

Feltham Evangelical Church *Newsletter: June 2024*

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

Calendar

w/c 26th May

Sun 26th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)
Sun 26th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Yvonne)
Sun 26th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
Sun 26th 5.15.pm. - Equip (Once Saved Always Saved)
Tues 28th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 29th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Joseph Michael)
Thurs 30th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 31st 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 31st 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
Sat 1st 10.30.am - Evangelism
Sat 1st 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 2nd June

Sun 2nd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Nathanael Evans)
Sun 2nd 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Zach and Laura)
Sun 2nd 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Nathanael Evans)
Sun 2nd 5.15.pm. - Together
Mon 3rd 9.45.am. to 11.15am - Grace Tots
Tues 4th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 5th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study. (Andrew Heron)
Thurs 6th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 7th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 7th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
Sat 8th 8.30.am - Ladies Breakfast
Sat 8th 10.30.am - Evangelism
Sat 8th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 9th June

Sun 9th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 9th 11.00.am. - Morning Service. (Philip Venables)
Sun 9th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch
Mon 10th 9.45.am. to 11.15am - Grace Tots
Tues 11th 9.30am - Prayer Meeting. (zoom)
Wed 12th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Habakkuk 1-2)
Thurs 13th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 14th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 14th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
Sat 15th 8.00.am. - Men's Breakfast
Sat 15th 10.30.am - Evangelism
Sat 15th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 16th June

Sun 16th 9.30.am. - Time to Study. (The Church as a Preservative)
Sun 16th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Andrew and Amy)
Sun 16th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
Sun 16th 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Mon 17th 9.45.am. to 11.15am - Grace Tots
Tues 18th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 19th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner Prayer / Bible Study (Zechariah 4-7)
Thurs 20th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 21st 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 21st 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
Sat 22nd 10.30.am - Evangelism
Sat 22nd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 23rd June

Sun 23rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Jon Thorp)
Sun 23rd 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Yvonne)
Sun 23rd 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
Sun 23rd 5.15.pm. - Equip (The Christian and The Benefit System)
Mon 24th 9.45.am. to 11.15am - Grace Tots
Tues 25th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 26th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Matthew 9)
Thurs 27th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 28th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 28th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
Sat 29th 10.30.am - Evangelism
Sat 29th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 30th June

Sun 30th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 30th 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Zach and Amy)
Sun 30th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Sukumar Bandrapalli)
Mon 1st (July) 9.45.am. to 11.15am - Grace Tots
Tues 2nd 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 3rd 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Zach Mollallegn)
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

Philip Venables is due to be preaching at Hayes Town Chapel on the evening of June 9th.

Notes

The Way Cafe is open for all, from the church and from the community, to drop by to spend time together on a Friday morning between 10.00.am. and midday. There is a Bible Study included in the morning at 11.00.am. that all are welcome to attend.

International Day On June 9th 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 fellowship meal as part of the celebration.

Events There are two events on June 15th at local churches that we are invited to:

- at Cranford Baptist Church at 6.30.pm. John Benton is due to be speaking on The Cross; The Christian's Joy
- at Amyand Park Chapel there is an International Food Evening from 6.00.pm to 9.00.pm..

Time to Study Continuing our series on metaphors of the church, we plan to look at "The Church as a Preservative" at the 9.30.am. service on 16th June.

Breakfasts On 8th June at 8.30.am the ladies are due to meet and then on 15th June at 8.00.am the men have a time together.

Equip On Sunday 26th May we intend to consider: "Once Saved; Always Saved?" Then on June 23rd we will plan to examine how the Christian should interact with the benefit system.

Spiritual Notes Relationships.

The book of Romans gives us Paul's great treatise on the gospel of our Lord Jesus. The practical implications of the gospel are presented in chapters 12 to 15. From 14:1-15:7 Paul focuses on how the Roman believers relate to each other in the details of life. His call is for them to have a proper attitude to dealing with the issues that inevitably arise in church life. The perfect example of the right attitude is found in our Lord Jesus. And so we read: **"For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."** (Rom. 15:3) In the final part of this section Paul remarks **"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.** (Rom 15-5-7)."

The goal that Paul has is that the Christians in Rome will glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ together as one. Paul is very much expressing the heart of our Lord Jesus here who desired, when He was speaking with His Father in John 17:22b, that **they may be one even as we are one**. One of the key goals of the gospel is to bring oneness among God's people and that should particularly be on display in a local church of which Feltham Evangelical Church is one.

The question we face as a church is; Do we want to have this oneness? (And we need to ask that question individually and not just collectively). If you answer "No!" then you are not like-minded with our Saviour and the apostle Paul. We must desire oneness because that is Christian. To fail to desire oneness is to contradict our confession of knowing Christ.

But how can I contribute to this oneness? It is always easy to blame others as being the cause of any disunity. Each of us needs to be thoughtful of our own attitudes and conduct, though. Each of us is called to model the Christ-like attitude that wants to please our fellow church members for their good (see v2). When the church is for my pleasure then I am the cause of disunity in the church. When I am there to bring benefit to my brothers and sisters then I am the cause of unity in the church. The extent of our commitment to this needs to be measured by how much we match up to the example of our Lord Jesus, who bore the pains and griefs and heartaches of others (see v3).

In all this we are relying upon the God of all endurance and encouragement to work so as to make us an enduring and encouraging people. We are to bear with each other and to encourage each other. All that involves getting to know each other. We get to know each other through spending time together, working things out together and seeking to encourage each other. All that needs to be worked at and prayed for; it does not just happen. Relationships need to be built. And so we need to be a church that loves to be together. We love to serve together, to evangelise together and to share our homes together in hospitality. This is the Christ-like model for building oneness in church.

Underlying all this is the fundamental truth that we are all Christian. In v7 the Romans are reminded about how Christ has welcomed sinners to Himself by removing the barrier of their sin; that is the amazing grace on display in the gospel. So we should be doing all within our power to remove any obstacles that prevent us welcoming other believers so that we can display oneness together.

This is for all of us. Paul did not say that certain groups were to be excluded because they were just too hard to deal with. No! Every member of the church is to seek oneness with every other member of the church; no exceptions.