



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 27th May 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Ian Johnson

*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*

Tuesday

1.30pm: Churches' Joint Management Committee meets

7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home

7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

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: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Steve Trullinger

*Steve is based in California and founded The Father's Touch Ministries
(www.fatherstouch.org)*

12.00pm: Lunch of filled jacket potatoes to facilitate more time with Steve (end 1.30)

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, our very present help in trouble."

There is a very well known and oft-quoted saying, "God helps those who help themselves" but it is not actually in the Bible and in fact the Bible teaches the opposite, He helps those who are helpless and dependent on Him. He helps those who look to Him as their only source of help for their problem. In Luke 18:9-17 Jesus tells a parable to people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and therefore better than others, they looked with contempt on whom they judged as sinners worse than them. These people were blind and ignorant of their helplessness. Proverbs 28:26 says, "Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe."

Having said all that its not an excuse for us to do nothing in certain situations. We cant just say, "Well, I have prayed about it so I have left it with God." If we have relationship problems we seek God for our part, what we should do, or ask God, "Is there some attitude or behaviour in my character that needs addressing, what should I say or not say, etc." If we have financial problems it may be that we are mishandling money and God wants to teach us His way to handle it. If you want to lose weight you don't just sit around asking God to reduce your

weight, you have to take action. If you need a job it's no good sitting around at home waiting for God to answer your prayer and not actually looking for one.

So in some situations God will HELP us but not do it for us and in other situations we can't do anything expect trust God with it. I have passed my driving test so I am able to legally drive my car and I know what to do, I can ask God to keep me safe on the road and trust that He will, but my part is to obey the Highway Code and all the rules of the road, to be patient and considerate to other drivers. I cannot know what may happen but I have done all I can. As Christians there is the Bible (our spiritual Highway Code) and God's word to teach us how to live and the more we read it and apply it the wiser we should get, then we will know when to leave a situation with God that we are utterly helpless in or when we should do something with God's help. If we ignore the Bible and God's word for our lives it would be like me driving my car and deciding I can ignore the Highway code.

Take comfort in this (Isaiah 25:4):

You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.
For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall

The Lighthouse Project Crawley has a job vacancy – please see the poster on the tables

Diary Dates

Tuesday 5th June, 6.30pm: Church Meeting in the Small Hall – All who worship with us regularly are encouraged to come

Saturday 28th July–Saturday 4th August: Revive 2018 – "Breakthrough" at Ashburnham Place with guest speaker Tim Paton. Book at www.ichthus.org.uk/revive

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