



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!



### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2017/8



<b>This morning</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Family Christmas special</i>
<i>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</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church ( <i>for one hour</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home 7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
<b>Friday</b>	2.00pm: "Messy Christmas" <i>Arts and crafts, celebration and food, an event for the whole family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	11.00am: Carol singing on Broadfield Barton
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>No Morning Service</b> 4.00pm: Christingle and Carols in the Church
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.30am: Christmas Celebration with the Church of England in the Church
<b>Sunday 31st</b>	9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship 9.30am: Prayer meeting 10.00am: Tea and coffee 10.30am: Thanksgiving breakfast in the Social Hall
<b>Friday 5th Jan</b>	2.30pm: Dave Time in the Church Quiet Room 5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
<b>Sunday 7th Jan</b>	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 7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

#### GOOD WILL TO ALL

"Do not be afraid," the angel says to the terrified shepherds watching over flocks. "Peace on earth" has come among us. "Good will to all." (Luke 2:10,14)

Going round town and to the local shops lately I am continually hearing parents threaten their children with the possibility that Father Christmas will reject them and withdraw any chance of presents! Father Christmas, I thought, isn't actually that nice; it seems to me that Father Christmas and his organisation of elves, or "firm" as the mafiosi would term it, are watching "hawkishly" for the slightest lapse in good behaviour and, as the song goes, "You better not cry, you better not pout." Well I am telling you if adults were on his hit list, I blew any chances of presents this year!

I am so glad and I am sure you are that Jesus is nothing like Father Christmas; Jesus is forgiving, merciful, kind, compassionate, understanding and His love is unconditional. Yes, He will discipline us but it's not a punishment, it's to help us grow and live wisely. He rejects no one who seeks Him and has endless

patience. It's true that He will not bestow special blessings on those who are deliberately wicked but they still have universal blessings such as the beauty of creation, the kindness of strangers, the sun, the rain, health and much more and, more importantly, the opportunity all the time they are on this planet to turn to Christ, to surrender their lives to the greatest gift the world has ever known: a Saviour born to us on Christmas day. Top that, Father Christmas!! I don't think Father Christmas has been reading his Bible, do you? Here are the words of his rather threatening ditty:

#### Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out, you better not cry  
Better not pout, I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He's making a list and checking it twice  
Gonna find out who's naughty and nice  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!

### Diary Dates

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