



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!



### Sunday 18th June 2017

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Led by Ian's House Group*

*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

### Thought for the Week — from Caroline

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8 NIV)*

*In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men. (Acts 24:16 NASB)*

*... so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ... (Philippines 2:15 NIV)*

The reading today in church is Psalm 26 written by David. I first looked it up in the Women's Devotional Bible and verse 1 starts off "Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have led a blameless life ..." I immediately thought, "Well that's not true of his life or my own, but God has inspired it to be written here so I must look into this." I asked a friend what she made of it and she said blameless is not the same as sinless and as far as I can make out (I am still trying to get my head round it), it means that God/Jesus, because of what He did for us by dying for all our sins past and present, looks on us as blameless even though we still slip up and sin. The robe of righteousness is around us and as we continue to work out our salvation (Philippines 2:12) we must endeavour to lead blameless lives and when we do slip, confess it straight away (repent) to the Lord. As we grow closer to Jesus we will sin less but we will never be sinless, Jesus was the only person on this earth to be sinless. We will be perfected and perfect when we join our Lord in heaven.

It is always a good idea to read scripture from other translations because Psalm 26 verse 1 in the NKJV says, "Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity." Now this to me makes much more sense because you can have a heart and desire for integrity (which God sees) but still fall as David did. I believe Psalm 26 was written before he sinned with Bathsheba but nevertheless he would have sinned before that because he was human and we all do (and he asks in the previous Psalm 25 for God not to remember the sins of his youth), but he had a heart to do and be all that God wanted him to be, he had great faith (as in David and Goliath) and he didn't murder Saul when he had an opportunity. He was mortified when his friend the prophet Nathan showed him the depth of his sin, his adultery with Bathsheba and putting Uriah in the front line to cause his death, and David suffered consequences because of that. David went on to write Psalm 51 in which he asks God to create a pure heart in him and not to remove His presence from him.

I like to think I am a woman of integrity and I endeavour to lead a blameless life but I am not sinless and I do sin. I hope my friends and yours will have the courage to do as Nathan did and bring correction to our lives. I hope my friends, if they see me doing something that I may or may not be aware that is wrong, will seek God first and then say to me, "Caroline, I care about you but what you are doing is not right" or words to that affect so that I can continue on a blameless path. That's more loving than letting me continue on a wrong path, I then have the choice to agree or disagree and ask God what I should do and then obey Him.

### 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](http://ichthus.org.uk/revive)