



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 25th February 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	10.00am: Women's World Day of Prayer at the Friary Church in the Town Centre <i>All God's Creation is Very Good! Praying for Suriname, a service for everyone</i> 2.30pm: "Dave Time" In the Church Quiet Room (<i>for one hour</i>) 5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall 7.30pm: Women's World Day of Prayer at St. Andrew's Church, Furnace Green
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: Ian Johnson</i> 7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs – beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. (Matthew 23.27)

I have become a passionate gardener. For the first time in my life, my home includes a large garden, which fills me with joy. My initial fear at the scale of the project and scepticism about my ability to manage this space has been replaced with a deep sense of pleasure working in it, including making room for an allotment.

Making room was a challenge. I needed to clear 27 Cypress trees that formed a thick hedge about one metre deep and three metres tall. So I set aside a month over which I would accomplish my plan. My trusty tree saw in hand, I literally worked my way down the hedge. Green and verdant on its edges, as I cut through towards the main trunk I was showered with dirt, dust and dried, dead needles within. Many of the limbs and some of

the trunks of the 27 trees were rotten. What appeared to be a healthy hedge included much dead and rotten wood. After each visit to the hedge I needed a shower to remove all the dust and dirt from my hair and body.

Overall there was probably more deadwood and leaves that we carried to the tip than there was good. And so I reflected upon my own life. I knew I was very able at presenting a positive image to the world in which I lived and worked, and yet reflected on how much dirt and dying debris was carried beneath a well-manicured image. I also considered how I managed that hedge each year and never realised just what lay beneath the many vibrant surfaces it presented to the casual onlooker. It provoked me once again to attend to the hedges surrounding my own life and ensure I was more than a "whitewashed tomb." Graves can be well maintained and attractive, yet we must never forget they are only filled with lifeless remains.

Question: When was the last time you gave your soul a spring clean? Prayer: Lord, thank you that when you prune us and cut us back it reveals your fatherly love and care. (*Dr Micha Jazz*)

Diary Dates

Good Friday, 30th March: 10.00am Meet at church for walk of witness to: 11.00am: Town-wide Celebration in Queens Square – join hundreds of Christians from around Crawley to proclaim the Easter message

Saturday 31st March: 10.00am: Broadfield Prayer Walk – join locals praying for Broadfield – we'll return to the Centre for hot cross buns afterwards

Friday 20th April–Sunday 22nd April: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place – "Going and Growing with the Holy Spirit" 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. Bookings are now open at www.ichthus.org.uk/revive – 10% discount for full payment by Thursday 29th March

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