



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 4th February 2018

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*

This evening 7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

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: 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

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Guard your steps and focus on what you are doing as you go to the house of God and draw near to listen rather than to offer the (careless or irreverent) sacrifice of fools ... (Ecclesiastes 5:1)

I think Solomon wrote this in a humbled state after his fall into idolatry, it would appear a natural sign of the writer's self-humiliation, an acknowledgement of his unworthiness. Leading up to this he has also mentioned a lot about man's futile behaviours, false pride, and about wisdom and foolishness. He is right, the house of God is very special, it's where we honour God. Now we meet in the Community Centre where during the week there is the Coffee shop, Posh Club and the Friday Meal, not to mention parties and functions but for two hours on a Sunday morning it's God's house. We don't have an altar, stained glass windows, pews, fonts or the smell of an old church so sometimes its easy to forget that for two hours we are just the same as the aforementioned churches.

Now I know I have mentioned mobile phones in church before but this scripture made me think of it again. I am not a "holier than thou" perfect Christian, I am not the church police and I am talking to myself as much as anybody – in fact my friends and family will smile when they read this as they know how much I text and how disastrous it was at Christmas when my phone broke. However, one of the things that helps us to mature as Christians is to learn self discipline; self discipline means we learn to do things we don't want to do, learn to do things we must do and learn to resist some things that we want to do but its not wise for us to do. Now mobile phones are very addictive they beg to be answered, looked at, explored, they are our little gateway to so many things but they can be resisted for two hours (emergencies or illness excluded). God loves our praise, our singing and our prayers but even more He wants to talk to us. Nobody, but nobody on a Sunday morning is more important than anyone else, God want us all to hear from Him in many ways but if our mobile phones get more attention how can He do that? If you were trying to say something to me and I didn't look up from my phone you would most probably think me rude, you would be tempted not to speak to me as I seem disinterested in you, it would be hurtful as well. Some people may say, "Well I use my phone to look up Bible passages," but there are Bibles at the back and why not write down the passage and look it up when you are at home, because unchurched people (people who have never been in a church before) may see you on your phone and not realise you are looking up Bible passages so they think being on your phone is fine in church. You may disagree with me but I think we are all agreed that mobiles are addictive and just learning to resist them for a couple of hours will benefit you, after all if you can't resist a phone, how are you going to resist the devil? I challenge you to try it, turn it off and put it in a bag and see how long you can go without touching it.

Diary Dates

Friday 20th April–Sunday 22nd April: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Phil Tate – booking forms are now available on the table, please give to Irma with any payments

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)