



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 25th September 2016

- This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Mike Keeping
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- 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*
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- This evening** 7.00pm: National Prayer Weekend – prayer meeting in the Church
www.national-prayer-weekend.com
- 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: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans
7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Deuteronomy 1:2 (*It takes eleven days to go from Horeb to Kadesh Barnea by the Mount Seir road.*)

So after leaving Egypt why did it take the Israelites so long, 40 years in fact, to get to the promised land? I read this recently:

“The journey from Egypt to Canaan, was an 11-DAY JOURNEY! These people took 40 YEARS TO GET THERE! Most of them DID NOT GET THERE! Why you ask? Because of their mindset. They had a negative mindset. They were ungrateful, fearful, whiny, and idolatrous. Have you ever seen a more ungrateful bunch of people?!”

Well yes I have, I have been one myself. When I think of my journey with the Lord from the land of Egypt (the world) to my destination, heaven, (the promised land) it amazes me that the Lord has never given up on me. I cringe sometimes looking back at my own selfishness and foolishness but at the same time am in awe at what God has done for me and with me. There are times, especially when I am on walks or swimming in the sea or spending time with friends and family that I have such a sense of God and I am so grateful to Him for loving me, rescuing me and restoring me. When I became a Christian (and for many years I was just a church-goer, not really getting it) Jesus never said to me it would be easy, a soft ride, and in fact it's been really, really hard and painful many times; I have had to grit my teeth and persevere.

However, my journey was much longer than it needed to be because of me. I have had to learn so much about myself, to understand why I react as I do, what my true motives are (that's something we find very hard to accept), to submit and be prepared to make myself vulnerable (still working on that), to learn that not everybody thinks like I do and to embrace people's differences. To forgive, to trust, to be humble, to say sorry, to listen. It was hard to listen when I was angry and hurting so badly, the pain overtook my being, but as the old hymn *What a friend we have in Jesus* says:

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.*

In my hurt and anger I could only see my own perception of the situation and I was right in my mind so that's where I would be stuck for a long time, but God lovingly chipped away at me; the journey was long. We must be prepared to allow God to soften our hearts so we are receptive to Him otherwise we will neither grow nor change. I am still on that journey, I still struggle with issues but I know my heart is softer and that even though I have regrets the pain is not acute like it once was.

Proverbs 23:12 *Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge.*

Diary Dates

Friday 7th–Sunday 9th April 2017: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place.