



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!



### Sunday 13th November 2016

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

*Worship: Vivienne Evans; 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*

**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

*Led by students from IBTI*

5.00pm: Christ the King Songs of Praise in the Church, followed by a meal

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Genesis 8:1 says "But God remembered Noah ..."

It's not that God had forgotten Noah, it just meant He was now going to take action. God doesn't forget anything, He chooses not to recall our sins or hold them against us when we say sorry, it's not that He can't remember. He most certainly doesn't forget anybody even when they choose to ignore Him. Today is Remembrance Sunday and I like to put a different slant on how we remember and whom we remember. Of course we remember those who died in battle, many, many of them under-age boys in the First World War who didn't really know what was to come and who joined up for all sorts of reasons. We also remember our modern day soldiers but my mind is most often drawn to those that were and are left behind who also suffered terribly. There was no welfare state during the wars or great knowledge of psychological trauma, families were suddenly fatherless, parents and grandparents grieving, young women losing their future husbands. And very often if they did have a soldier return and survive he would be a different person, suffering from Post Traumatic Stress.

Chloe Papas says in her article "World War 1, Those left Behind" – *The symptoms of PTSD presented themselves as they do today: often a fear of crowds and loud noises or becoming withdrawn, short-tempered and depressed. They tread on egg shells – the family tip-toed around anything that was likely to produce some conflict or confrontation, anything that was liable to force the returning service person to consider a point of view or make a decision that was outside their norm. But, despite a more accepting society and knowledge surrounding mental illness, families still face the same challenges as they did a century ago.*

As I said, of course we remember the fallen but also the the lasting emotional scars created by war and loss. I have mentioned before my Grandmother, whose husband died in the First World War, she was a quiet solitary person (I didn't recognise her hurt as a child) and I grew up without any male influence because of both wars. That has a significant affect on a child.

So Remembrance Sunday is a time for reflection on all these issues but also to remember that in spite of all the horror and pain God is still God and can be trusted.

### Diary Dates

**Sunday 27th November**, 12.00–1.45pm: Sunday lunch in the Social Hall – all welcome

**Monday 28th November**, 6.30pm: Church meeting in the Small Hall

**Friday 7th–Sunday 9th April 2017**: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Jon and Emily Darby – Irma is collecting money if you would like to save for this, costs to follow but should be similar to this year