



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 17th January 2016

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Bill Miles*

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today*

*If you want to know the location of any of the meetings, please ask the host or one of the leaders*

**This afternoon** 5.00pm: Service in the church to mark the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, followed by a shared supper  
*BCF, the Anglican and Catholics, Solution and the Mauritian choir are all taking part. Please bring a plate of food*

**Monday** 6.30pm: Prayer time in the Church

**Tuesday** 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home  
7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

**Wednesday** 9.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall  
7.00pm: House Group at Diane's home

**Friday** 2.30pm: Dave Time in the Quiet Room  
5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

**Next Sunday** 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship  
9.30am: Prayer meeting  
10.00am: Tea and coffee  
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Mark 14:24** "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them.

I have heard recently the expression "His blood is running through your veins" which is referring to the blood of Jesus. I don't agree with this being said and believe it is very confusing and misleading (especially for new Christians). When God created man He breathed life into his nostrils and this became man's spirit and when that came into contact with his body the soul was produced. So man is made up of three parts, the outer body (our flesh and blood), the soul (our will, emotions and feelings) and an inner spirit, which in a non-Christian is dead. Before Adam sinned he was in perfect communion with God but his sin caused his spiritual death. When we become Christians and give our lives to God He comes to live in our spirit (which comes alive) and we communicate with Him in spirit and truth. This is a subject which is difficult to condense into a Thought for the Week.

God dwells in the spirit of the born-again Christian, self dwells in the soul, while senses dwell in the body. The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit because like the Temple it has an outer, inner and the holy part. The amount of God we manifest through our

soul (our minds and wills, etc.) and consequently through our bodies (our actions) is dependent on how much we are in tune with the Holy Spirit within us. God is spirit and when we die our spirit will go to join Him.

Bearing all that in mind, back to the blood of Jesus. I can grasp the concept and symbolism of being "washed by the blood of Christ" and know it's not literal, I can understand our drinking the wine in remembrance of His shed blood and know it's not His blood we drink, but "His blood in our veins" to me is just not the truth and holds no symbolism for me. God is not in our physical flesh in any way, He is in our mind and wills to the extent we commune with Him and obey Him, our flesh responds to the influence of our soul or our spirit. A non-Christian responds to his thoughts and feelings only, which are governed/ruled by Satan. Watchman Nee teaches a lot on this and says: "The body is the outer shelter of the soul, while the soul is the outer sheath of the spirit. The spirit transmits its thought to the soul and the soul exercises the body to obey the spirit's order." This is how a Christian should live, don't let's confuse the issue by saying, "His blood is in our veins."

I believe that the subject of body, soul and spirit is one of the most important subjects to be taught.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 18th–Sunday 20th March:** Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Abi Willetts. Booking forms are on the tables and Irma is collecting them with any payments.

**Saturday 30th July–Saturday 6th August:** Revive! 2016, "New Day Dawning." Brochures are on the tables, there is a 10% discount for bookings made and paid for by 31st March.