

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 26th September

Sun 26th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Andrew Heron)

Sun 26th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids.

Sun 26th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship

(Nathanael Evans)

Sun 26th 5.15.pm. - Evening Worship

(Richard Buggs)

Mon 27th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace

Tots

Tues 28th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 29th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (Acts 11:19-30)

Thurs 30th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 2nd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 3rd October

Sun 3rd 9.30.am. - Time to Study

(Philip Venables)

Sun 3rd 10.20.am. - Grace Kids.

Sun 3rd 11.00.am. - Lord's Supper

(Philip Venables)

Sun 3rd 5.15.pm. - Evening Worship

(Dmitri Filchev)

Mon 4th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace

Tots

Tues 5th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 6th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study

(Acts 12:1-19a)

Thurs 7th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 9th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Sun 10th October

Sun 10th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper

(Philip Venables).

Sun 10th 11.00.am. - Harvest Worship

(Philip Venables)

Sun 10th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch

Mon 11th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace

Tots

Tues 12th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 13th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (Mark Henderson)

Thurs 14th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 16th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 17th October

Sun 17th 9.30.am. - Time to Study

(Philip Venables)

Sun 17th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids

Sun 17th 11.00.am. - Baptism Service

(Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Sun 17th 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip

Venables)

Mon 18th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace

Tots

Mon 18th 7.45.pm to 9.15.pm. -

Parenting Forum (at Lloyd and Luna's)

Tues 19th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 20th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner

Prayer Time/ Bible Study (Acts 12:19b-

13:3)

Thurs 21st 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 23rd 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast

Sat 23rd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 24th October

Sun 24th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Philip Venables)

Sun 24th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids.

Sun 24th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship

(Philip Venables)

Sun 24th 5.15.pm. - Equip (The

Teachings of Hillsong, Bethel and

Elevation)

Tues 26th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 27th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (Acts 13:4-12)

Thurs 28th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 30th 2.00.pm. to 4.00.pm. Ladies

Event – Crafts and Cakes at Mark and

Lauras

Sat 30th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 31st October

Sun 31st 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Andrew Heron)

Sun 31st 10.20.am. - Grace Kids.

Sun 31st 11.00.am. - Morning Worship

(Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Sun 31st 5.00.pm. to 6.45.pm. - Time

For Light

Mon 1st (Nov) 9.45.am to 11.15.am -

Grace Tots

Tues 2nd 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 3rd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study

(Zach Mollallegn)

Thurs 4th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 5th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Notes

Harvest is on 10th October.

- If you would like to bring some produce to be displayed in church for harvest then please make sure it is at the church by 8.30.a.m. on 9th October. The collected provisions will be distributed to those in need in the local area.
- The collection / offering on October 10th will be distributed among those in need in our fellowship.
- There is due to be a bring-and-share fellowship lunch after the morning service on October 10th.

Time To Study on a Sunday morning is now concentrating on Future Events: Looking for the Saviour and not the signs.

Men's Breakfast is due to take place on the morning of 23rd October.

Ladies Event On 30th October at 2.00.pm. to 4.00.pm. there is a Crafts and Cakes event at Mark and Laura's.

Time For Light is an evening open for youngsters in our community on October 31st. It is due to take place between 5.00.pm and 6.45.pm on that evening. It is for children aged arranged for youngsters aged 4 to 13 years.

Parenting Forum is due to take place on October 18th between 7.45.pm and 9.15.pm at Lloyd and Luna's.

Equip This month we plan to re-start our Equip evenings. These are designed to equip us in our Biblical understanding and for service. On October 24th at 5.15.pm. we are due to look at the teachings of the Hillsong, Bethel and Elevation movements.

Clocks Change On 31st October the clocks go back one hour. This means you need to change them so you can be in church on time.

News

May Lin Venables is due to be away in Switzerland until late October. She is caring for her sister, who has had a stem cell transplant, and her family.

Peter Comley, Vessy Pancheva, Kay Stone, Ginka Bernard and Gabby Claude are all now members of the church. We trust that the Lord will

grow them and use them in our our fellowship .

Andrew Heron is preaching at Ealing Road Baptist Church, Brentford on the morning of October 10th.

Jon Thorp, Michael Dovale and Monit Joshi are due to be baptised at the 11.00 service on 17th October.

Spiritual Notes

Bad News Is On Its Way

Psalm 112:7 is surely a major verse of scripture for us to ponder upon. It reads: **He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.** Now let that sink in!

Here is a man who is not afraid of bad news; no matter how bad the bad news is! Perhaps you are reading this right now and you are afraid of bad news. You are fearing the possibility of many things happening which will affect you. So, you ask in the light of that personal reality: how can there be anyone who is not fearing bad news? Well Psalm 112:7 tells us that there is such a person. To which we should respond: "I want to be like that".

Let us be clear that this verse is not saying that you can be a person who stops experiencing bad news. This is not about achieving some escapist delusion that there is no bad news around. That is nonsense. People die, we get sick, people let us down, wars break-out, floods come. The list of actual and potential bad news is endless. Rather Psalm 112:7 is about a person who has the right attitude to bad news. So what kind of person is this?

In Psalm 112:1b we read that he is a **man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!** Here is a man who puts God first in all his ways. He has a deep respect for the Lord and a deep delight in doing what the Lord says. Here is a man who is for God. We can only have a wholesome outlook on life if we fear and obey the Lord. All therapies, philosophies and religions fail to achieve this.

Further, we read in v5 that **It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.** Here is a man whose attitude towards God leads to a life which helps others. He is generous and happily tends to help others out. We read also of this in v9a: **He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor.** Moreover, he is a man of principle who orders his activities in a just way. He does not exploit or manipulate. He is quite simply an honourable man who brings blessings to others.

But how does someone come to have such a God-honouring and loving character? It is because He is one who trusts in the Lord. There is no other way! He is one who continues to have faith in God through all the ups and downs of life. And so we read in vv6-7:**For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered for ever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.**

Faith in the Lord, leads to a wholesome character which gives us stability in life. Remember Matthew 7:24-25 says that it is the man who hears and does the Word who is wise and has a life built upon the rock. And it is such a one who will not fear bad news. Why won't he fear good news:

1. God is in control. He knows that God is working all for good for His people (see Rom. 8:28). So he does not fear even the worst of bad news.
2. God is able. He knows that it is God who takes care of him and gives the necessary help to endure through hard times. As we read in Isaiah 43:2: **When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**
3. God is good. Paul learnt to glory in the bad news of life because he knew that through that he can learn that God's strength is made perfect in weakness (see 2 Cor. 12:9-10).

So how is your faith in the Lord today? Is it vibrantly alive? If it is we can be among those who are not afraid of bad news.

Finally, we must stress that this experience is not just for some supposed super-spiritual Christians, who have reached a special status with God. No! this is to be the normal Christian experience. Twice in our psalm we are told that **his righteousness endures for ever** (v3b and v9b). From the span of scripture we understand that all true Christians have a righteousness standing before God which is forever. This has been established through the finished salvation work of our Lord Jesus on the cross.

The problem we have is that we do not live in the full benefit of what Christ has achieved for us. We fail to keep having faith. We need to remember that we are eternally righteous. Given that that is the case we must live with an active trust in the Lord. And then we won't be afraid of bad news.