



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 10th July 2016

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

*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*

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: Mike Keeping

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Matthew 7:1-2 *Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

This scripture is so often misquoted and can be used as a means to bring an abrupt end to a conversation. To say to someone, "well, we mustn't judge," can in effect be judging them for being judgemental when they may have had a valid reason for mentioning an issue. If you read the lead up to this scripture you will see that the point Jesus is making is actually about hypocrisy. Jesus didn't say you couldn't take the speck out of your brother's eye, He said make sure your own speck is out first. You cannot correct somebody if you are doing the same thing. He wasn't saying never to judge, He simply warned about doing it the wrong way and told us how to make judgements the right way.

We obviously can't know (unless God has told us) what a person's motive or intentions are, but we can discern without too much difficulty if someone is judging another person with a wrong attitude – in which case we end the conversation in a loving way – but if it is a righteous judgement it should be listened to and discussed in a

helpful constructive way. In Matthew 23:33 when Jesus told the Pharisees in no uncertain terms that they were snakes and vipers He was judging them because He knew their hearts and knew they needed to be told the truth about themselves. He still loved them but not their proud, arrogant, hypocritical behaviour. Would you have said to Jesus, "we mustn't judge?" I am definitely not suggesting you call people snakes and vipers, I am just making a point.

Quote 1:

Judgements are opinions that we form only after we have made a serious effort to know the facts and, for those of us who are Christians, only after we have consulted the moral teachings of Scripture and prayed for Spirit-informed discernment. Any lazy or biased fool can have opinions; making judgements is the hard work of responsible and compassionate people.

Quote 2:

Jesus wasn't confused in His teaching. He didn't mean we should never make a judgement about right and wrong. As He explained, He meant we shouldn't make a judgement hypocritically. The verses that follow make this patently clear (Matthew 7:3-5).

Prayer Chain

While Gunilla is away, Irma will be the contact for the Prayer Chain.

From Oleg Reutki: Thank you so much for your prayers and for your generosity, we are in the midst of reaching 10,000 kids with the Gospel, in this way empowering 80 churches, some in Moldova, some in South West Ukraine and Eastern Romania. Your support will make one day camp in one village of Moldova possible for about 50 kids (providing one meal a day for 5 days, Interactive Bible Lessons, crafts, and sports for the kids). Thank you and the church for the generosity! Your prayers are much appreciated.

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.