

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

## **Newsletter: July 2023**

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## Calendar

### **w/c 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Laura)  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Equip (Gluttony)  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Chungman Shon)  
Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am.- Prayer Meeting  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00.am. to 2.00.pm. Community Day  
Sat 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### **w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Zach and Yvonne)  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.15.pm. - Together  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting. (zoom)  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (2 Samuel 18)  
Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### **w/c 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 1.00.pm - Fellowship Lunch  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Singing Group  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Lloyd Mushambadzi)  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### **w/c 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Time To Learn (Milkias Mollallegn)  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Amy and Andrew)  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Milkias Mollallegn)  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner Prayer / Bible Study (Istvan Salanki)  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30.am - Evangelism;  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### **w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Laura)  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 5.15.pm. - Equip (The Prosperity Gospel)  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Singing Group  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (1 Kings 21)  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 2.30.pm. Ladies Garden Party and Afternoon Tea.  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### **w/c 30<sup>th</sup> July**

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.(Jon Thorp)  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Zach and Uju)  
Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)  
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> (August) 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study. (2 Kings 11)  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am.- Prayer Meeting  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

## News

Gabriella Claude is no longer a member of the Church having now become a member at Oxford Presbyterian Church.

## Notes

International Day On July 9<sup>th</sup> we intend to have our “Every Tribe, Language, People and Nation” day. This gives us an opportunity to celebrate our racial and cultural diversity. Please feel free to dress in your national costume (or the national costume of someone else in the church). There is also due to be a bring-and-share the fellowship meal as part of the celebration.

Community Day On July 1<sup>st</sup> between 10.00.am and 2.00.pm., we are planning to have special activities at the church premises to which we can invite our local community. Amy and Penny are coordinating this. There is much to do so as to make this event happen. Please see Amy and Penny about how you can help. We need as many helpers as possible

Equip On June 25<sup>th</sup> we plan to look at the subject of gluttony and on July 23<sup>rd</sup> we intend to consider “The Prosperity Gospel”

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Our present building was formally opened on July 6<sup>th</sup> 1963. Accordingly, on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at our 11.00.am service we plan to focus on giving thanks for the Lord for His provision.

Gift Day On July 23<sup>rd</sup> we plan have our offering devoted to providing for the new kitchen project.

Men's Breakfast On July 22<sup>nd</sup> the men of the church have opportunity to share time together over breakfast at 8.00.a.m.

Ladies Summer Evening On July 13<sup>th</sup> the Grace Tots' Mums and helpers are having an evening together.

Ladies Event On July 29<sup>th</sup> there is a Garden Party and Afternoon Tea at 2.30.pm for the ladies of the church at the church building.

## Spiritual Notes

### On That Day!

The passage in Matthew 7:21-23 gives us some of the most sobering words ever uttered. They were spoken by our Saviour, Jesus who said “**Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord’, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who**

**does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'** Let us consider these words.

We initially see that there are people who make the right confession. They confess Jesus as Lord with earnestness; they confess His Lordship in duplicate. But a zealous confession of Christ does not guarantee entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

A transformed life guarantees entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Such a life is a life which is revealed in doing the will of our Lord's Father who is in heaven. Naturally, in the flesh, none of us are set on the will of our God. All of us are set on our own will. But when we believe in Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Saviour, then we are transformed into new people. As new creatures in Christ we have a genuine confession of Jesus as Lord, and live out that confession in a life set on performing the will of God.

Alas there are many who confess Christ, but not with sincerity of heart. Such people prove their insincerity by a life not set on performing the will of God. But it gets worse. There are those who do many mighty acts for God including prophesying, casting out demons and other mighty acts. And they do them in Jesus Name! Furthermore, they are numbered among the ones who have a desire to zealously confess Jesus as Lord. But on the day of judgement when they stand before the Lord Jesus they will hear the declaration from Him, that they are to depart from Him into everlasting punishment because they never knew Him.

This must sober all of us who engage in service for the Lord. Yes we must serve the Lord, but our salvation does not depend on our service for the Lord. In fact we can serve the Lord very effectively it seems from v22, but still be eternally condemned. Judas would be in that category.

But what is the problem? Why is there the rejection? The issue is that of relationship. They are professing Christians, who are effective in service but actually are unbelievers who have no relationship with the Lord. It is relationship that is key. In the gospel the eternal God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit invites us into a relationship with Himself. He invites us to share the living knowledge of the one true God. If we have never entered into such a relationship then we are left utterly bereft of hope concerning the day of Judgement. A right confession and a vast amount of impressive Christian service will not override the set view of the Lord Jesus that we are outside of His grace.

The gospel is a relationship establishing message. Prior to believing in Christ we are cut off from God; we are aliens and strangers from God, enemies in our

minds through wicked works. Sin dominates, condemns and keeps us from God. But in the gospel we are brought near to God. We become children of God we are accepted in the beloved. As those in His family we are a people who do the will of a Father we know and do so because we delight to please Him.

Religion is about speaking acting and doing stuff to get God on your side. And it fails. True Christianity is about delighting to serve the God who is known as Father through the grace given to us in Christ. The true believer enters into this beautiful situation through believing in Christ as Lord and Saviour. Have you done that? If you have it should be shown in your life.