

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

## **Newsletter: September 2021**

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## Calendar

### **w/c 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 5.00.pm. - Evening Service  
at Mark and Laura's (Dmitri  
Filchev)

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 5<sup>th</sup> September (week of prayer)**

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace  
Tots

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (Acts 10:23b-48)

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 10<sup>h</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00.am. - Prayer Meeting

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### **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables).

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 1.00.pm. - Fellowship  
Lunch

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace  
Tots

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Mission Prayer /  
Bible Study (Acts 11:1-18)

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Thurs 16<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Church  
Members Meeting

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Time to Study  
(Philip Venables)

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Sunday School

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship (Lloyd Mushambadzi).

Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper  
(Philip Venables)

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace  
Tots

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 7.45.pm to 9.15.pm. -  
Marriage Forum (at Mark and  
Laura's)

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer  
/Report / Bible Study (Robin Asgher)

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 8.30.am. - Ladies Breakfast

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

### **w/c 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.  
(Andrew Heron)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Sunday School.

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning  
Worship (Nathanael Evans)

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Evening Worship  
(Richard Buggs)

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace  
Tots

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible  
Study (Acts 11:19-30)

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> (October) 9.00.pm. - Prayer  
Meeting

## Notes

**Church Members' Meeting** On September 16<sup>th</sup> the church members meet for fellowship and to consider issues in the life of the church. Pray for a time of knowing the Lord and His way for the church together.

**Grace Tots** commences on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be praying for and encouraging those involved in this ministry. May there be a great harvest for the Lord's glory through this ministry. Amy is the co-ordinator.

**Evening Service** On August 29<sup>th</sup> is due to be at Mark and Laura's home at 5.00.pm.

**Sunday School** On September 19<sup>th</sup> we commence Sunday School for all aged 4 to 11. this is due to be from 10.20 to 10.50. Mark is the co-ordinator for this ministry.

**Ladies Breakfast** On Sept 25<sup>th</sup> the ladies of the church meet at 8.30.am. for breakfast. The subject to be considered is "Faith: What does it look like to daily live by faith?"

**Week of Prayer** With the autumn term before us, we want to make sure that the Lord is with us. We want everyone connected to the church to know this and also for it to be known in all our activities. Accordingly, we are due to have a week of prayer in the week beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup>. We need the presence of the Lord with us by His Spirit and so we must pray. For details of the prayer meetings please see calendar above. We plan to have a mixture of meetings at the church premises and using zoom.

**Baptism** We are planning to have baptisms on 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you are a true Christian, but not baptized, this gives an opportunity to obey the Lord. If you want to be baptized please speak to Philip.

**Forums** Parenting, marriage and work all provide their joys and challenges. In order to support those living for the Lord in each of these circumstances we plan to have once a month forums. The first is due to be in September 20<sup>th</sup> and is a marriage forum at Mark and Laura's.

## News

**Gabriella Claude, Zech Venables, Samson Kalu and Josh Venables** are all due to start new phases of their education this autumn. Gabby, Zech and Samson are due to be at St Hughs College, Oxford, The Green School for Boys in Isleworth and Strode's College in Egham, respectively. Josh is doing teacher training with Oxfordshire Teacher Training.

**Ruramai Hosanna Grace Mushambadzi** is a precious gift to Lloyd and Luna and to our church. On September 5<sup>th</sup>, as part of the 11.00.am service, we plan to give thanks to the Lord for her.

**Allan Nava and Nadine Collins** are due to be married on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Stoke Gabriel Parish Church. Pray for them as they come together in marriage.

**Andrew Heron** is presently in West Middlesex Hospital recovering from an operation on August 26<sup>th</sup> to reverse the stoma operation of April 2020.

## Spiritual Notes

### *Public Bible Reading*

Paul instructs Timothy to **Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching** (1 Tim. 4:13). These three activities are to be the priorities for Timothy as he undertakes his ministry in Ephesus. They take priority because they are necessary for the church in Ephesus to flourish spiritually. We have a similar need in our churches. We need to have the public reading of scripture exhortation and teaching in order to flourish for the Lord. For most evangelical churches, including ourselves at Feltham Evangelical there is a focus on exhortation and teaching. But what of the public reading of scripture?

So what is the public reading of scripture? It is the reading of scripture in our church services. It is taking a passage of scripture and reading it out-loud before a gathered group of people.

So why is it good to have such a practice?

1. It honours God. In reading His Word we are saying to the Lord that His Word matters to us. It is a good principle to have in our public gatherings all that pleases the Lord. This is of primary importance and in the public reading of scripture we fulfil this.

2. It gives a message The people of the church know we take the Bible seriously. We read it as it is book-by-book, chapter-by-chapter and verse-by-verse. Everyone is made aware that the Bible has a priority in all our affairs.

3. The people start to get familiar with the flow of scripture. They pick up “a little here and a little there”. The exhortation and the teaching develop the fuller understanding. But in reading the scripture the people are being taught.

4. It is truth It is humbling to hear the scriptures audibly read and to know that you are under the pure Word of Truth. In reading the bible we are acknowledging that God has spoken and we want to humbly listen to what He has said.

5. People start to understand the Word. They learn how the Bible fits together. And as people understand they worship better and live better..

6. God Working. From experience one thing that often happens is that the Bible Reading fits in with other aspects of the services. And we think this must be God’s doing and we praise Him.

So we are happy to read scripture publicly. However as we realise the importance of this activity we must emphasise that it needs to be done well so as to honour the Lord.

The scripture should be read so as all can hear. It should be read with clarity so that all can discern the words. People can be encouraged to follow the passage in their own Bibles or on a screen in front of them, whether that be on a device or on a wall-mounted screen. However, scripture seems to give emphasis to the hearing of the Word. So we read in Revelation 1:3 **Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.**

The person reading should be suitably dressed so as to not distract the hearers and to convey the importance of the task. Further, the

scripture in 1 Timothy 4:13 would direct us to conclude that this should be an activity for suitably gifted men as would be exhortation and teaching.

So as a church let us give ourselves to the public reading of scripture and know the pleasure of the Lord and growth of our souls.