



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 15th/22nd April 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Vivienne Evans; 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*

Monday 6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church (for one hour)

The other churches in Broadfield will be joining us on this occasion

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–Sunday **Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place**

"Going and Growing with the Holy Spirit" with Phil Tate

Please don't arrive before 4.30, dinner is at 6.30

Sunday 22nd **No service in the Social Hall**

The Church of England meets in the Church at 11.00am

Monday 23rd 6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church (for one hour)

Tuesday 24th 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home

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

Wednesday 25th 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Friday 27th 2.30pm: "Dave Time" In the Church Quiet Room (for one hour)

5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

Sunday 29th 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: David Evans

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Why Did Jesus Come to Earth?

Jesus and Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

He didn't come to fix the environment or to pander to the religious or the self-righteous or to conquer the world through politics or might; he didn't come to find fame or wealth or to seek position to gain acceptance and admiration from men but He came to seek and save lost souls, souls like Zacchaeus who was a manipulative, sneaky, thieving scum bag that people wanted nothing to do with. Zacchaeus saw in this man Jesus something he wanted and Jesus saw in Zacchaeus something he needed.

I wish I could take you by the hand and show you my life 49 years ago, 22 years old, a wreck and getting worse (you would be very shocked). I started to go to church when I was 32 but I cant say I was a Christian, just a churchgoer. I believe He had His hand on this lost soul for a long, long time and eventually and very slowly I learned and "the penny dropped" but I still got a lot wrong. You see, God never gives up, He sees what you can become, He knows what gifts He has instilled in you and what destiny He has for you. Oh, if only I had known this years ago, but I am telling you now so you don't have to have as long a journey as me. I wasn't instantly changed like Zacchaeus but I am not Zacchaeus, I am me and you are you and God knows what He is doing. But make sure you listen and obey otherwise you will go nowhere (saved but static).

Diary Dates

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