

Feltham Evangelical Church

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

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Calendar

w/c 25th February

Sun 25th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)
 Sun 25th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Andrew and Amy)
 Sun 25th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
 Sun 25th 5.15pm. - Equip (Rebuking cont.d)
 Mon 26th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
 Tues 27th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Wed 28th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Isaiah 39)
 Thurs 29th 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Fri 1st 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
 Fri 1st 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
 Sat 2nd 10.30.am - Evangelism
 Sat 2nd 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 3rd March

Sun 3rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)
 Sun 3rd 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Yvonne)
 Sun 3rd 11.00.am. - Morning Service. (Philip Venables)
 Sun 3rd 5.15.pm. - Together
 Mon 4th 9.45.am. to 11.15am - Grace Tots
 Tues 5th 9.30am - Prayer Meeting. (zoom)
 Wed 6th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Gerald Yuen)
 Thurs 7th 6.30.am. - Prayer

w/c 17th March

Sun 17th 9.30.am. - Time to Study. (The Church as a Field)
 Sun 17th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Laura and Zach)
 Sun 17th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
 Sun 17th 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
 Mon 18th 9.45.am to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
 Tues 19th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Wed 20th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner Prayer / Bible Study (Jer. 14/15)
 Thurs 21st 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Fri 22nd 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
 Fri 22nd 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
 Sat 23rd 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast
 Sat 23rd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 24th March

Sun 24th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Chungman Shon)
 Sun 24th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Andrew and Amy)
 Sun 24th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Chungman Shon)
 Sun 24th 5.15.pm. - Equip (The Trinity)
 Mon 25th 9.45.am. to 11.15.am - Grace Tots
 Tues 26th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Meeting (zoom)
 Fri 8th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
 Fri 8th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
 Fri 8th 6.30.pm to 10.30.pm. - Prayer Evening
 Sat 9th 10.30.am - Evangelism
 Sat 9th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
w/c 10th March
 Sun 10th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)
 Sun 10th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
 Sun 10th 1.00.pm – Fellowship Lunch
 Mon 11th 9.45.am. to 11.15am - Grace Tots
 Tues 12th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Wed 13th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Jeremiah 3)
 Thurs 14th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Fri 15th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
 Fri 15th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
 Sat 16th 8.30.am. - Ladies Breakfast
 Sat 16th 10.30.am - Evangelism
 Sat 16th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Wed 27th 7.30.pm. - Easter Week Meeting (Bernard Lewis)
 Thurs 28th 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Thurs 28th 7.30.pm. - Easter Week Meeting at Cranford Baptist Church (Paul Williams)
 Fri 29th 10.30.am - Good Friday Service
 Fri 29th 7.30.pm. - Easter Week Meeting at Hounslow West Evangelical Church (Simon Doyle)
 Sat 30th 10.30.am - Evangelism (THE BIG ONE)
 Sat 30th 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
w/c 31st March
 Sun 31st 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)
 Sun 31st 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Yvonne)
 Sun 31st 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Philip Venables)
 Tues 2nd (April) 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Wed 3rd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study.(Jeremiah 38-40)
 Thurs 4th 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
 Fri 5th 9.15.am.- Prayer Meeting
 Fri 5th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
 Sat 6th 10.30.am - Evangelism
 Sat 6th 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

News

Paulina Dewornu and Gloria Adriel are now members of the church. We pray to the Lord that He would grow them and use them.

May Lin and Zech Venables are due to be away from March 27th visiting Michael, in Malaysia.

Carmen Quintanilla passed away in Hammersmith Hospital on February 1st. Pray for Douglas, Flora, Annie and Gabriel at this time of loss.

Notes

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Equip Sunday 25th February we intend to continue considering rebuking. And then on 24th March we plan to consider the fact that our God is one God in three persons.

Evangelism Takes place on a regular basis at 10.30.am on each Saturday. However, as a special effort we have big-monthly, what we call "The BIG ONE". The next one is due to be on March 30th, meeting for prayer at 10.30.am. at the church building.

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Spiritual Notes He Was Misunderstood!

The man who lived for God above all others was misunderstood. Even His closest followers did not understand what He was about. Do you feel misunderstood at times as you seek to live for God? Misunderstood even by fellow church members. If so, be encouraged that you follow a Master who similarly experienced such.

In Mark 5:21-43 two incidents in the ministry of our Lord Jesus are presented to us in one narrative. We have the restoring to life of Jairus daughter and the healing of the woman with an acute menstrual affliction. In both instances we have the Lord on the receiving end of misunderstanding.

When the Lord released power out of Himself on account of the faith touch of the woman He knew in Himself what happened. Accordingly, He says “**Who touched my garments?**” (Mark 5:30b). Whereupon, His disciples, seemingly all together, say “**You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’**” (v31b). Of course logically they were being utterly reasonable. How could it be that with a large crowd buffeting the Lord, that He could talk about being touched by one person? After all, many were touching Him and so it made no sense for Him to be speaking of one person touching Him. But spiritually it made complete sense because when faith touches Him then power goes out of Him. God always imparts power to those who touch Him by faith. It is hard to know from the bare text what tone of voice the disciples had. But it does seem that they spoke with an element of scorn.

In the midst of the Lord ministering to the distressed woman, news reaches Jairus that his daughter is dead. Upon being aware of this tragic development the Lord assures Jairus that this is not the end of the story; he says **“Do not fear, only believe.”** (v36b). Upon reaching the house and the commotion therein he says **“The child is not dead but sleeping.”** (v39b). This comment is greeted with widespread scorn. We read that **“And they laughed at Him.”** (v40a). This was the laughter of scorn, mockery and derision.

These two incidents show us how our Lord was, at times, treated with contempt by those close to Him. At the heart of the reaction to Him was the “we know better than you” attitude. When we think that they were addressing “the Lord” that seems outrageous. But that can always happen when you don’t understand who the Lord is and what He is doing.

We need to be very careful to ever dismiss what the Lord says. In both of these happenings it was those who scoffed at the Lord who were proven to be foolish. They thought the Lord was being foolish; alas it was themselves who were being foolish. When we stand against the Lord we are always being foolish

It is sobering that the Lord does not rebuke them in their misunderstanding of Himself. He simply carried on with his ministry to bring blessing to the woman and Jairus and his daughter. He does not stop to prove to them that he was in the right; he went on to do good.

And so we can learn we may be misunderstood by those close to us. We may be mocked for continuing in the way of the Lord. But let us continue on and serve Him. Our vindication is not about proving ourselves. It is God who vindicates. So when we are mocked and scorned in accordance with serving the Lord. Just continue on being faithful to Him.