

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

Calendar

Newsletter: June 2021

w/c 30th May

Sun 30th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Neil Harcourt)
 Sun 30th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Andrew Heron)
 Sun 30th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Philip Venables)
 Tues 1st 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
 Wed 2nd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Acts 9:1-19a)
 Thurs 3rd 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
 Fri 4th 10.30 am. - Evangelism.
 Sat 5th 10.30 am. - Evangelism.
 Sat 5th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 6th Jun

Sun 6th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Dimitri Filchev)
 Sun 6th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
 Sun 6th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Philip Venables)
 Tues 8th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
 Wed 9th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study/ Report (Roger Lindie)
 Thurs 10th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
 Fri 11th 10.30.am. - Evangelism.
 Sat 12th 10.30 am. - Evangelism.
 Sat 12th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 13th Jun

Sun 13th 9.30.am. - Prayer, Praise and Study (Philip Venables)
 Sun 13th 11.00.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
 Sun 13th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Philip Venables)
 Tues 15th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
 Wed 16th 7.30.pm. - Missionary Prayer / Bible Study (Acts 9:19b-31)

Thurs 17th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 18th 10.30.am. - Evangelism.

Sat 19th 10.30 am. - Evangelism.

Sat 19th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 20th Jun

Sun 20th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Chungman Shon)
 Sun 20th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Chungman Shon)
 Sun 20th 5.00.pm. - Evening Worship (Chungman Shon)
 Tues 22nd 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
 Wed 23rd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Andrew Heron)
 Thurs 24th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Fri 25th 10.30.am. - Evangelism.

Sat 26th 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast

Sat 26th 10.30 am. - Evangelism.

Sat 26th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 27th Jun

Sun 27th 9.30.am. - Prayer, Praise and Study (Philip Venables)
 Sun 27th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Lloyd Mushambadzi)
 Sun 27th 5.00.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
 Tues 29th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.
 Wed 30th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Acts 10:1-23a)
 Thurs 1st (July) 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting
 Fri 2nd 10.30.am. - Evangelism.
 Sat 3rd 10.30 am. - Evangelism.
 Sat 3rd 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

News

Mark Henderson has taken on the responsibility of being deacon of the church (with responsibility for practical support of those in the church). If you have any practical needs or you know of any in the church then please contact Mark. We, as a church, are also grateful to the Lord for the faithful service Mark exercised as evangelist in the church from September 2017. Pray for Mark as he now serves the church in this deacon capacity.

Yvonne Collins daughter, Charlie, had a stroke in early May. She is now recuperating at Woking Hospital. Pray for her restoration and salvation.

Dmitri Filchev commenced studies with the London Reformed Baptist Seminary in May.

Pat Earle had a further time in West Middlesex Hospital from May 24th to 26th. Pray for her knowing the Lord's encouragement at this time of weakness.

Notes

Men's breakfast We are due to have a breakfast for the men of the church on June 26th.

Evening Services We plan to hold these in the car park over the summer, weather permitting.

Use of the building The document which indicates the basis on which we are using the building at the present time can be found at <http://www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk/fec/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Coronavirus-document-to-be-circulated-Updated-May-2021.pdf>

Online You may be interested in the following links:

- The website of the church www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk
- The church's You Tube Channel www.youtube.com/channel/UCymaXdM1o0VPyhNAKn_ZEPw
- The church's facebook page www.facebook.com/felthamevangelicalchurch
- Philip's personal blog <https://venabling.wordpress.com/>
- Philip's personal You Tube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UCFgevGfPSOeIZ5_uq2PR_Mw

Spiritual Notes Maintaining The Unity

In our newsletter for April we sought to look at how it is God who creates the unity of the church. Last month we looked at how that unity is manifested in a church made up of true Christians who are committed to honouring the Word of God and being obedient thereto.

Many would consider that that is enough for us to be concerned with in respect of church unity. Joining with a church made up of true believers where the Word of God is preached is our contribution to church unity. The argument goes that if we have all committed ourselves as Christians to a Bible Church then that is sufficient. We just have to just attend the services and get involved in serving in the church. Attendance and service is all that church unity encompasses.

However, the Lord in His Word gives indication that so much more is required of us. We need to really commit ourselves to experiencing being bound together in the church. It is this aspect of unity that we want to focus on this month.

Church unity is not just about a group of Christians who have committed to the same church existing together. Rather, it is about those Christians growing together in Christ. This takes effort and commitment. When we read in Hebrews 10:23 **And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works**, we should get the impression that we are to be thinking and talking together about how we can be benefiting each other. This should then be worked out in our life together. We should **Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep** (Rom. 12:15). Again this requires loving discernment about the experiences that our fellow brothers and sisters are going through.

What we have to get sorted in our minds is that God wants us to be experiencing unity in our churches. We read in Psalm 133 that when brothers are dwelling in unity: **there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for evermore.** (Ps 133:3b). But this unity is not achieved in one “big hit”. It is rather experienced in a relentless pursuit of the strengthening of loving relationships in the church. It is about the encouraging, rebuking, appreciating and exhorting of one another in the church. It is experienced in speaking together, serving together and in sharing time together. And so “open homes” and hospitality are vital for a thriving church.

In a church which is pleasing the Lord in its pursuit of unity there is a healthy outward-lookingness among the people. The believers are not taken up with their own concerns, but rather with the concerns of others. Paul says to the Galatians: **Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ** (Gal 6:1-2). Oh how this pleases the Lord when we heed the exhortation of Paul in Romans 14:23 to **So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.**

As we pursue unity among us let us not be ignorant of the devices of the devil. He is symbolized as the thief in John 10:10a who **comes only to steal and kill and destroy**. A church that settles down to just “get on together” and is not pursuing unity based upon growing relationships is a church that is set in a way to decay and death. Satan loves it when a church is not pursuing passionate unity.

Let us then get on and be a church that pursues unity as we talk together and understand each other and love each other. And in all this we will be doing exactly what the Lord desires. We will be keeping what the Lord has made (see Ephesians 4:1-6), we will be maintaining that beautiful unity that we have in Christ and in Him alone.

So the next time you are struggling to love a brother or a sister in the church remember that you must continue pursuing unity because the Lord shed his blood for the church to be one. And in John 17 he prays for this oneness. So let us go on and live out this unity and may the Lord have more and more pleasure in our church.