



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 24th July – August 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 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home
7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

Saturday **Depart for Revive! Camp at Ashburnham Place**
"New Day Dawning" with Heidi Baker, Les Isaac and Mattheus van der Steen

Sunday 31st July **No service in the Social Hall**
11.00am: You are welcome to worship with the Church of England in the Church
Please see group leaders for details of midweek meetings in August

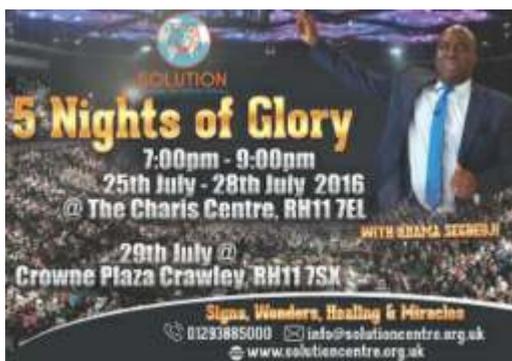
Sunday 7th August 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
"Bring and Share"
7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Sunday 14th August 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Speaker: Ian Johnson

Sunday 21st August 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Speaker: David Evans and the young people

Sunday 28th August 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Speaker: David Evans

Sunday 4th Sep 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Speaker: Ian Johnson
7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church



See overleaf for Thought for the Week

Diary Dates

Saturday 10th September, 11.00am–2.00pm: Broadfield Community Centre Fun Day

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Psalm 103:8 *The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness.*

I always pray and seek God for the Thought for the Week so it's what He wants to say, not just my opinions. The subject of homosexuality came into my mind but I have spoken of that a few times so will leave that on "hold" at the moment, but I did then think of the character Les Coker in EastEnders. I have said before that EastEnders is good at covering a range of subjects and this is no different. Les's wife has discovered his dark secret that he secretly dresses as a woman and calls himself Christine. I don't know if there is a difference between a cross dresser and a transvestite but I am pretty sure a transvestite is still a heterosexual man. Quote: "A transvestite is not mentally ill, nor is he harmful to others. Transvestism is a compulsion to dress as a woman. In society, women are accepted and acknowledged as being gentler people."

Transvestites dress in order to adopt the stereotyped image of the female, which is invariably a softer, more relaxed person. I would query the "not mentally ill" because to me, a layperson, I would class it as a psychological disorder of some sort. Why am I telling you all this? Well in one episode Billy, who works with Les, on discovering Les's secret will not work with him any more and accuses him of being a pervert. Billy is also under the impression that Les is a danger to his children which is an ignorant misconception. I immediately felt very sorry for Les (I know he's not real but I really get into it); it's obvious Les uses his alter-ego whom he calls Christine as an escape system to relieve the stress in his life and it's a habit he has had since his youth. I know it's weird but is it any different from comfort eating, drugs, alcohol, etc. and as he is not leading anyone astray can he be classed as a pervert? I think God would be sad for him, not angry and God would understand and want to be his comfort if only Les would turn to Him. It's another massive subject and difficult to condense into a Thought for the Week, but I will share this:

Years ago when I had a major drug problem one of the few things I can remember clearly is the kindness shown to me by a group of transvestite men. I was in a very bad way and near to collapse. I ended up in a transvestite commune on the Portobello Road in London. I will never forget how they helped me and the kindness they showed me – and I would now say God bless them for that.

The human mind is very strange but nobody, **nobody** is beyond redemption and restoration. As Christians we must learn to discern situations wisely and accurately, see with God's eyes and love with the Lord's heart.