



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 24th January 2016

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans*

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*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*

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**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  
*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Psalm 141:3 "Set a guard over my mouth Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips."**

I have just been to see the film *The Danish Girl*, the tragic story of the first transgendered woman, Einar Wegener who became Lili Elbe. It is an incredibly moving film and I felt the deep pain of Einar and his wife (ended up sobbing again). This thought is not about transgender, homosexuality, or sexual identity problems and the last thing I would want to do is offend people struggling with these issues. No, it's about how the enemy (the Devil) can and does operate in situations taking full advantage of our weaknesses and vulnerability for his own plans and schemes, and he will sow his seeds any way he can. I am not saying this happened with Einar & Gerda, it may or may not have, but seeds were sown.

Einar is a landscape painter and his wife Gerda is a successful Art Deco illustrator. Gerda paints mainly women (her own sexuality was questioned in the true story but that's neither here nor there in this thought). They love each other deeply and have a healthy heterosexual relationship in every sense of the word. One day Gerda's model does not turn up and Gerda in her frustration to get her work schedule completed asks Einar to put on the silk tights and heeled shoes of her model, which he does (seed 1), Gerda then asks him to drape the model's dress on his body and in doing so the utter femininity and feel of the dress ignites a deep stirring in Einar (seed 2). Then into the room bursts one of Gerda's friends who on seeing Einar dressed as a woman laughs and says playfully, "how pretty he looks" and she will call him Lili (seed 3), and in a kind of way, Lili now being named is born into Einar. Einar really takes to the part and it becomes a game to Einar and Gerda. Gerda mischievously suggests she accompanies Einar dressed as Lili in the guise of Einar's "sister" to balls (seed 4) and in doing so Lili is manifesting herself as a larger than life alter-ego in Einar (seed 5), then Einar subtly flirts with a man she meets at the ball (seed 6). Gerda is mortified when she realises that she is losing her husband to Lili and cannot believe this "game" has turned into reality, but I am afraid it has and the tide in this particular story can't be turned.

Gerda's love and support for him/her throughout whilst she is coming to terms with her own grief and loss is truly amazing and so heartbreaking to watch. The ignorance of people and particularly some of the professional medical people is fortunately counteracted by the compassion of others (the same as today).

Could it all have been different if Lili had remained dormant and not been aroused? I don't know, but what I do know is that the tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit (Proverbs 18:21) and that God can do the impossible.

### 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.