

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 31st October

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

(Andrew Heron)

Sun 31st 10.20.am. - Grace Kids.

Laura and Sonia)

Sun 31st 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

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

Time For Light

Mon 1st 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 6th 2.00.pm. to 4.00.pm. - Ladies

Event; Crafts and Cakes at Mark and

Lauras

Sat 6th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 7th November

Sun 7th 9.30.am. - Time to Study

(Philip Venables)

Sun 7th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids.

(Philip and Brenda)

Sun 7th 11.00.am. - Lord's Supper

(Philip Venables)

Sun 7th 5.15.pm. - Evening Worship

(Dmitri Filchev)

Mon 8th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace

Tots

Tues 9th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 10th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible

Study (Neil Harcourt)

Thurs 11th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 13th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Sun 14th November

Sun 14th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper

(Philip Venables).

Sun 14th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 14th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch

Mon 15th 9.45.am to 11.15.am -

Grace Tots

Mon 15th 7.45.pm to 9.15.pm. -

Work Forum (at Philip and May Lin's)

Tues 16th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 17th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner

Prayer Time / Bible Study (Jimmy

Aitkenhead)

Thurs 18th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 20th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 20th 4.30.pm. - "It's all in the

mind - making sense of our mental

health"

w/c 21st November

Sun 21st 9.30.am. - Time to Study

(Philip Venables)

Sun 21st 10.20.am. - Grace Kids

(Luna and May Lin)

Sun 21st 11.00.am. - Morning Service

(Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Sun 21st 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper

(Philip Venables)

Mon 22nd 9.45.am to 11.15.am -

Grace Tots

Tues 23rd 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 24th 7.30.pm. -Prayer / Bible

Study (Acts 13:13-41)

Thurs 25th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 27th 8.30.am. - Ladies Breakfast

Sat 23rd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 28th November

Sun 28th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.

(Andrew Heron)

Sun 28th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Amy

and Rachel)

Sun 28th 11.00.am. - Morning

Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 28th 5.15.pm. - Equip (Healing)

Mon 29th 9.45.am to 11.15.am -

Grace Tots

Tues 30th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Wed 1st (Dec) 7.30.pm. - Prayer /

Bible Study (Acts 13:42-52)

Thurs 2nd 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 4th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

News

Philip Venables is due to be preaching, via zoom, in a Pastors' conference based in Machillipatnam, India on November 29th and 30th. His messages are on "God is Love" and "God is Just".

Andrew Heron is due to be preaching at Ealing Road Baptist Church, Brentford on the morning of November 21st.

Lloyd and Luna Mushambadzi are expecting a further child on February 1st. Pray for a safe delivery and for the Lord to watch over them during this time of Luna being "with child"

Michael Dovale moved to Spain on October 25th. We commend him to the Lord's grace and trust, in his new circumstances, he will be used mightily by the Lord.

Notes

Ladies Breakfast is due to take place on the morning of 27th November at 8.30.am. The subject for the study is "Perseverance: How do I keep going to the end?"

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.

Ladies Event On 6th November between 2.00.pm. to 4.00.pm. The rearranged Crafts and Cakes event is due to take place at Mark and Laura's.

Fellowship Lunch is due to take place on 14th November on a bring-and-share basis.

Evangelism continues to be organised on an ad hoc basis. Watch out for messages being sent out about arrangements.

Use of Building The continued presence of covid-19 in our nation means we must remain vigilant in seeking to make sure that we don't become a source of spreading the virus through meeting together. This document indicates our present arrangements <http://www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk/fec/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Coronavirus-document-to-be-circulated-Updated-Sept-2021.pdf>

Mental health is a big issue in society and in the church. We are planning to hold an event on 20th November to interact with this issue. Our own pastor, Philip, is due to lead the teaching sessions

- Subject: "It's all in the mind - making sense of our mental health"
- Timings:
 - 4.30 to 5.45. Teaching and testimony
 - 5.45 to 6.30 Food.
 - 6.30 to 7.45 Teaching and testimony and Q and A

This is intended for our church, other churches and others in our community.

Work Forum is due to take place on November 15th between 7.45.pm and 9.15.pm at Philip and May Lin's.

Equip This month on November 28th we plan to consider together the issue of healing. Last month we looked at the teachings of the Hillsong, Bethel and Elevation movements. You can re-listen here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guNtd_dai3M&t=2027s

Spiritual Notes Cessationism and the Spirit

We, at Feltham Evangelical Church, are a cessationist church. This means that we believe that certain sign gifts such as the miracles of healing, prophecy and speaking in tongues passed away after the apostolic era and with the completion of scripture. In the light of us holding, as a church, to this position there are two pertinent things that need to be asserted.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Some people would assert that if you take a cessationist position you are essentially quenching the work of the Holy Spirit or even denying the work of the Spirit in this age. Such a conclusion must be rejected fully. We believe in the Holy Spirit. We believe in the vital work of the Holy Spirit today. Without the Spirit we are a dead and lifeless (and hopeless) church full of dead and lifeless people who may claim they are Christians, but are none of the sort. To be a Christian is to have the Spirit. So Paul says to the Romans 8:9b that **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

Given the necessity of having the Spirit with us in our church and lives what might we discern to be the primary ministries of the Spirit today:

- To reform our characters into the image of Christ. In the context of the working of the Spirit Paul says **For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son** (Rom. 8:29a). This is primarily achieved through the Spirit working out His fruit in our lives. We read in Galatians 5:22-23a **But the fruit of the Spirit is love,**

joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...

- To convince and convict. In John 16:9 John writes: **when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement.** The working of the Spirit is to lead us to being aware of our need of Christ.
- Lead us into truth. **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come** (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit working in a church means that church is devoted to learning and loving the truth found in the Bible.
- Lead us to the knowledge of Christ. The Holy Spirit is in many ways the shy member of the trinity. He does not want to attract attention to Himself. He wants to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence the observation that where you find a church in which there is more talk about the Spirit than Christ, you very likely have found a church which is off-track.

We believe in Spiritual Gifts.

If you are in a church that does not believe in spiritual gifts then it is a church that is in error. Either it needs to correct this omission or you must leave. In Ephesians 4:7-8 we read: **But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."**

In this age, God is accomplishing His work through the spiritual gifts that have been given to the church. These are both people with certain giftings such as evangelists and pastor teachers (see Eph. 4:11). But is also the giftings given to believers to fulfil His works in this age. Yes we believe that certain gifts passed away at the beginning of the church age after they had served their purpose in the establishing of the church. But we also believe in the ongoing provision of spiritual gifts.

This raises the question of what is my spiritual gift? As a general principle there are four things to consider in this matter:

- Have you prayed to the Lord about it?
- What are you interested in?
- What do other mature believers say about your gifting?
- What things in the church and life are you enjoying getting involved in for the Lord?

Feltham Evangelical Church, whilst being a cessationist church, is committed to being a Holy Spirit church. We long for the Holy Spirit to be truly known in our midst.