

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

## **Newsletter: February 2021**

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## Calendar

### **w/c 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Dmitri Flichev)

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 5.00.pm. - Evening Service  
(Andrew Heron)

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

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

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am. - Evangelism.

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.  
(Josh Venables)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 5.00.pm. - Evening Service  
(Chungman Shon)

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (Acts 3:14-25)

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. - Evangelism.

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer and  
Praise (Philip Venables)

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Lord's Supper

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship  
(Esther)

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Missionary  
Prayer / Bible Study (Acts 4:1-22)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. - Evangelism.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.  
(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship  
(Philip Venables)

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer /  
Report / Bible Study (Gerald Yuen)

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. - Evangelism.

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer and Praise  
(Philip Venables)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship (Ravin Pradham)

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 5.00.pm. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> (March) 9.30.am. - Prayer  
Meeting.

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study. (Acts 4:23-37)

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. - Evangelism.

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

## Notes

**Moving Forward** We live in uncertain times, but we seek to be moving forward as a church. Through our considerations over the last two months we are now setting ourselves to move forward with two particular aspects of ministry. These are the setting up of a Parents and Toddlers work and church planting on the Butts Farm Estate. The co-ordinators of these two ministries are Amy for the Parents and Toddlers and Mark for the Butts Farm. If you have any enquiries about either of these two ministries then please speak to Amy and Mark

**Service Arrangements** From this month we have a re-arrangement to our services. On the second Sunday of the month we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper at the 11.00. service and on the fourth Sunday of the month we plan to celebrate at Lord's Supper at the 5.00. service. On those two Sundays, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, we plan to have a "Prayer and Praise" service at 9.30.am.

**For Those Who Mourn** On the church website there is a "For Those Who Mourn" page. We trust this might be a place where people in the community who have lost loved ones can connect with us and find support.

**Evangelism** On Friday mornings at 10.00.am. we meet at the church building to seek to go out to spread the good news about Jesus Christ our Lord. We are going out to seeking to contact people in their homes either through leaflets or conversation.

**Use of Building** The current national lockdown restrictions allow us to open our building for communal worship. However, we are subject to various restrictions in our coming together. This document gives details for how we operate our present use of the building:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VH0mT9lQkoy\\_LP488Vu9vaNPBF34rqnq/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VH0mT9lQkoy_LP488Vu9vaNPBF34rqnq/view)

All who come for the services in the building must see this document before they attend.

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

- For Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986370463?pwd=MjdwdHZwZTB6L29VV1VFUVBVWkRBZz09>  
Meeting ID: 889 8637 0463 Passcode: 248199
- For Facebook Live  
<https://www.facebook.com/felthamevangelicalchurch/live/>

# Spiritual Notes

## Are There Any Epaphrases Out There?

Oh to have more Epaphrases in our families, churches and communities. To have people of this kind around always enhances everything in our lives. We read this of Epaphras in Colossians 4:12-13 **Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis.**

There are two key connections that Epaphras has. He is physically connected to the church in Colossae, on account of him being an inhabitant of that place. Spiritually, he is a slave of Christ Jesus. Here is a man who does not consider his life to be for himself, but wholly and only to be for Jesus Christ. The town of Colossae was privileged to have Epaphras as one of its citizens. Feltham, likewise, needs more people like this among its inhabitants.

He is also determined that his own people in the church back in Colossae know that he is interested in them. His greeting is far from being merely formal; it is backed by him being in prayer for them.

Let us first look at the manner in which he prays. This prayer is not mere utterance of words it is an active engagement with the Lord concerning the welfare of the church at Colossae; he is praying on their behalf. There are real people with real situations producing energy and focus to his prayers.

Further, He is praying continually. He is relentless in pressing into His God concerning the welfare of these people. His heart is so bound up with them, and with His Lord, that ongoing prayer is the natural outcome. Here is a man who knows his God and the needs of his fellow church members at Colossae. And as he knows both prayer emerges naturally in his life. Moreover, He is desperate that nothing will stop the blessing of God flowing into the lives of his people. Every one of those prayers is full of struggle. Here is a man who is passionate in prayer. He just longs for his people in the Colossian church to be for the Lord.

This bring us to the specifics of his prayer. Everything he wants for them is governed by the will of God. He wants them to be maturing in their Christian walk. He does not want his church family in Colossae to be static in their spiritual journey; he wants them to be becoming more and more Christ-like. He

does not want them to be doubting who they are either. He wants them to be fully-assured about their call into Christ and their call to be living and serving in the will of God.

Satan hates it when such people are emerging in the church. Hence Epaphras has to labour. Spiritual opposition in the heavenlies is met with wrestling prayer on earth. This is so that we might see God's will being worked out. Oh for more prayer warriors of this ilk who will spend their energies for the prospering of the people of God. One can image Epaphras praying around the church in Colossae and individually crying out to the Lord for the spiritual progress among the saints.

Finally, Paul makes the declaration that Epaphras was a hard worker for them. At this point it is good to make the observation that those who pray hard generally work hard. We have this perception that those who pray are not those who work, but that is not true to either scripture or experience. Accordingly, this leads us to make three observations. Prayer is work. We think of praying and working as being distinct, but praying is working. It is energetically moving your soul into God's presence so as to engage in the outworking of God's purposes in people's lives. And secondly prayer leads into work. The people who pray are the people who are alive for God and will put themselves out in serving God. Thirdly, the praying person is an effective worker because they are praying out of the presence of God. Their work emerges from the presence of God and is done in the energy of God and in the will of God.

And as we conclude we note that he was not a man who had a vision just for his own church. He was also putting himself out for Laodicea and Hierapolis. He had a vision wider than his own church. Is that true of us here in Feltham.

How many Epaphras-like people are there at Feltham Evangelical Church?