



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 12th November 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*

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 5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

6.30pm: Church Meeting in the Social Hall

The agenda will cover the Fellowship's activities and finances and there will be an opportunity to ask questions – everyone who worships with us regularly is encouraged to come

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, including communion

Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

God of Judgement. God of Love.

Christians sometimes try to “water down” God’s judgement and His dealings with sin in the Old Testament because they can’t come to terms with it in relation to the teachings of Jesus, but the God of the Old Testament and the God of the new are not different but very much the same. There will be judgement from God and it will be terrifying but that doesn’t detract from His goodness and love.

An excerpt from an article named “God of Judgement. God of Love.” written by the Cornerstone Team of Cornerstone Church, Kingston wrote this:

It might seem that the God of the Old Testament is all about judgement, hell fire and brimstone but actually Jesus, in the New Testament talks more about Hell than any other person in the Bible and than the whole of the Old Testament combined. It might also appear that the God of the New Testament (displayed perfectly in Jesus), is a much more loving God than the God of the Old Testament. But, in fact, some of the best pictures of God’s love for his people are found in the Old Testament. Think about the book of Isaiah, for example. God says to Israel: “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.” (Isaiah 49:15-16)

So what are we to make of all this? Is the God of the Bible loving or does he just want to punish people in Hell? Well, it’s a false dichotomy! God is both just and loving. In fact, the God of the Bible is so just that He cannot leave sin – our rejection of His good plans for our life and of God Himself – unpunished. But He’s also so loving that he sent his only Son, Jesus, to take the punishment we deserve for our sin so that anyone who calls out to Him to be saved can ask for forgiveness and receive it freely!

In my Cover to Cover Bible after each reading there is a *For Thought and Contemplation*: It is important to remember that God’s judgement of His people’s sins is not merely retributive but remedial. He isn’t against us for our sin, but for us against our sin. Think about it, it’s a thought worth holding in our minds throughout the whole of the day. (I had to re-read it a couple of times to get it “sunk in.”)

“But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

Diary Dates

Sunday 26th November, 5.00pm: Joint service for the Feast of Christ the King in the Church, followed by food

Saturday 2nd December, 2.00pm: Live Nativity at Holmsted Manor

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