



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 14th January 2018

This morning	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans</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>	
Monday	6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church <i>(for one hour)</i>
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 <i>(for one hour)</i> 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 <i>Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Carol Boreham (CAP)</i> 5.00pm: Joint service for <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> in the Church <i>"That All May Be Free" focusing on the churches of the Caribbean</i>

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

God can do anything, you know – far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! (Ephesians 3:20, *The Message*)

I am very surprised that some people will not watch the film "The Shack" as they say it's blasphemous. I do not know how they come to this conclusion as God can do anything, appear in any way and speak in any way. He's not bound by our prejudices or our rigid thinking and limitations. "The Shack" is packed full of wisdom, insight and the revelation of God's immense love and grace to us even when we are far from Him. It covers guilt, forgiveness, anger, hatred, bitterness, grief, judgement, mercy, and the struggle we have to overcome. The Shack is the vision given to the main character Mac, it's personal to Mac and God spoke to and taught Mac in a way tailored for him. God chose to appear as a woman to Mac because He knew that because of Mac's damaged relationship with his abusive father he wouldn't be able to relate to a father figure (God's brilliance), and anyway why shouldn't God appear as a woman? God created woman, He created every little detail of the feminine nature. Also God the Father portrayed not only as a woman but as a black woman is to me a brilliant move as well, for too long black people have had to put up with Jesus portrayed as white and in some absurd cases as blonde and blue-eyed. So, as Ephesians 3:20 says, God can do anything. In Numbers 22:21-39 God spoke through a donkey, is that blasphemy? And in Daniel 5:5 God wrote with a huge hand on a wall, and there are countless ways God has done bizarre things and appeared even in human form as the angel of the Lord. There is no doubt that God used visions in the Old and New Testaments or that He continues to do so today when it suits His purposes.

*The definition of **Blasphemy** is the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence to a deity, to religious or holy persons.*

Diary Dates

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

Saturday 28th July–Saturday 4th August: Revive! 2018 – "Breakthrough" – at Ashburnham Place

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 2)