



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 23rd April 2017

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 would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders*

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 24:39 "Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."

After appearing to the two on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appears to the other disciples, He asks them to touch Him and also to give Him some food to eat. This shows us the tangible nature of the risen Jesus, He has flesh and bones and can eat bread and fish proving He is not a vapour-like spirit. I know some Christians believe that in heaven we will be spirit bodies and they even say we will not know our loved ones; it will all be totally different, well that is ridiculous in my eyes. I wouldn't want to be some airy-fairy "will-o-the-wisp" who doesn't recognise my loved ones – no thanks. I don't want the body I have now as it's deteriorating but there's no reason why it won't be similar and recognisable.

The other interesting thing is, that as well as asking them to touch Him in in Luke 24:39 He also says to doubting Thomas to touch him, but in the garden where His tomb is he says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father." (John 20:17). I have read different theories but to me this makes the most sense: 'In loosening

Mary's hold on Him, Jesus was, in effect, saying this: "I know you desire to keep Me here, always present with you. I know you want everything to be just the same as before I died. But our relationship is about to change. I'm going to heaven, and you will have the Comforter in My place. You need to start walking by faith, Mary, not by sight.'" (gotquestions.org)

The difference is she is clinging to Him, it may be an embrace of joy or it could be a "please don't leave me again" sort of clinging.

In the case of Thomas (who said he wouldn't believe unless he saw the wounds of Jesus himself) it was to prove to Thomas the reality of His risen body so Jesus said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving." (John 20:27) He then says to Thomas afterwards in verse 29, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." That's us, all who have given their lives to Jesus.

Jesus appeared to many after His death and before He ascended into heaven. In 1 Corinthians 15:6 it says Jesus appeared to over 500 of the brethren.

That's so encouraging and amazing, isn't it?

Recordings of the Church Weekend are now on the website at sermons.broadfield.org.uk. If anyone would like copies on CD, please ask Kevin.

Financial summary for March

Income: £2,626, Expenditure: £3,277

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

Saturday 29th July–Saturday 4th August: Revive! 2017, "All for One" with Roger and Faith Forster and special guest speakers Stuart Bell, Steve Clifford and Jake Isaac. Bookings can be made at ichthus.org.uk/revive.