



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

Broadfield Community Centre, Broadfield Barton, Crawley. Reg. Charity no. 1081321

( 01444 400521 – Email: [fellowship@broadfield.org.uk](mailto:fellowship@broadfield.org.uk) – Web: [www.broadfield.org.uk](http://www.broadfield.org.uk)

## NewsFlash!



### Sunday 2nd October 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*

**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

#### Luke 6:21

Blessed are you who hunger now,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

I was watching an interview the other day and the person started to cry but quickly composed themselves and apologised but I thought, why do people so often apologise for crying? Why are they embarrassed and ashamed? I suppose the obvious answer is that they see it as a sign of weakness, lack of self control and vulnerability but that is a worldly outlook and has often come about by parenting or philosophies of different times like the stoic puritans or Victorians. The world sometimes sees people who are overly assertive, aggressive and in control as strong but as the Dalai Lama said, "A person who practices compassion and forgiveness has great inner strength, whereas aggression is usually a sign of weakness." John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible and says, "Jesus wept." Men need to cry, not suppress it and it is so wrong to teach boys that "big boys don't cry."

Of course there are different types of crying and you can usually discern (but not always) when someone is crying for attention or manipulation or someone is just "going over the top" with emotionalism or temper tantrums, but someone crying from penitential or truly Christian feeling is very moving and poignant. Tears can be healing and a blessing and can help others to show empathy and understanding, it certainly does NOT mean a person is weak.

### Financial summary for September

**Income: £1,436, Expenditure: £1,455**

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.

### Diary Dates

**Sunday 20th November**, 5.00pm: Christ the King Songs of Praise in the Church, followed by a shared meal

**Friday 7th–Sunday 9th April 2017**: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Jon and Emily Darby