



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 13th March – Easter 2016

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon; 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 5.00pm: JMC meets in the Quiet Room

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

Friday–Sunday **Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place**

"The Mind Set on the Spirit is Life and Peace" with Abi Willetts

Arrive from 4.30, dinner is at 6.30. Don't forget your towels! (If not en suite)

Sunday 20th **No service in the Social Hall**

The Church of England meets in the Church at 11.00am

Monday 21st 6.30pm: Prayer time in the Church

Tuesday 22nd 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home

7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

Wednesday 23rd 9.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Good Friday 25th 9.50am: Meet outside church for walk of witness to ...

11.00am: Town-wide service around the bandstand in Queens Square

Easter Sunday 27th **START OF SUMMER TIME – CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR**

6.30am: Lakeside communion at Tilgate Lake

9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship

9.30am: Prayer meeting

10.00am: Tea and coffee

10.30am: Easter Family Worship in the Social Hall

Financial summary for January and February

January – Income: £1,597, Expenditure: £1,766

February – Income: £3,109, Expenditure: £1,661

The Fellowship is solely dependent on your offerings to function and we thank everyone who gives regularly or occasionally. There is a box for offerings on the table by the front door; please speak to Kevin if you would like to give by Standing Order or would like a Gift Aid declaration – if you pay tax, the value of all your gifts is then increased by 25%. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are also available on the tables.

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Brokenness

If your goal is to be used by God, don't be surprised when He permits seasons of adversity and brokenness. Jesus experienced it, and He said, 'A servant is not greater than his master' (John 15:20 NKJV). One Bible teacher points out: 'God's intent isn't to hurt us, but to expand our capacity to carry His love to a world in need of compassion ... Sorrow clarifies our thinking. In the school of Christ, brokenness is a good thing. It's impossible to become intimate with God unless we're broken of independence, pride and our insistence that our way is better than God's. Brokenness is the last stop before we finally confess, "I can't; God can." It's Paul confessing, "What a wretched man I am. Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (Romans 7:24 NIV).

It's the Prodigal fighting with the pigs over food (Luke 15:11-32). It's Joseph, still in prison, forgotten by the cupbearer (Genesis 40:23). It's Jonah in the whale's belly confessing the consequences of running from God (Jonah 2:1-9). It's Peter weeping bitterly outside Jesus's trial (Luke 22:62). It's Jesus abandoning everything to God, praying, "Father ... not My will, but Yours be done" (Luke 22:42 NIV) ... God in His ruthless, loving pursuit will break us of pride, sin, folly and independence (Matthew 21:44). Like Jesus serving bread at the Last Supper, God takes us, breaks us, blesses us and uses us.'

Are you going through a season of brokenness? Be encouraged; in God's kingdom brokenness is the path to blessing. Watchman Nee put it this way: 'To have God do His own work through us, even once, is better than a lifetime of human striving.' (From UCB Word for Today)

Diary Dates

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.