



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!



### Sunday 6th May 2018

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Led by students from IBTI*

*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  
6.45pm: Church Trustees meet with JMC  
7.30pm: Church Trustees meet with Community Centre Trustees and workers

**Friday** 2.30pm: "Dave Time" In the Church Quiet Room (*for one hour*)  
5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall, followed by:  
**Alpha** in the Church Quiet Room (*ends 7.00pm*)

*Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Each Alpha session has food, a talk and a good conversation.*



**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: David Evans*

### Financial summary for April 2018

**Income: £4,750 (including £1,738 Gift Aid rebate), Expenditure: £3,063**

The Fellowship is solely dependent on your offerings to function and we thank everyone who gives regularly or occasionally. There is a box for offerings on the table by the main entrance and we pass an offering bag round once a month. Please speak to Kevin if you would like to give by Standing Order or would like a Gift Aid declaration – if you pay tax, the value of all your gifts is then increased by 25%. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are also available on the tables.

### See overleaf for Thought for the Week

### Diary Dates

**Sunday 20th May, 7.00pm** (after the Ichthus Celebration): Revive volunteer "meet-and-greet"/Q&A type event where those who would like to volunteer for Revive, or who may be considering volunteering, can ask questions, meet team leaders, and generally find out more of what it means to volunteer and why it is such a rewarding way to enjoy Revive. At Dietrich Bonhoeffer Church, Dacres Road, Forest Hill SE23 2NR

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

## Thought for the Week – from Caroline

On Friday evening we started the Alpha group with session 1 asking “Is There More To Life Than This?” Nicky Gumbel spoke about Jesus telling His disciples in John 14:6 that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life and we explored this in detail. Nicky Gumbel also mentioned (apart from several others) that Freddie Mercury (1946-1991) expressed how lonely he was in spite of his popularity and fame and in fact in an interview he said this:

“I don't have any real friends. I don't think I do. I discard them. People tell me they're friends, but there we are. I don't believe them.”

“You can be in a crowded area and still be the loneliest person, because you don't really belong to anyone.”

“In fact, my kind of loneliness is the hardest to bear. Loneliness doesn't mean being shut away in a room by yourself.”

That is very sad, was he searching in his last days for something deeper and eternal? It does sound like it and I hope he found God but only God knows that.

In 1985 on his album *Mr Bad Guy* he sang the song *There Must Be More To Life Than This*, the lyrics are as follows:

There must be more to life than this  
There must be more to life than this  
How do we cope in a world without love?  
Mending all those broken hearts and tending to those crying faces

There must be more to life than living  
There must be more than meets the eye  
Why should it be just a case of black or white?  
There must be more to life than this

Why is this world so full of hate?  
People dying everywhere  
And we destroy what we create  
People fighting for their human rights  
But we just go on saying “c'est la vie”  
So this is life

There must be more to life than killing  
A better way for us to survive  
What good is life if in the end we all must die?  
There must be more to life than this

There must be more to life than this  
There must be more to life than this  
I live and hope for a world filled with love  
Then we can all just live in peace

There must be more to life, much more to life  
There must be more to life, more to life than this

But Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:16-20 says this, “If the dead aren't raised up, that would mean that Christ has not been raised up either. And if Christ is not alive, you are still lost in your sins and your faith is a fantasy. It would mean that those believers in Christ who have passed away have simply perished. If the only benefit of our hope in Christ is limited to this life on earth, we deserve to be pitied more than all others. But the Truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the first fruit of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died.”

Of course there is more to life than this, Jesus was neither a madman or a liar, He was who He said He was and for those who give their lives to Him there is a wonderful eternal future when we pass from this world to the next.