



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!



Christmas and New Year 2016/7

This morning 10.30am: Carol Service and Walking Nativity in the Social Hall

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today
If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders*

Tuesday 10.30am–12.00 noon: Messy Christmas with arts & crafts, celebration and food

Christmas Eve 4.00pm: Christingle and Carols in the Church

Christmas Day 10.30am: Christmas Celebration with the Anglicans in the Church

New Year's Day 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

"Many parts – One body" — You are invited to prepare a thanksgiving, testimony, thought or song to share

Tuesday 3rd Jan 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home

7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

Wednesday 4th Jan 9.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Friday 6th Jan 2.30pm: Dave Time in the Church Quiet Room

5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

Sunday 8th Jan 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

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Psalm 102:25-27 "Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end." Every year the Queen gives a Christmas message to the nation and this is a Christmas message to you (not that I am comparing myself to the Queen, when I start doing that you have my permission to slap me down). The world is in turmoil; uncertainty and fear is all around, the devil, the ruler of this world, thinks he's in control, deceiving even Christians with his lies, but he is NOT and never will be victorious in any way. The birth of Jesus was the beginning of His journey to the cross; the devil knew who He was and that He intended to show us the right way to live and to set in place His Kingdom but He didn't know that Jesus would sacrifice Himself for us, if he had known that he wouldn't have bothered to try so hard to kill Him. No sooner was Jesus born than the devil took advantage of Herod's lust for power and led him to massacre all the baby boys in an attempt to eliminate Jesus. The devil still operates in this way, creating chaos and using people to complete his tasks of destruction. People fight and quarrel because they don't have what they want.

James 4:2 "You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God." Think of some of the arguments and stresses you have or have had, trying desperately to change your loved ones or get things done how you feel they should be done. I can only say this because I know how wrong I have got it in the past. We say we trust God but so often we don't and at the end of the day we can't change anybody but WE can change. Jesus only taught for three years but in that short time He showed us how to live – that's incredible. We have His word, His witness, His love. That tiny baby lying in an animal's feeding trough is and was the answer to all the world's turmoil if only people would believe, trust and obey. It starts with us believing – yes, you have given your life to Him but do you actually believe He loves you in spite of all your flaws and weakness? You may think you are unworthy and that your sins are worse than anybody else's but that's not what God says. When you start to love yourself you will then find it easier to love others. So this Christmas, receive from God His word that He really does LOVE you.

Diary Dates

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