

Feltham Evangelical Church

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Calendar

w/c w/c 29th May

Sun 29th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Ali Takheri)

Sun 29th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Olgutha)

Sun 29th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)

Tues 31st 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Wed 1st 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Thurs 2nd 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Fri 3rd 9.15.am.- Prayer Meeting

Fri 3rd 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe

Sat 4th 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 5th June

Sun 5th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Chungman Shon)

Sun 5th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Laura and Sonia)

Sun 5th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Chungman Shon)

Sun 5th 5.15.pm. - Evening Service (Chungman Shon)

Mon 6th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots

Tues 7th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting. (zoom)

Wed 8th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Zach Mollallegn)

Thurs 9th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Fri 10th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 10th 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe

Sat 11th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 12th June

Sun 12th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)

Sun 12th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Nathanael Evans)

Sun 12th 1.00.pm - Fellowship Lunch

Mon 13th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots

Tues 14th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Wed 15th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partners Prayer / Bible Study (Istvan Salanki)

Thurs 16th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Fri 17th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 17th 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe

Sat 18th 8.00.am. - Ladies Breakfast

Sat 18th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 19th June

Sun 19th 9.30.am. - Prayer and Praise (Andrew Heron)

Sun 19th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Andrew and Uju)

Sun 19th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Lloyd Mushambadzi)

Sun 19th 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Zach Mollallegn)

Mon 20th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots

Tues 21st 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Tues 21st 7.00.pm. to 9.00.pm - Members Evening

Wed 22nd 12.30.pm. Pat Earle's Funeral

Wed 22nd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Acts 20:1-16)

Thurs 23rd 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Fri 24th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 24th 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe

Sat 25th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 26th June

Sun 26th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.(Philip Venables)

Sun 26th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Philip and Brenda)

Sun 26th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 26th 5.15.pm. - Evening Worship (Sukumar Bandrapalli)

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

Tues 28th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Wed 29th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Acts 20:)

Thurs 30th 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Fri 1st (Jul) 9.15.am.- Prayer Meeting

Fri 1st 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe

Sat 2nd 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

News

Kay Stone has now been recognised as a Womens' Worker with the church. Her particular responsibility is for evangelism and discipleship among the women.

Pat Earle went home to be with her Lord on May 21st. She was loved by God, whom she loved and served faithfully in our church over many years. Her funeral is due to be on June 22nd at 12.30.pm at the church building.

Yadollah (Cyrus) Khorshidi, Mehdi Borjalizadeh, Behrang Ghilamin, Samira Momen, Rahmat Mahmodnejad, Ehsan Palizban, Heydi Farabi, Jamal Razavi, Maryam Karamu Boldaji, Ali Razmi, Mohammed (Mahan) Golizadeh, Mohammed (Michael) Shaltooki are due to be baptized at the 11.00.am. service on May 29th.

Jon and Penny Thorp are now grandparents. Josie gave birth to Rory on May 19th.

Andrew Heron is due to be preaching at Berrymede Evangelical Church on the morning of May 29th.

Anna Neville is now a member of the church.

Brenda Heron had her knee replacement operation at The Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore on May 10th. She is now recovering well.

Philip Venables is due to have a three week "sabbatical" from 30th May.

Vasile and Olgutha Ghimici's daughter Alice is due to marry Philip Crumpler on June 10th.

Notes

The Way Cafe is open for all, from the church and from the community, to drop by to spend time together on a Friday morning between 10.00.am. and midday .

Baptisms At 11.00.am service on May 29th we plan to have baptisms (see news above). Also we plan to have further baptisms on July 17th. If you would like to be baptized please contact Philip.

Fellowship Meal is on June 12th after the morning service. It is on a bring-and-share basis

Ladies Events:

- On June 4th the ladies of the church are having a walk and picnic together at Bushy Park between 10.00.am and 2.00.pm.
- On June 18th there is a breakfast at the church building 8.00.am. The message will be about “Our Gifts.

Spiritual Notes Self- Indulgent

We read in 1 Timothy 5:5-6 **She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.** Here we have the contrast between two women, widows in fact; one is God-indulgent and the other is self-indulgent. By that I mean one is focussed on God and the other is focussed upon themselves. These two contrasting individuals, in many ways, represent the whole of humanity. The true Christian is God-focussed whilst those of the world are self-focussed.

When we think of a widow in first century Palestine, we think of one who is very vulnerable; she is left all alone. She has lost the support of her husband and is dependent on others in her family to look after her. They find themselves under pressure. How they respond to that pressure reveals the type of person they are.

The true widow is the godly widow and she is described in v5. She does two things; she hopes in God and prays for others. She fixes her hope upon God. She is not living for this world and its pleasure, but she is living for God. And as she lives for God she has a heart to pray and supplicate God for the needs of others.

This is such an important point which bears not just upon the widow, but on us all. It is that the God focussed are the same ones who have their hearts and minds open to other people. The people who delight in God are those who long for the welfare of others. Such people show that interest in others by praying for them.

This is all in contrast to the widow who does not have this perspective; she is self -focussed. Her interests are directed towards herself and her own survival. She is caught up in her own little world. Such a woman is said to be dead while she lives. This telling phrase indicates that whilst she may have physical life, she does not have spiritual life. She is cut off from the life of God. She shows this by the fact that her thoughts are on herself and not on God.

What is more, such a woman does not have an interest in the affairs of others. She fails to fulfil the call of Philippians 2:3 **Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.** How can you discern who these people are? And if it is you; how do you know? These are the

ones who do not pick up what is happening in the lives of others. Other people's families or affairs are not on their radar. They miss the most basic of information about others and what is happening in their lives. They are the self-focussed and not God-focussed. Moreover, when they speak their tendency is to speak about themselves; they do not ask about others.

I want to make the point here that even Christians can exist in the category of being the self-focused living dead. When we stop having fellowship with our God we stop having a heart for others. We become people of "my own little world". The church starts to be for me and I look upon others as nuisances. May none of us be thinking like this in our church.

Oh how sad this is. Let us be being thoughtful about how we conduct ourselves. All widows have their own particular struggles. In fact all of us have struggles of different kinds. But how do we conduct ourselves as we move through our struggles? Are we for God or for ourselves? And don't forget it is in having a heart which longs for the best welfare of others that we show our God focus.