psalm we see David in v1 acknowledging the God who is of steadfast love and mercy. With these characteristics of the LORD before Him He is aware that there is a way back from his sin. In v2 he is focussing on his need. He needs his sin cleansed away. Whereupon he ventures upon the process through which his sin can be removed. He realises his sin is before God (see vv3-4). Then, in vv5-6 he goes deeper, he goes into the reality of sin being in the deepest parts of his being. In v7 David sees the value of the sacrificially shed blood on the hyssop, a plant used as a kind of brush, as the means for him to get back into fellowship with the Lord. In vv8-12 he moves into experiencing that renewed fellowship with the Lord which comes from cleansing and forgiveness. In vv13-17 he is looking forward to a life lived for the Lord's glory. And finally in vv18-19 he is looking forward to all the Lord's people enjoying the Lord's goodness together.

As with David so with us. When the Word has come to convict us of our sin we should be those who are working out the Psalm 51 process. This is the sinning believer's way of returning to the Lord. If you are shown your sin and you refuse to go through this process then most likely you have never been brought into the Lord's favour through faith in Christ. If you are happy to continue in your sin or live with your sin, you may well still be an unbeliever.

Many of us live a life of unconfessed sin. We may not have sinned in such a

gross way as David did in 2 Samuel 11, but we have sin and we just live with it. That being so we will know nothing of the voyage into life which takes place in Psalm 51. This is very sobering because if we are not a repenting people then can we really say that we are the people of God?

The call of 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, concerning the Lord's Supper, necessitates that we should be regularly repenting. The Word there says: **Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgement on himself.** As we come to our weekly partaking of the Lord's Supper we must have examined ourselves and that means where necessary we repent so that we know afresh the Lord's grace in the Supper.

One key aspect of this examining is to make sure that all our relationships with others in the body, our local church, are in good order. If we know that others have something against us we implement Matthew 5:23-26 and if we have something against someone we implement Matthew 18:15-17. Each of these involves repentance if and when sin is established to exist.

So how is your repenting? How are we getting on with our repenting as a church at Feltham Evangelical Church?