



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 8th July 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
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 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. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create 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, including communion
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

I have used this as a Thought for the Week before, but it is so good I thought I would mention it again. We can be very good at justifying our actions with our children, thinking that we are doing the Christian thing by "helping" our children and protecting them from discomfort but it's not actually helping them at all, it's holding them back.

Nudged Out of the Nest by Joyce Meyer

As an eagle that stirs up her nest, that flutters over her young, He spread abroad His wings and He took them, He bore them on His pinions. (Deuteronomy 32:11)

Baby eagles spend the first three months of their lives in the comfortable nest their parents have prepared. But the eaglets get a big surprise when they are about twelve weeks old. Their mother suddenly begins to throw all of their toys out of the nest.

Next, she begins to pull out all of the comfortable material in the nest – the feathers and the animal fur – and leaves the babies sitting on thorns and sticks. This is what the Bible means when it mentions that the mother eagle "stirs up her

nest." The reason she stirs the nest is that she wants her babies to get out and fly.

Before long, the mother eagle begins to nudge them out of the nest. The little eaglets, who have no idea how to fly, fall through the sky, probably very frightened. Soon, though, they hear a "whoooooooooosh" as the mother eagle swoops up under them to catch them. At that point, the mother eagle takes the babies right back up to the nest and then nudges them out again. She keeps repeating the process, over and over again, until they finally understand that they have no choice but to fly.

The mother eagle does this because she loves them and wants them to have the best lives they can possibly have. Most eaglets won't get out of the nest without this push. Similarly, most of us will also choose comfort over challenge unless we have no choice at all.

Do you feel God is working in your life the same way the mother eagle does with her young? Has He been pulling some of the padding out of your nest so you find yourself sitting on prickly branches? Is He saying to you, "Come on, it is time to fly"? If so, remember the mother eagle's intentions and know that you can trust God's good intentions for you.

Diary Dates

Saturday 28th July–Saturday 4th August: Revive 2018 – "Breakthrough" at Ashburnham Place with guest speakers Tim Paton, Paul Mainwaring and Patrick Dixon. 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)