



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 29th October 2017

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

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

**Tuesday** 4.30–6.00pm: **“Messy Light Party”** – an alternative to Halloween at the Church and Community Centre. Fun, party games, arts and crafts, food and celebration. This is an event for the whole family and children need to be with a parent or carer. No cost – donations welcome. No need to book – just come along

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: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Ian Johnson*

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Mark 10:37** *They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”*

#### The Sin of Self-Promotion

Joyce Meyer writes: As Americans, competition and rivalry seem to be in our blood. We are taught from early childhood that we must be better than others. We strive for recognition and prestige and tend to focus solely on ourselves. James and John would have fit well into our society. They sought the ultimate recognition – to sit at the right and left of Jesus in the Kingdom.

Jesus had a pointed response for them that should give us all pause for reflection. While rulers of the Gentiles lord it over those under them, such behaviour is not befitting one who follows Christ. “Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant” (Mark10:43).

That spirit of servanthood, which is often lacking in American culture, is much more visible among Africans – at least among African students at Moffat College of Bible in Kenya, where I have taught for several summers. Instead of dog-eat-dog competition that is evident among my American students, I have noted a genuine concern for one another, especially in regard to grades at testing times. My African students appear most pleased, not when they alone perform well, but when the others perform well also. Indeed, if they were to receive As, there would be jubilation. Not so with my American students, whose real satisfaction comes only from being on top.

I have had to do some soul-searching myself on this issue. The competition for grades and the struggle for recognition in athletics that characterized my own student days have been subtly replaced by other forms of competition that are more befitting teachers and writers. But such a spirit is not becoming for a follower of Jesus. The Lord’s words were direct, and He offered no excuses for those “handicapped” by their cultural heritage.

### Diary Dates

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