



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 17th September 2017

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans*

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*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*

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**Monday** 7.00pm: Prayer time in the Church

**Tuesday** 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home  
7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

**Wednesday** 9.15am: 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: Ian Johnson*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Act 28:5** *“But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.” (NIV)*

Paul was on the beach after being shipwrecked and he writes in Acts 28:2-3: *“The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand.” (NIV)* The islanders thought that this was justice and he must have been a murderer.

How Paul reacted to this snake bite is exactly how we must respond when the Devil speaks into our lives. The Devil will use anybody to speak to us, even fellow Christians, just as the Devil spoke to Jesus via Peter in Matthew 16: 22-23: *“Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ‘Never, Lord!’ he said. ‘This shall never happen to you!’ Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.’ (NIV)* The Devil knows us inside out and has studied us from birth, he knows our fears and insecurity and what rattles us so he will speak through somebody in order to get us protecting ourselves rather than trusting God (words have immense power). When someone says something that throws you in a panic when you had previously said you would trust God in the situation, instead of frantically trying to engineer the circumstances to ensure your emotional well-being, shake the remark off and continue trusting God.

Joyce Meyer says this:

As we follow the Spirit, we can shake off offences and hold on to our peace. When others see that we are able to remain calm even when “the serpent” bites us, they will want to know where that peace is coming from in our lives. When we are in a state of being upset, we cannot hear from God clearly. The Bible promises us that God will lead us and walk us out of our troubles, but we cannot be led by the Spirit if we are offended and in turmoil.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 20th April–Sunday 22nd April 2018:** Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Phil Tate