



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!



### Sunday 23rd October 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*

**Tuesday** 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home

**Next Sunday** **British Summer Time ends – clocks go back one hour**

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

**Matthew 7:6** *Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.*

What exactly does Jesus mean? It can't mean don't share the gospel with sinners! Of course not, Jesus himself spent time with prostitutes and taxpayers. The context of this scripture text is from the Sermon on the Mount when Jesus has been preaching about not judging others, but now He is showing the difference between judging and discernment. Jesus is using the analogy of dogs and pigs to represent people who ridicule or mock the Gospel, people who really are not interested in the things of God. Remember dogs in the ancient world were not pets and would often run wild in packs, and a pig to a Jew was a filthy unclean animal that they wouldn't even touch. Jesus wants us to be discerning in our dealings with people; all Christians have the gift of discernment to a greater or lesser degree and we all have the Holy Spirit. How do we know who's not genuinely interested in the gospel? Some people can appear to be very interested if it's in their own interests and they can hide their aversion to following God's ways. We don't know their motives and we can't read their hearts. Well actually we can because Jesus said we would do the same things He did and even greater:

**John 14:12** *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

The Holy Spirit can show you people's hearts; you can also discern by their fruits and pick up on things they let slip in their words or actions. Have you thought also that if you spend a lot of time with someone who appears to be interested, it may in fact be that you are meeting a need in them and thereby you are actually hindering them from seeking God and keeping them comfortable in their lost state. Why would they need to seek God if they are looking to you? In that case you are using up valuable time that could be better spent on someone who is genuinely hungry for God. If someone is openly indifferent to the gospel that's much easier, then Jesus said don't hang around:

**Matthew 10:14** *If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.*

**Proverbs 12:26** *The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.*

**Proverbs 13:20** *Walk with the wise and become wise, associate with fools and get into trouble.*

### Diary Dates

**Monday 31st October**, 5.00–6.30pm: Messy Light Party

**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