



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!



Sunday 21st February 2016

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

*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*

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 <i>Led by Ian's House Group</i>

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

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A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gone as far as it could, and it could go no further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives.

If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us.

We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

I asked for Strength... and God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom... and God gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity... and God gave me Brain and Brawn to work.

I asked for Courage... and God gave me Danger to overcome.

I asked for Love... and God gave me Troubled people to help.

I asked for Favours... and God gave me Opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted... I received everything I needed!

May God Bless You.

May God Bless you with unspeakable joy, not only in the world to come, but in this world also.

May your path be bright and full of light everywhere you go.

May God tell darkness that it must flee at your command.

And, I pray your feet will never stumble out of God's plan.

May the desires of your heart come true, And may you experience Peace in everything you do.

May Goodness, Kindness, and Mercy come your way.

And may you gain Wisdom and grow in the Lord everyday.

Diary Dates

Friday 4th March: Women's World Day of Prayer – "Receive children. Receive me." Prepared by Christian women of Cuba. 10.00am at the Friary, 7.30pm at Broadfield.

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. Book at www.ichthus.org.uk/revive.