



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 10th December 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*

**Monday** 6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church (*for one hour*)

**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 (*for one hour*)  
5.00pm: Christmas 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

*Family Christmas special – please bring gifts of food, treats and toiletries for the Easter Team's Christmas appeal*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Micah 5:2,4-5, International Children's Bible

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, are one of the smallest towns in Judah.  
But from you will come one who will rule Israel for me.  
He comes from very old times, from days long ago."  
Then the ruler of Israel will stand and take care of his people.  
He will lead them with the Lord's power.  
He will lead them in the wonderful name of the Lord his God.  
They will live in safety.  
And his greatness will be known all over the earth.  
He will bring peace.

I find these scriptures exciting and with each Christmas they seem to grow in meaning. Looking at the world and all our personal struggles it doesn't seem that He brings peace or safety but in spite of it all He does and one day it will be for eternity. We all have personal spiritual battles as we journey along our Christian walk; we have situations to deal with that stir up all kinds of emotions, but as we learn to trust Jesus more and more He does lead us in power, He does fight for us, care for us and gives us other Christians to support us even when we are at our weakest. He loves us even when we fail or are horrible and all He asks is that we believe Him and trust Him, submit and say sorry when we need to. I know only too well it's not easy to do that at times, especially when we feel the fear so real but there is a way through and He has promised never to leave us and He will and does bring us peace. His greatness is also known all over the earth in spite of negative reports about Christianity from the media.

Advent reminds us to prepare ourselves for the birth of our King and reminds us also to eagerly wait for His return in glory.

*"The birth of Christ is the central event in the history of the earth – the very thing the whole story has been about."* – C.S. Lewis

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 19th December**, 11.00am: Ken Brown's funeral at the Friary

**Friday 22nd December**, 2.00pm: "Messy Christmas" – Arts and crafts, celebration and food, an event for the whole family (children need to be with a parent or carer) – No charge, donations welcome

**Saturday 23rd December**, 11.00am: Carol singing on Broadfield Barton

**Sunday 24th December – No morning service**, 4.00pm: Carols by candlelight in the Church

**Monday 25th December**, 10.30am: Christmas Day family worship in the Church

**Sunday 31st December**, 10.30am: Thanksgiving breakfast in the Social Hall

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