



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!



Sunday 28th May 2017

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
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

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Matthew 3:7-10

John is baptising many people in the Jordan River, they are coming to him in repentance, confessing their sins. However, when he sees the Pharisees and Sadducees coming he greets them with, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." Not the best evangelistic approach I have come across! But John knew their hearts and could see right through them.

Now I have been away in Devon for a week with no Wi-Fi so I have had a break from politics (much to my friends' relief) but I can recognise a similarity in the behaviour of the Pharisees to that of politicians (sometimes). People whose livelihood depends on public approval will attend many causes and gatherings to show themselves to be "with the people" saying all kinds of things to be popular and sometimes it's not actually out of a genuine concern for people's welfare. The Pharisees were seeking to win people's hearts not God's. It's very easy to be "taken in" by the things people say and how they present themselves to us, that's why Jesus said, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16) Discernment is so important, only today I was reflecting with my daughter on a couple of friends I had in the past and was saying to her, "How on earth didn't I see or realise what they were? How could I have been so blind?" Her answer was, "They must have been meeting a need in you." That was absolutely right, spot on and that's why I am always saying it's so important that we know ourselves, and also if we have good friends they will be looking out for us, so if they warn us we must be open and flexible and teachable enough to receive it.

There have been eloquent articulate preachers in the past who have captivated people with their words and charisma but have actually been out of alignment with God's word. So it's important to spend time with God and to listen as best we can to the Holy Spirit, who wants to protect and guide us from false teaching and insincerity and from those who want to manipulate. Jesus warned the disciples about religious hypocrisy. "'Be careful,' Jesus warned them. 'Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.'" (Mark 8:15)

Saturday 1st July — Family Encounter Day at Holmsted Manor

Building and Equipping Families to Grow Together

See poster on tables for more details

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, Jake Isaac and Ian Christensen. Bookings can be made at ichthus.org.uk/revive