

Feltham Evangelical Church *Newsletter: November 2024*

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

Calendar

w/c 27th October

Sun 27th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 27th 10.20 am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids
Sun 27th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
Sun 27th 5.15.pm. - Equip (Help Me Manage My Finances)
Tues 29th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 30th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Chungman Shon)
Thurs 31st 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 November

Sun 3rd 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)
Sun 3rd 10.20.am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids
Sun 3rd 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Paul Biddle)
Sun 3rd 5.15.pm. - Together (Ask the Pastor)
Tues 5th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 6th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Andrew Heron)
Thurs 7th 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Fri 8th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting
Fri 8th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe
Sat 9th 10.30.am - Evangelism
Sat 9th 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 10th November

Sun 10th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Sun 10th 11.00.am. - Morning Service (Philip Venables)
Sun 10th 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch
Tues 12th 9.30am - Prayer Meeting. (zoom)
Wed 13th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Phillipians 1-2)
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 10.30.am - Evangelism (THE BIG ONE)
Sat 16th 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 17th November

Sun 17th 9.30.am. - Time to Study. (Leviticus)
Sun 17th 10.20.am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids
Sun 17th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)
Sun 17th 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)
Tues 19th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)
Wed 20th 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner Prayer / Bible Study (Alec Catchpole via zoom)

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

Fri 22nd 6.30.pm to 10.30.pm. - Prayer Evening

Sat 23rd 10.30.am - Evangelism

Sat 23rd 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

w/c 24th November

Sun 24th 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)

Sun 24th 10.20 am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids

Sun 24th 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)

Sun 24th 5.15.pm. - Equip (Me and My Phone)

Tues 26th 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Wed 27th 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Titus 3)

Thurs 28th 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Fri 29th 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting

Fri 29th 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe

Sat 30th 9.00.am to 12.15.pm.- "A Praying Life" Seminar

Sat 30th 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Notes

Prayer Seminar On 30th November from 9.00.am. to 12.15.pm. we are hosting a "A Praying Life" seminar. Colin Millar from seeJesus ministries (<https://seejesus.net/>) is due to be with us for this. All, from the youngest to the oldest, are welcome to attend.

Fellowship Lunch There is due to be a bring-and-share fellowship lunch after the morning service on November 10th.

The Light Party Please note that the Light Party due to take place on October 31st has been cancelled.

Prayer Evening On 22nd November we plan to have a prayer evening between 6.30.pm and 10.30.pm. Come and pray. Come for all or part of the time. A living church is a praying church.

Baptism and Church Membership If you are a Christian and want to be baptised or become a member of Feltham Evangelical Church then please speak to Philip..

Evangelism continues on a weekly basis on a Saturday morning meeting at 10.30.am at the church building. Also this month on November 16th we have THE BIG ONE when we want to have an extra presence through singing and preaching.

Counselling If you want to have counselling about any issue in your life then please contact Philip.

Equip On Sunday, the 27th October we plan to consider the topic "Help Me Manage My Finances". Then we intend to study issues relating to the use of our phones ("Me and My Phone") on November 24th

Online Presence Please find us online as follows:

- Our website is at <http://www.felthamevangelicalchurch.org.uk/fec/>
- Our Facebook page is at <https://www.facebook.com/felthamevangelicalchurch>
- On Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/felthamevangelicalchurch/>
- Our YouTube channel is at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyMaXdM1o0VPyhNAKn_ZEPw
- Our zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986370463?pwd=MjdwdHZwZTB6L29Vv1VFUvBVWkRBZz09#success>
- Philip's YouTube channel is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFgevGfPSOelZ5_uq2PR_Mw
- Philip's personal blog is <https://venabling.wordpress.com/>

Spiritual Notes Serving Like The Master (John 13:1-17)

The biggest of events were about to happen. Our Lord was about to fulfil the Passover at the feast of Passover. That meant he would die the death which would be followed by His departing out of this world to be with the Father (see v1a). Amidst such tumultuous times the Lord's love remained towards His own (see v1b). However, the aroma of satanic intrusion filled the place as Judas committed himself to the betrayal of his Master (see v2). There were so many things to preoccupy our Lord.

And yet His determination to serve and bless His own pre-dominated. And what a service it was! Let us be aware of the context. His beloved had gathered, they had come in from the dusty roads with dirty feet. Seemingly there was no household slave present to administer the necessary washing of the feet, and so they all took their seats, very likely self-conscious of their unwashed feet. Yet none of them would take the lowly slave-like place and wash the others' feet. That was until the Master stood up and took the towel. The One who was on a superior level altogether, the One who is the Son of God who was on His way home back to His Father, did it (see v4). The spiritual ones always show themselves spiritual in their willingness to serve!

The disciples, no doubt, looked awkwardly at one another and shifted uncomfortably in their seats as they saw their Master embrace the slave role. For Peter it was all too much and he could not hold back his awkwardness any more and blurted out to the Lord that He could not do this washing for him (see v6). Whereupon the Lord teaches him the great spiritual truth, that there is the once all-over washing of the new birth at salvation and also the necessary regular washing of the feet symbolizing our daily walk in living for the Lord (see v10).

The poignancy of the event is heightened by the fact that one, namely Judas, was there who had no knowledge of the need for all this washing; and yet the Lord washed his feet. How many Judases are there in our church who are enjoying the Saviour's goodness, but knowing nothing of a heart embrace of His grace? Are you one of them? Moreover, the Saviour still goes ahead and washed his feet even though He knew Judas's state. Perhaps you believe that there are unbelievers in our church who are presenting as Christians, will you be Christlike and continue to serve them?

The Lord then brings everything to a head as He addresses the clean footed disciples with the profound teaching of vv12-17. He said that they must follow His example and do as He had done. if they are truly acknowledging Him as their Lord and Master this is what they should do.

The profundity of this should not escape us. The character of our church depends upon how much we take our Lord's instruction to heart. In vv14-15 we read the words of our Lord: **If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.** If we restrict our Lord's exhortation to just feet washing, we very much miss the point. What we must do is enter into the heart of the way He served. Remember footwashing was the lowest of services anyone could render to another. So for us it means a willingness to humble ourselves for the benefit of others. There should be nothing too lowly for me to get involved in if it will do good to my brother and sister in the church. To say that a certain job is too menial for me or that certain activity is beneath my status in life is to be un-christlike and is to reject the way of the Master.

If we are truly following our Master in church life we will always be looking out for slave-like service to engage in for the benefit of others. Now we must note here that the Lord served in a necessary and appropriate way. He did not buy His disciples each a new coat to wear as they sat around the table at supper time. A new coat was not their need. What they needed was the washing of their feet. We can be guilty of thoughtless slave-like service which is not real service at all. Real slave like, following the Master like service, is discerning the need and doing all I can to meet that need.

Oh, and always remember, as well, that the Lord had every reason for not troubling Himself with such things as feet washing at that time. After all He was about to make eternal salvation for His people. Was that not a bigger thing to be preoccupied with? But no He still concerned Himself with the welfare of His disciples. We need to be careful to learn from this that to fail in serving our fellow believers because we have something better and bigger to do is not like our Master. So let Feltham Evangelical Church go follow the Master and serve one another like He did.