

# Feltham Evangelical Church *Newsletter: October 2024*

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

## Calendar

### w/c 29<sup>th</sup> September

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Jon Thorp)  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Arul Johnson)  
Tues 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Andrew Hill)  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am - Evangelism  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### w/c 6<sup>th</sup> October

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Philip Venables)  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Lloyd Mushambadzi)  
Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Together (Ask the Pastor)  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Acts 23)  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am - Evangelism  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### w/c 13<sup>th</sup> October

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Andrew Heron)  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Service (Philip Venables)  
Sun 13<sup>th</sup> 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am - Prayer Meeting. (zoom)  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Gospel Partner Prayer / Bible Study (Mark and Gill Newham)  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 8.00.am - Men's Breakfast  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am - Evangelism  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### w/c 20<sup>th</sup> October

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Time to Study. (Exodus)  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)  
Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)  
Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (1 Corinthians 5-6)  
Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am - Evangelism  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

### w/c 27<sup>th</sup> October

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Philip Venables)  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 10.20 am. - Grace Youth / Grace Kids  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Philip Venables)  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Equip (Help Me Manage My Finances)  
Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study / Report (Chungman Shon)  
Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)  
Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 5.00.pm. to 6.30.pm -Light Party.  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> (Nov) 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00.am to noon - The Way Cafe  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30.am - Evangelism  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (zoom)

## News

**Vian Coutinho** has started a new stage of his education. He is now attending Lampton School in Hounslow.

**Brenda Heron** has been suffering with chest problems during September and was admitted to West Middlesex Hospital overnight on September 24th. There is no proper diagnosis yet. Pray for her at this time.

## Notes

**Harvest Celebration** is on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

- If you would like to bring some produce, whether fresh vegetables and fruit or tins and packets, to be displayed in church for harvest then please make sure it is at the church by 10.30.a.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> October. The collected provisions will be distributed to those in need in the local area.
- The collection / offering on October 13<sup>th</sup> will be given to Joe Shoko, Reformed Baptist Church, Harare, Zimbabwe, to help relieve any pressing needs he is aware of.
- There is due to be a bring-and-share fellowship lunch after the morning service on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**A Mens Breakfast** is due to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00.am.

**At Together** on 6<sup>th</sup> October we are due to have an "Ask the Pastor" when you can come and ask Philip any questions that you want to.

**Grace Youth** This month we are due to start a new group for ages 12-16 to run alongside Grace Kids which is for ages 4-6.

**Time to Study** We have moved into a new series giving overviews of books of the Bible. On October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30.am we plan to look at Exodus.

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

**Equip** On Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> we plan to consider "Help Me Manage My Finances".

### Events at Other Churches:

- On September 29<sup>th</sup> Amyand Park Chapel have a special evangelistic service at 6.30.pm. "Why am I never truly satisfied?" is the subject due to be covered. Go yourself and/or take a non-Christian friend
- On October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9.15.am. to 1.15.pm. there is a training event at Stanwell Congregational Church. The theme is: Intercultural Church: Ministering to those from the Hindu-Sikh culture.
- Hayes Town Chapel host a men's breakfast at 9.00.am. on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The speaker is Prof. Stuart Burgess

## Spiritual Notes What Do You Want For Me?

As you look around others in the church, what do you want for them? Given that we love each other, surely we should want the best for each other. The church members at Feltham Evangelical Church should want the best for one another. But what is the best that we should want? Is it to prosper according to this world with lots of money and good health? Or is there a better way that the Lord would want for us?

In Colossians 1:9-14 we read of Paul's longings for the Christians in Colossae. They are expressed in prayer:

**9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

We are struck here, first of all, by the fact that Paul mentions nothing about their worldly circumstances. There is no mention of physical health or prosperity and comfort of any kind in this world. It is all about their spiritual well-being. Essentially he wants them to be knowing God and growing for Him. No matter what their health and circumstances he wants progress in and for the Lord. Let us ponder a little more deeply about some of the details in the passage.

In v9b Paul states how he wants these believers to be filled with the knowledge of God's will and such knowledge must be accompanied by spiritual wisdom and understanding. This means that he longs for their growth in Biblical awareness which is enabled through prayerful, Holy Spirit dependent study.

V10a indicates that such growth in Biblical knowledge is outworked in the way we live. As we learn; so we live. And we do not just live as we please, but we seek to live for His pleasure. A growing Christian is not evidenced in one who gets more money, but rather in one who demonstrates more of God's Word being worked out in their lives. Relentlessly pursuing God in His Word will lead to a life which has God's approval.

In v10b Paul says that the Bible knowing life is a fruitful life. It is the life where the fruit of the Spirit is seen. A life that wants God's way, is a life in which the Holy Spirit is moving (and is free to move some more). The person with God living in them is like a healthy fruit tree at harvest time. Such a tree has lots of fruit to pick and enjoy. In the natural realm harvest-time passes, but not in the spiritual realm, a healthy Christian is perpetually bearing fruit. Whenever you come across such a believer you come across spiritual fruit on display in that person's life. **Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control** (Gal. 5:22-23a) are there.

And this person is never stationary. They are moving forward in the living knowledge of the living God (see v10b). Such people put God on display as they indicate through their lives that they have been (and are) with Jesus (see Acts 4:13).

Life is not always easy though. And as believers we are flowing against the tide of the world that is around us. Moreover, we have the flesh within seeking to take us away from God. v11a encourages us with the promise that God is working to give us the strength to move forward through all the struggles of life. These struggles can sometimes be long-lasting, involving a variety of difficulties. Bad health and fractious relationships are but two of many ways that difficulties occur. But God gives us the patience to move through all these things. Most wonderfully though, keeping going is not a misery, but rather a joy. This is a great reminder that life is not found in our circumstances, but in our God. With strength from God, we can go through hard circumstances and still be experiencing the full and abundant life that our Lord promised (see John 10:10b). Such a scenario without God and His Christ is impossible.

Finally, in v12 we see that thankfulness will be seen in such a life. This gratitude comes because we are so amazed about everything that has been done for us in and through our Lord Jesus. Vv13-14 develops this glorious theme.

So are you longing for these things in your fellow believers! You should be! That is because these are the things that demonstrate life in our Lord Jesus. These are the best things we can have. These are the things we should be praying for one another.