



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 7th February 2016

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Led by students from IBTI*

*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 evening** 7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

**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: Dave Evans*

### Tina Wheelhouse, née Gordon, 15 August 1982 – 3 February 2016

Sadly for us, Tina went to be with the Lord on Wednesday morning. We are very grateful for all the prayers and support. There will be a service of celebration on Tuesday 16th February at 2.30pm at Crawley Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome, please do not come dressed in black.

#### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

##### 1 Corinthians 2:9

But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him."

##### HEAVEN

The place Christians are journeying towards and whom some unbelievers think they have automatic entry to, how can you possibly describe it, who would not want to be there? The most incredibly beautiful snow-capped mountain, a magnificent sunset, the roaring seas, the majestic beauty of the tiger, lion or snow leopard, the fragrance of a rose, music that sends shivers down your spine, a baby laughing, the wind in the trees, and all that captivates us cannot even slightly compare, even human love at its very best is marred and selfish compared to God's love and all He has waiting for us.

C.S. Lewis is an Author I love and am in awe of and he has a lot to say about suffering, death, grief and heaven. In *The Chronicles of Narnia* for example, in the book *The Last Battle*, the lion Aslan (representing Jesus) has come to his own country (Heaven) and is

explaining to the children that they are also there with him and they will not be going back to the Shadowlands (earth) again (something they didn't want to do), he reveals to them that they died in a railway accident so they can't go back. The children learn that they have in fact died or rather passed into Aslan's country, which is more real than the "Shadowlands" (to use Lewis's own word) from which they have come.

This is what it says:

"And as He spoke, He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them. And for us this the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."

And that is how it will be for us, the beginning of a great and never ending story, only it won't be a story it will be more real than any reality we think we had on earth.

#### 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.