



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 14th May 2017

**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 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  
*Led by students from IBTI*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.** (Isaiah 55:8-9)

God is a God of the unexpected and we must be careful not to put Him in a box that aligns with our own theories, world views or set ways of thinking. I follow the writings of Dr Micha Jazz in the *Voice of Hope* daily readings. I love his honest, open sharing about his life. He was a prominent speaker and evangelist but had to step back from all his engagements when his wife Katey developed MS; that brought many heartaches and struggles and he cared for her until she died. One of the many struggles they had prior to the MS diagnosis was their childlessness. At one point in their journey they took into their home a young woman called Jayne who had been abandoned by her husband and who was seven months pregnant. Now to me my first thought would have been, “That’s a BAD idea, most unwise, particularly as Katey was sad about not being able to have children, what are they thinking of?!”

I remember when when my husband and I and the children had a young non-Christian couple lodging with us and they were desperate to have a baby. Then at the age of 43 I became pregnant with my fourth child. The young wife Anna (not her real name) became very resentful, angry and jealous, it was not a good situation at all.

However with Dr Jazz and Katey it was very different, Katey became friends with Jayne and when the baby was delivered by an emergency caesarean Dr Micha and Katey were the first to hold the little girl. They lived together as a little family and when Katey eventually sadly died Dr Micha continued the friendship with Jayne and she eventually became his second wife.

Now I don’t think my first thought was all that misplaced except that unless they had asked me to pray or to be involved in any way it wouldn’t really have been my business and, as it turned out, God was in it. God can work many different ways in similar circumstances; of course we must be discerning and in the case of Dr Micha and his wife Katey they must have prayed about it and hopefully if they had been completely on the wrong track their Pastor or close friends would have said something.

God does things in a backwards, topsy-turvy way like the upside-down Kingdom, so different from the world at times. He chooses to arrive in this world via a very young unmarried village girl, He chooses teenagers to fight Giants (David & Goliath), a prostitute to protect His spies before the collapse of Jericho, fisherman and tax-collectors to start His church, and He can use evil men to serve His purposes – Habakkuk 1:5-11 is a prophecy in which God relates His intention to raise up Babylon, a “ruthless” and “dreaded” nation, to achieve His purpose.

### Diary Dates

**Monday 22nd May, 7.45pm:** Church Meeting in the Small Hall

**Saturday 29th July–Saturday 4th August:** Revive! 2017, “All for One” with Roger and Faith Forster and special guest speakers Stuart Bell, Steve Clifford, Jake Isaac and Ian Christensen. Bookings can be made at [ichthus.org.uk/revive](http://ichthus.org.uk/revive)