

# Feltham Evangelical Church *Newsletter: June 2026*

A Bible-based church making known the Christian Faith

## Calendar

<p><b>w/c 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Gianluca Di Monaco) Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Uju) Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship; (Philip Venables) Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting. (on zoom) Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (James 4:1-6) Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom) Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to midday - The Way Cafe Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 8.00.am. - Saturday Morning Studies for Men Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)</p> <p><b>w/c 7<sup>th</sup> June</b> Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper (Haddon Ganippa) Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Paula and Andrew) Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship (Haddon Ganippa) Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 1.30.pm. - Grace Girls Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Together Tues 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom) Wed 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (Andrew Heron) Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom) Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00.am to midday - The Way Cafe Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)</p> <p><b>w/c 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Jo Miguel de Oliveira) Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship. (Paul Biddle) Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 1.00.pm. - Fellowship Lunch 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 (James 4:7-12) Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 6.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)</p>	<p>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> 8.30.am - Ladies Breakfast Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism Sat 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)</p> <p><b>w/c 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30.am. - Time to Study (Proverbs) Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Uju) 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) Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom). Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (James 4:13-5:6) 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 - The Way Cafe Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm to 10.30.pm - Prayer Evening Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)</p> <p><b>w/c 28<sup>th</sup> June</b> Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Lord's Supper. (Zech Venables) Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10.20.am. - Grace Kids (Rachel and Paula) Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 11.00.am. - Morning Worship; (Philip Venables) Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 5.15.pm. - Equip; "The Bible is Full of Contradictions?" Mon 29<sup>th</sup> 6.30.pm. - Men's Evening (at Gian Luca's home) Tues 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30.am. - Prayer Meeting. (on zoom) Wed 1<sup>st</sup> (July) 7.30.pm. - Prayer / Bible Study (James 5:7-12) Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> 6.30 am. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom) Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.15.am. - Prayer Meeting Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.00.am to midday - The Way Cafe Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 8.00.am. - Saturday Morning Studies for Men Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30.am. - Evangelism Sat 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00.pm. - Prayer Meeting (on zoom)</p>
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## News

**Eva Mistry, Jo Miguel De Oliveira and Mounika Maddu** are now members of the church.

**Andrew Heron** is due to be preaching at Berrymede Chapel on the morning of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Paul Biddle** has been recognised as an elder of the church.

**Jo Miguel De Oliveira** is due to be doing an internship with the church from June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Paula Kretowska-Olechno and Steph Chew** have taken on new work responsibilities. Paula at Marjory Kinnon School and Steph with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

**Marek, Paula, Zofia and Leon Kretowska-Olechno** have moved to a new home in Feltham.

## Notes

**Equip** On June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5.15.pm. we intend to consider the supposed contradictions in the Bible.

**Men's Evening** On June 29<sup>th</sup> the men of the church meet at Gianluca's for an evening together from 6.30.pm.

**Ladies Breakfast** is arranged for June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.30.am. when Rachel is due to be leading a study on "Teaching One Another"

**International Day** On June 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Time to Study** On June 21<sup>st</sup> we continue our series giving overviews of each book of the Bible. This month we reach Proverbs.

**Prayer Evening** On June 26<sup>th</sup> we meet to spend an extended time in drawing near to the Lord between 6.30.pm and 10.30.pm. Come and join for all or part of the evening.

**Zoom** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986370463?pwd=MjdwdHZwZTB6L29VVV1VFUVBVWkRBZz09> is the link for the zoom prayer meetings.

## **Spiritual Notes** Oh Hezekiah! What happened to You?

Hezekiah was one of the good kings of Judah. We read of him: He trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. For he held fast to the LORD. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. (2 Kings 18:5-7). He reigned over the southern kingdom of Judah from c. 715 to 686 BC. But sadly at the end of his reign he messed up.

We read of his failure in Isaiah 39. Here we read of how he entertained the Babylonian envoys and thereby set in chain a process which would end in the captivity of Judah a hundred years later. Let us make some observations about Hezekiah and his situation.

**Distraction.** In Isaiah 38 Hezekiah had been dealing with a serious physical affliction. In his affliction he had turned to the Lord, which is always such a very good thing to do. However, as we read ch. 39 v1 it does appear that his illness had led him to becoming distracted. Therefore he was taken off guard when the Babylonian envoys appeared “at that time” (v1a). This warns us of how we can so easily be blind-sided by things when we are concentrating on other matters in our lives. Satan can use this distraction to bring destructive influences into our lives.

**Flattery** Merodach-baladan, the son of the king of Babylon, sent his envoys to Hezekiah when he heard of Hezekiah’s sickness and recovery. The envoys arrived bearing letters and a present from their master. This seems to have sparked a sense of being flattered in Hezekiah. After all, another great monarchy was showing its sympathy to him. We need to be warned about how Satan can use flattery to soften us up so that we end up doing things that are not appropriate.

**Pride** Following on from being flattered Hezekiah falls into the trap of wanting to impress his visitors. After all they were from another royal house and he did not want to look inferior. Accordingly, he showed them all of the riches that he possessed in his palace. The unveiling of his riches was to such an extent that “There was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them.” (v2b). Hezekiah exhibited his pride and treasures simultaneously; in doing so he indicated how self-absorbed he was. In such a state he was indifferent to the impact of his actions on others.

**Indifference** The Word of the Lord was brought by Isaiah into the situation after he had quizzed Hezekiah about what happened with the Babylonian envoys (see vv3-4). This Word revealed that there would be harmful consequences in the years ahead as a result of what Hezekiah had done (see vv6-7). Treasures would be taken away but also people would be taken away by the Babylonians, even Hezekiah’s own sons would be taken into captivity. Hezekiah does not seem to grasp the gravity of the situation, although he acknowledges in verse 8 that the Word of the Lord is good. He does not seem to have any appreciation of the fact that his self-indulgence will lead to this devastating consequence.

**Consequences** We need to be aware that what we do now can have big impacts down the line. The problem starts with the envoys seeing all Hezekiah’s treasures. As a result the Babylonian authorities now had inside knowledge of what they might be able to pillage. They knew from first-hand experience what actually was within the treasuries of the kingdom of Judah. That made Judah a desirable target for them when they set about conquering various nations.

**Self-interest** At the end Hezekiah seems to be only interested in the experience that he would have in his days. The fact that there were problems ahead for the people of God in the next generation did not seem to particularly bother him just so long as there was peace and security in his days (see v9). This is a great warning to us about our attitude towards the next generation we should not be preoccupied with our own condition but we should be preoccupied with making sure that the people of God are healthy and the next generation will start we should make sure that we pass on the truth of God well so that the next generation prospers.