

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 29th November

Sun 29th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Philip Venables)

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

Sun 29th 5.00.pm. - Evening
Service (Book of Ezra)

Tues 1st 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 2nd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (Acts 3:1-13)

Thurs 3rd 6.30.am. - Prayer
Meeting

Fri 4th 10.00 am. - Evangelism

Sat 5th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 6th December

Sun 6th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Andrew Heron)

Sun 6th 11.00.am. - Morning
Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 6th 5.00.pm. - Evening Service.

Tues 8th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 9th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible
Study (David Henderson)

Thurs 10th 6.30.am. - Prayer
Meeting

Fri 11th 10.00 am. - Evangelism

Sat 12th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 13th December

Sun 13th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Dmitri Filchev)

Sun 13th 11.00.am. - Morning
Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 13th 5.00.pm. - Outdoor
Christmas Carol Service (in car
park).

Tues 15th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Tues 15th 7.00.pm. - Leadership
Meeting

Wed 16th 7.30.pm. - Mission
Prayer / Bible Study (David
Henderson)

Thurs 17th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 18th 10.00. am. - Evangelism.

Sat 19th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting

w/c 20th December

Sun 20th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Neil Harcourt)

Sun 20th 11.00.am. - Indoor
Christmas Carol Service. (Philip
Venables)

Sun 20th 5.00.pm. - Online
Christmas Carol Service

Tues 22nd 9.30.am. - Prayer
Meeting.

Wed 23rd 7.30.pm. - Prayer and The
Word

Thurs 24th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 25th 10.30.am.. - Christmas Day
Service.

w/c 27th December

Sun 27th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper.
(Josh Venables)

Sun 27th 11.00.am. - Morning
Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 27th 5.00.pm – Evening Service

Tues 29th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting.

Wed 30th 7.30.pm. - Prayer and The
Word

Thurs 31st 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting

Sat 2nd (Jan) 9.00.pm. - Prayer
Meeting

News

Sonia Dias commenced a new job at DHL on November 13th. Pray for her as she adjusts to night working.

Maggi Filcheva's mother died on November 10th. Pray for Dmitri and Maggi at this time of loss.

John and Rachel de Rienzo moved home to Cornwall on November 10th. Pray for them as they settle in their new situation.

Gabriella Claude is due to be baptized on December 6th. Pray for her on this special occasion.

Notes

Carol Services We plan to have the following Carol services over the Christmas period:

- 13th Dec 5.00.pm. Outdoor Service (in car park)
- 20th Dec 11.00.am. Carol Service (in church building).
- 20th Dec 5.00.pm. Carol Service (online).
- 25th Dec 10.30.am. Christmas Day Service.

Service Arrangements With the ceasing of the government's present lockdown arrangements on 2nd December we plan to back meeting in the church building thereafter. From that date we plan for there to be a mixture of meeting at the building and logging in online to connect in with the services.

Christmas Card These are due to be available from December 4th for sending to friends, family and neighbours.

Evangelism We plan to be going out each Friday morning meeting at the Church Building at 10.00.am. We will either be going into the town centre, distributing leaflets or going door-to-door in our community.

Christmas Flyer We are due to have flyers available from December 4th which will advertise our services

Spiritual Notes

The Reason He Came.

December 2020 finds us surrounded by much uncertainty. The last nine months have been dominated by the impact of Covid-19 and life has been full of fear, uncertainty and restrictions. And then there is Brexit which after all the debates of the previous years is due to take full effect on January 1st. The Christmas season, though, is a time when we can be reminded, as Christians, that we have a sure and certain foundation to our lives. We can have this because there are some significant reasons why Jesus Christ came into the world.

To Save. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15a) is what Paul says. Also we call to mind that His name Jesus means salvation (see Matt. 1:21). Our sins have separated us from our God and are our big problem. He saves us from our sins: Praise Him!

To Give Hope. In a world where we see so much uncertainty, we are those who know we have a future which is guaranteed to be good. It will be good because He is our hope. In 1 Timothy 1:1b Paul's speaks of **Christ Jesus our hope**. We don't look forward optimistically because we believe better times are ahead. We look forward optimistically because Jesus Christ is ahead. Both now and forever; He is ahead. We have this hope because He came and through His cross and resurrection. We read **through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery** (Heb. 2:14b-15). Fear has gone; hope is ahead because of Jesus our Lord.

To Give Eternal Life. He came to bring eternal life to all who believe in Him. We possess that life right now. We are no longer possessors of wrath, but possessors of life. John writes: **Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him** (John 3:36). Oh glory be to our Lord God. This is surely good news.

To Make a people for Himself. God's love is so profoundly good that God, in their three persons, wanted to share their love with others. The plan of salvation is a people making project. Jesus came to form a people for His own good pleasure (see Titus 2:14). We are the reason He came.

To Obtain a Bride. Christ came that He might have the joy of being bridegroom to a bride. We are the bride of Christ. We are a part of that special bride that our heavenly husband, loves, nourishes and cherishes. That bride He once washed, at the cross, through the washing of water by the Word (see Eph. 5:25-33).

To Fulfil the Plan of God. The whole universe held its breath as to whether the determined plan of God to bring salvation through the seed of the woman (see Gen. 3:16) would be worked out. The whole universe breathed a sigh of relief in the coming, dying, rising and glorifying of Jesus. Salvation has come the Saviour is risen. All is well.

To Bring Glory to God. His highest objective was to honour His Father. He glorifies the Father in all that He did. As He faced the cross with all of its peril His one focus was the glory of God. He could conclude with these words as He wrestled about the events of His cross. **“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name.”** (John 12:27-28a)

Oh rejoice this Christmas and by faith come alive. Come in to the good news. Come in to the glorious salvation of sins forgiven and a guaranteed home in heaven. This is so good. So don't let Covid-19 or Brexit keep you from a very Happy Christ-filled Christmas.