

# **Feltham Evangelical Church**

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

## **Newsletter: January 2024**

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# Calendar

## **w/c 31<sup>st</sup> December**

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Daniel Toe)

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Daniel Toe)

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 6.00.pm to 9.00.pm. - Open House (Mark and Laura's)

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> 4.30.pm. - Baptism Service

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Psalm 127)

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm - Prayer Meeting on zoom

## **w/c 7<sup>th</sup> January (week of prayer)**

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Uju)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Together

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer Meeting

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Church Members Meeting

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to midday - The Way Cafe

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 8.00.am - Men's Breakfast

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism (THE BIG ONE)

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)

## **w/c 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Time to Study; The Church as A Body

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Zach and Laura)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting. (on zoom)

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Simon Doyle)

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to midday

Meeting (on zoom)  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer  
/ Bible Study (Psalm  
143-145)  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. -  
Prayer Meeting (on zoom)  
Thurs 11 7<sup>th</sup>.30.pm. -  
Prayer Meeting  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer  
Meeting  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to midday  
- The Way Cafe  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer  
Meeting (on zoom)  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00.am. - Prayer  
Meeting  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. -  
Evangelism  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer  
Meeting (on zoom)  
**w/c 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's  
Supper. (Philip Venables)  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. -  
Morning Worship. (Philip  
Venables)  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 1.00.pm. -  
Fellowship Lunch  
Mon 15<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to  
11.15.am - Grace Tots  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer  
Meeting (on zoom)  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. -  
Gospel Partner Prayer /  
Bible Study (Proverbs 3)

- The Way Cafe  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 8.30.am - Ladies  
Breakfast  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. -  
Evangelism  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer  
Meeting (on zoom)  
**w/c 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's  
Supper. (Philip Venables)  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace  
Kids (Andrew and Amy)  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. -  
Morning Worship. (Philip  
Venables)  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 5.00.pm. - Equip  
(Rebuking)  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> 9.45.am to  
11.15.am - Grace Tots  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer  
Meeting. (on zoom)  
Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer /  
Bible Study. (Andrew Heron)  
Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> (Feb) 6.30 am. -  
Prayer Meeting (on zoom)  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer  
Meeting  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00.am to midday -  
The Way Cafe  
Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30.am. -  
Evangelism  
Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00.pm. - Prayer  
Meeting (on zoom)

# Notes

**Week of Prayer** This is due to be during the week commencing on January 7<sup>th</sup>. As we move into the new year this gives us an opportunity to pour out our hearts in prayer to God, desiring that He might glorify Himself among us. See calendar for the details of when the prayer meetings are due to take place. We want to use this week to commit all the people and all the activities of the church to the Lord for 2024. We want to be bound together in the Lord, knowing Him in all the future for the church.

**Baptisms** Samson Kalu and Paulina Dewornu are due to be baptized on January 1<sup>st</sup> at 4.30.pm.

**Church Members Meeting** A meeting is arranged for church members on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.pm. Pray that we might have a good time of fellowship as we consider the life of the church together.

**Breakfasts** are arranged during January: for the men on January 20<sup>th</sup> and for the ladies on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The ladies are due to continue their studies in Jude.

**New Year's Eve** We have "Open House" at Mark and Laura's from 6.00.pm to 9.00.pm.

**Evangelism** takes place on a regular basis at 10.30.am on each Saturday. However, as a special effort we have bi-monthly, what we call "The BIG ONE". The next one is due to be on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.30.am.

**The Feltham Journey** As we enter 2024 we plan to continue into the second year of a plan of reading through the Bible in two years. "The Feltham Journey" gives a great opportunity to get the reading of Scripture into our daily lives. The reading plans are in the entrance hall at church.

**The Way Cafe** is due to recommence on January 12<sup>th</sup> after the Christmas break.

**Grace Tots** is due to recommence on January 8<sup>th</sup> after the Christmas break.

**Thanksgiving For Refugee Ministry** On January 14<sup>th</sup> we plan to take the opportunity to thank the Lord for the ministry he has given us since December 2021 among the refugees from different parts of the world. We also plan to have a bring-and-share fellowship lunch on that day.

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# News

**Neil Harcourt** passed to be with his Lord on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023. His funeral is due to be on January 16<sup>th</sup>. After a cremation at the Hanworth Crematorium at 11.40.am there is due to be, at 12.30.pm, a service to remember Neil and give thanks to the Lord for his life. This will be followed by a light lunch together.

**May Lin Venables** lost the sight in her left eye during December. She is presently being treated as an out-patient at Moorfields Hospital.

**John Aves** passed to be with the Lord on December 22<sup>nd</sup> in West Middlesex Hospital.

**Lloyd, Luna, Ruramai and Isaiah Mushambabzi** moved to a new home in Crawley on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lloyd and Luna have been members with us since September 2018. We trust them into the Lord's future for them.

### **Spiritual Notes** Are We Inter-Faith?

In Matthew 22:34-40 we read: **But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."** Accordingly, we at Feltham Evangelical Church, set ourselves to be lovers of God. We are committed to loving God with all our heart and mind and soul. We are also lovers of all our neighbours. That means we are lovers of those of all faiths and none. We love Muslims, Sikhs, Jews, Hindus, Atheists and all. We want the best for all whatever their backgrounds and beliefs.

However, we can also say that we at Feltham Evangelical Church are haters. We hate Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Atheism and lots of other "...isms" as well. So you ask: How can we love and hate at the same time?

Let's bring these things together. We want the best for all people and the best for all people is to have true faith in the One and only true God. That happens when we have Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour and trust in Him. When we repent of our sins and believe in Jesus Christ then we come into the best position that is possible; then we have eternal life.

Everyone who is not believing that message is set for eternal hell and is living under the condemnation of God. They are set for an eternal hell. The only message that informs people of the way of salvation is the Christian gospel. This is the true faith. All other messages lead people to destruction. So that is why we hate Islam, Hinduism, and Atheism. along with all other messages which present another Christ or another way of life or way to God. All these messages are deluding people.

We have to stress that there is only one way to God. The Lord Jesus said: **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.** (John 14:6). To say that all ways lead to God is to make Jesus a liar. To say to people that all religions are the same, is the most unloving thing to do. It is encouraging them in a way that leads to eternal hell.

Furthermore, Paul says to the Ephesians that **There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call - one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.** (Ephesians 4:4-6). When we are born again by the Holy Spirit we possess all of these "ones". All these are of God. There are not many faiths and Lords and baptisms; only one. And all these "ones" are of God only through Christ.

So are we inter-faith? Certainly not! Paul established the position clearly **Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?** (2 Cor. 6:14-15) So we should make it clear that we do not participate in or recommend any other faith than the true faith. We confess only Jesus as Lord. However, we love all people. We care for all regardless of their faith position. But in our love we long that they would leave all their religions and philosophies and come and find life in Christ Jesus our Lord.