



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 18th March 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Kevin Gordon; 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*

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 12.00pm: JMC meets in the Church Quiet Room
2.30pm: "Dave Time" In the Church Quiet Room (*for one hour*)
5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

Next Sunday  **START OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME – Clocks go forward, don't be late!**
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: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Keep it Simple

But I fear that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your minds may be corrupted from a complete and pure devotion to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3)

Paul was very concerned for the Corinthian believers that in their enthusiasm to learn they were being led astray by false teachers. They were sincere in their desire to learn but soaking up wrong material.

Sometimes intellectualism and world philosophies can appeal greatly to intellectuals who then in some cases will share with pride their great knowledge, but they can be in danger of focusing more on learning than God (it becomes their religion). I can remember times at Revive camp inadvertently going to the wrong seminar (wrong for me anyway), it would be highly intellectual and I would end up looking longingly at the open window as a means of escape, bored and not knowing what they were talking about. We do need intellectuals obviously but they are in as much danger of being misled as simple folk like myself. There is also nothing wrong with having an enquiring mind as long as you don't end up trying to work everything out, God's ways are so much higher than our own – ***"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways***

my ways," declares the LORD (Isaiah 55:8) – some things you just have to leave to faith and trust. If something puzzles you, which happens quite often with me, as scripture can seem to contradict itself, ask God about it and ask another trusted Christian who you know has years of experience.

Be cautious of the Internet too, it can be extremely helpful but there is a lot of faulty teaching and worldly wisdom mingled with truth. As you grow in Christ you will be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit when you read things on the Internet, you may just think that doesn't sound right or that's not matching up with scripture.

I love visual aids and simple messages, the gospel stories brought alive or personal stories from people, that's how I am programmed. I remember a famous prophetic lady preaching in this way, she shared how she always trained her pet dogs but the particular dog she had at the time just wasn't "getting it," so in exasperation she said to God, "You made him, you talk to him!" and do you know what? He got it. She also shared how as a young girl in Puerto Rico she got lost walking home from college and ended up in the streets of a notorious dangerous area of town. A man appeared dressed as a pimp who was evidently helping her, having got her to safety he disappeared. She knew he was an angel and what a brilliant move of God to dress him as a pimp so he totally blended in. I love these stories and can always remember them, so simple too.

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 – 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)