



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!



Sunday 5th June 2016

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Sheila Kilkenny

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

Friday 2.30pm: Dave Time in the Church 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: David Evans

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

"I strive to always keep my conscience clear between God and man ..." (Acts 24:16)

Jiminy Cricket is a small cricket in the 1940 Disney animated feature film, Pinocchio. Serving as the official conscience to the film's main character Pinocchio, Jiminy is tasked with keeping the wooden boy in line, teaching him valuable life morals and the dangers of temptation, all the while adding a wise-cracking, comedic element to the story. *(from The Disney Wiki)*

But I didn't know until my daughter Ashlee told me that in America, prior to this film, people would say "Jiminy Cricket" as a replacement for using Jesus Christ as a swear word, in a similar way we would say "sugar" instead of sh... (sorry, but that explains it well). Because of this fact it's highly likely that Christians were involved in choosing to use Jiminy Cricket to be Pinocchio's guide/conscience.

Pinocchio wanted so much to be a real boy but he didn't have a conscience so Jiminy became his constant friend, forever dictating advice on the good or bad of his choices. Depending on Pinocchio's response, the benefits and consequences that ensued in the story proved Jiminy's judgments right again and again. Jiminy Cricket is actually representing the job of the Holy Spirit in the life of Pinocchio, in the same way the Holy Spirit does in our lives.

Robert C Crosby writes:

A conscience was given to every one of us as a kind of spiritual compass. At creation the delicate magnet on the needle tip within the compass was carefully positioned by our Father Creator to draw us in the right direction, but when man sinned in the Garden it fell dangerously out of place. Now, as a result of that fall, "there is a way that seems right to man, but the end of it is death" (Proverbs 16:25). Thank God, Jesus came and died for you and me to forgive our sins and to cleanse our consciences by his shed blood. And by the renewing work of his Word, our spiritual compasses are restored. Our conscience, in a sense, is the storehouse of wisdom. As God teaches us his principles and standards through Scripture and the leading of his Spirit, the conscience is the part of us that holds a record within. When we are faced with a choice, an opportunity or a temptation, a "good conscience" faithfully reminds the believer of the "good" and the "bad." Paul himself even defined a "mature" Christian as a person who knew how to respond correctly to their conscience: "the mature, who have some practice in telling right from wrong" (Hebrews 5:14b; The Message).

Diary Dates

Saturday 30th July–Saturday 6th August: Revive! 2016, "New Day Dawning" with Heidi Baker, Les Isaac and Mattheus van der Steen. Brochures are on the tables – book at www.ichthus.org.uk/revive.