

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 29th October

Sun 29th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Jon Thorp)
Sun 29th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids
Sun 29th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 29th 1.00.pm. - Members Lunch
Mon 30th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
Tues 31st 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Tues 31st 5.00.pm to 6.30.pm - Light Party
Wed 1st 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Job 40-41)
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 10.30.am. - Evangelism.
Sat 4th 11.00.am to 2.00.pm. - Ladies Conference
Sat 4th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
w/c 5th November
Sun 5th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 5th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids.
Sun 5th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 5th 5.15.pm. - Together
Mon 6th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
Tues 7th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Tues 7th 7.00.pm to 9.00.pm - Members Evening
Wed 8th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Psalm 17-18)
Thurs 9th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 10th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 10th 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe
Sat 11th 10.30.am. - Evangelism
Sat 11th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Sun 12th November
Sun 12th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)
Sun 12th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 12th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch
Mon 13th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
Mon 13th 6.30.pm. - Singing Group
Tues 14th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Wed 15th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner Prayer Time / Bible Study (Psalm 31)
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
Fri 17th 6.30.pm to 10.30.pm - Prayer Evening
Sat 18th 10.30.am. - Evangelism (THE BIG ONE)
Sat 18th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
w/c 19th November
Sun 19th 9.30.am. - Time to Study (Philip Venables)
Sun 19th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids
Sun 19th 11.00.am. - Morning Service (Jon Cassam)
Sun 19th 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Mon 20th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
Tues 21st 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 22nd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Lloyd Mushambadzi)
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 8.30.am. - Ladies Breakfast (Jude)
Sat 25th 10.30.am. - Evangelism
Sat 25th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
w/c 26th November
Sun 26th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)
Sun 26th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids
Sun 26th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
Sun 26th 5.15.pm. - Equip (Israel)
Mon 27th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
Mon 27th 6.30.pm - Singing Group
Tues 28th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 29th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Psalm 61-63)
Thurs 30th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 1st (Dec) 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 1st 10.00.am. to midday - The Way Cafe
Sat 2nd 10.30.am. - Evangelism
Sat 2nd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Notes

Light Party is an evening open for youngsters in our community on October 31st. It is due to take place between 5.00.pm and 6.30.pm. It is for children aged 4 to 13 years.

Ladies Events

- On 4th November between 11.00.am and 2.00.pm there is a conference when Catherine Haddow is due to speak on “The Heart of Emotions”. Looking at emotions such as anger and anxiety through a biblical lens.
- On 25th November at 8.30.am., there is due to be a breakfast with the plan to continue studying Jude.

Members Events

- On October 29th there is due to be a bring-and-share meal for church members only.
- On November 7th there is due to be a members evening where we plan to discuss how we approach worship.

Evangelism takes place on a regular basis at 10.30.am on each Saturday. However, our bi-monthly special effort is "The BIG ONE". The next one of these is due to be on November 18th at 10.30.am.

Fellowship Lunch is due to take place on 12th November on a bring-and-share basis.

Restarting Activities With the building work nearing completion we are able to plan to re-start certain activities which have been in abeyance since August. Accordingly, Grace Tots (Oct 30th), The Way Cafe (Nov 4th) and Fellowship Lunch (Nov 12th) are the dates set for recommencement.

Prayer Evening With the re-start of some of our regular activities and a great continuing need to know the Lord among us, we are planning an evening of prayer on Friday November 17th between 6.30.pm and 10.30.pm.

Singing Group A ladies singing group takes place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. See Penny for details.

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986370463?pwd=MjdwdHZwZTB6L2gVV1VFUVBVWkRBZz09>
is the zoom link for our online times together.

Equip On November 26th we plan to be looking at Israel. Where does Israel fit into God's plans according to scripture?

Time To Study on November 19th is due to focus on a further metaphor of the church: “The church as the flock of God”

The Christian Institute are holding a meeting an update meeting at Hounslow West Evangelical Church on November 23rd at 7.30.pm.

Spiritual Notes

Taking the Lord's Name in vain.

The command of the Lord to His people, as they stood before Him having been redeemed out of Egypt, was: **"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain"** (Ex. 20:7).

The name signifies the person. And so, if we speak ill of the name of someone, we speak ill of the person who bears that name. In the Bible, this connection is particularly strong. Today, a name can be just a word that we connect to someone so as to identify them. However, in the Scriptures, the name gives a clear indication of the character of the one represented. So God's Name not only identifies who He is, but reveals to us His character.

When we speak of a name being taken in vain, there is the thought that the name is being used lightly. We are speaking or writing of the name in a way that is trivial, mocking, or disrespectful. To do such a thing about our God is a most serious thing.

The power of the Name of our God is shown through the statement in Romans 10:13 **For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."** This is a quote from Joel 2:32. As we call on the Name of God we call into our being all the benefits of who God is. Truly, **The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe** (Prov. 18:10). So handle His Name carefully.

We should not use the name of our God casually. This refers to the many and varied ways that the name of God is represented to us in Scripture, and that includes those of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

On a positive note, when we pray according to the pattern established by our Lord Jesus, we start by praying, "Hallowed be Your Name" (See Matt. 6:9). This could alternatively be expressed as "Reverenced be your Name" or "Honoured be your Name". This expresses a desire for our God to always be well-spoken of.

All around us, the Name of the Lord our God is casually used and very often abused. But for us Christians, it should not be so. The utterance of "oh my God" or "oh my Lord" should not be found on

our lips. Remember the Word of the Lord in Exodus 20:7 says that the Lord does not hold him guiltless who acts in such a way. Saying "OMG", "Jeez" or "Gosh" should not happen either because they are all casual abbreviations which impinge on the honour of His Name.

But we must press this further. Consider how we can effectively take the Name of our Lord in vain when we take the Name of Christ, by calling ourselves Christians, but do not do what He says. To live a life that is casual about sin and still name the name of Christ is to trivialize the Name of Christ.

And what of how we address our Saviour and speak of Him. Most beautifully He is called Jesus and that, most gloriously, means that He is our Saviour. However, Jesus is very much His Name according to the flesh and of this world. We truly honour Him when we call Him the Lord or The Master. These were the common ways in which the twelve disciples addressed Him and spoke of Him in His earthly ministry.

To conclude, let us hear and take heed to this exhortation of Paul to the Colossians: "**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him**" (Col 3:17). When we consider such an injunction from the Holy Spirit to us, it means that all of our lives should reflect a commitment to honour the name of our Lord Jesus.

It would be good to think about and pray to the Lord at the start of each day about honouring the name of the Lord our God.