

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

**A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith**

## **Newsletter: January 2021**

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# Calendar

w/c 27th December

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

Sun 27th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 27th 5.00.pm. - Evening Service (Philip Venables)

Tues 29th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 30th 7.30.pm. - Prayer and The Word

Thurs 31st 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Sat 2nd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 3rd January (Week of Prayer)

Sun 3rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Josh Venables)

Sun 3rd 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 3rd 5.00.pm. - Evening Service (Philip Venables)

Mon 4th 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 5th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 6th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Josh Venables)

Thurs 7th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

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Fri 8th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 8th 10.00 am. - Evangelism.

Fri 8th 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 9th 9.00.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 9th 11.00.am. - For Those Who Mourn

Sat 9th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 10th January

Sun 10th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 10th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 10th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Simon Doyle)

Tues 12th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 13th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Andrew Heron)

Thurs 14th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Thurs 14th 7.30 pm. - Church Members Meeting.

Fri 15th 10.00 am. - Evangelism.

Sat 16th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 17th January

Sun 17th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Allan Nava)

Sun 17th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 17th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Nehemiah)

Tues 19th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 19th 7.00.pm. - Leadership Meeting.

Wed 20th 7.30.pm. - Missionary Prayer / Bible Study (Acts 3:14-25)

Thurs 21st 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 22nd 10.00.am. - Evangelism.

Sat 23rd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 24th January

Sun 24th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Neil Harcourt)

Sun 24th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 24th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Philip Venables)

Tues 26th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 27th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Andrew Heron)

Thurs 28th 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 29th 10.00 am. - Evangelism.

Sat 30th 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 31st January

Sun 31st 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Dmitri Flichev)

Sun 31st 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Sun 31st 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Andrew Heron)

Tues 2nd (Feb) 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 3rd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Alan Dodd)

Thurs 4th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 5th 10.00. am. - Evangelism.

Sat 6th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

## News

***Uju and Chidinma Daniel*** have been blessed by the Lord with a new home in Feltham. Also Uju commenced a new role, biomedical scientist (bank staff), at St Peters Hospital on December 14th. We rejoice with those who rejoice.

## Notes

***Week of Prayer*** This is due to be during the week commencing on January 3rd:

- As we move into the new year this gives us an opportunity to pour out our hearts in prayer to God, desiring that He might glorify Himself among us. See calendar for the details of when the prayer meetings are due to take place.
- We want to use this week to commit all the people and all the activities of the church to the Lord for 2021. We want to be bound together in the Lord, knowing His direction and future for the church.

***Church Members Meeting*** A meeting is arranged for church members on January 14th at 7.30.pm. Pray that we might have a good time of fellowship as we consider the life of the church together.

***For Those Who Mourn*** In 2020 many have not been able to attend funeral services of family members and friends who have passed away. At 11.00.am. on January 9th we plan to hold a service for those in the Feltham area who have lost loved ones in 2020 so as they can have some formal context in which they can remember those who have died.

***Use of Building*** The fact that we are now in an area subject to the Tier 4 restrictions has implications for our meeting together. Accordingly, we will neither be serving refreshments after services nor meeting together in the building for our Wednesday evening prayer / bible study times..

***Online Access*** We plan to continue to make use of Zoom and Facebook Live for the relaying of our services moving forward. The permanent links are:

For Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986370463?pwd=MjdwdHZwZTB6L29VV1VFUjBjVWkRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 8637 0463 Passcode: 248199

For Facebook Live <https://www.facebook.com/felthamevangelicalchurch/live/>

***FEC Renewed Day-by Day*** As we move to the end of 2020 the present reading scheme for The Feltham Journey is due to come to an end. For 2021 we intend to embark a year-long reading scheme through some daily Bible Studies linked to the writings of A.W. Tozer. Contact Mark for further information. The relevant book for the studies is available here: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Renewed-Day-W-Tozer/dp/0875092926#ace-7>

# Spiritual Notes

## The Word and The Light

December 2020 finds us surrounded by much uncertainty. The last nine months have been dominated by the impact of Covid-19 and life has been full of fear, uncertainty and restrictions. And then there is Brexit which after all the debates of the previous years is due to take full effect on January 1st. The Christmas season, though, is a time when we can be reminded, as Christians, that we have a sure and certain foundation to our lives. We can have this because there are some significant reasons why Jesus Christ came into the world.

*To Save.* The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15a) is what Paul says. Also we call to mind that His name Jesus means salvation (see Matt. 1:21). Our sins have separated us from our God and are our big problem. He saves us from our sins: Praise Him!

*To Give Hope.* In a world where we see so much uncertainty, we are those who know we have a future which is guaranteed to be good. It will be good because He is our hope. In 1 Timothy 1:1b Paul speaks of Christ Jesus our hope. We don't look forward optimistically because we believe better times are ahead. We look forward optimistically because Jesus Christ is ahead. Both now and forever; He is ahead. We have this hope because He came and through His cross and resurrection. We read through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery (Heb. 2:14b-15). Fear has gone; hope is ahead because of Jesus our Lord.

*To Give Eternal Life.* He came to bring eternal life to all who believe in Him. We possess that life right now. We are no longer possessors of wrath, but possessors of life. John writes: Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him (John 3:36). Oh glory be to our Lord God. This is surely good news.

To Make a people for Himself. God's love is so profoundly good that God, in their three persons, wanted to share their love with others. The plan of salvation is a people making project. Jesus came to form a people for His own good pleasure (see Titus 2:14). We are the reason He came.

To Obtain a Bride. Christ came that He might have the joy of being bridegroom to a bride. We are the bride of Christ. We are a part of that special bride that our heavenly husband, loves, nourishes and cherishes. That bride He once washed, at the cross, through the washing of water by the Word (see Eph. 5:25-33).

To Fulfil the Plan of God. The whole universe held its breath as to whether the determined plan of God to bring salvation through the seed of the woman (see Gen. 3:16) would be worked out. The whole universe breathed a sigh of relief in the coming, dying, rising and glorifying of Jesus. Salvation has come the Saviour is risen. All is well.

To Bring Glory to God. His highest objective was to honour His Father. He glorifies the Father in all that He did. As He faced the cross with all of its peril His one focus was the glory of God. He could conclude with these words as He wrestled about the events of His cross. "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.<sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name." (John 12:27-28a)

Oh rejoice this Christmas and by faith come alive. Come in to the good news. Come in to the glorious salvation of sins forgiven and a guaranteed home in heaven. This is so good. So don't let Covid-19 or Brexit keep you from a very Happy Christ-filled Christmas.