



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

Broadfield Community Centre, Broadfield Barton, Crawley. Reg. Charity no. 1081321

☎ 01444 400521 – Email: [fellowship@broadfield.org.uk](mailto:fellowship@broadfield.org.uk) – Web: [www.broadfield.org.uk](http://www.broadfield.org.uk)



## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 9th September 2018

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

*Worship: Vivienne Evans; 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*

**This evening** 7.00pm: Prayer meeting for the town at Elim Church, Trinity Centre, The Mardens

**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

**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: Ian Johnson*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

I have been thinking a lot lately about how different God's ways are to ours and how we only can so easily box him into our way of thinking, especially when it comes to love. God will remove people, annihilate them, whatever you want to call it but still loves them. He loved Ananias and Sapphira when they were killed just as He loved the Egyptian soldiers who were drowned in the Red Sea so when I read what Dr Micha Jazz had written I thought, "Yes, that's so well put, I must share that."

Remember God was not the old Testament God when He killed Ananias & Sapphira, I have absolutely no explanation except that I know God knew what He was doing and we must trust Him.

***Then The Lord said, "I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation."*** (Exodus 32:9-10 NLT)

Wow! That's what sprang to mind when I came across this verse in our Oratory Lectionary reading. I must have read it many times but that night it literally leapt off the page. God was disappointed and angry – sounds all too human. God tells Moses to leave Him alone with His anger, before He destroys His chosen people. Was I reassured that God got angry too? Or confused that a God of love could plan to destroy people He'd chosen? It's a challenge to

face up to things we know are true but would prefer to ignore. Thomas Merton pointed out that God lies beyond language, for any word we use to describe God is limited by its failure to embrace other truths about Him. So God is love but He is also judge.

I think what happened that evening was a far deeper realisation of how far beyond human understanding God is. He cannot be constrained by human language.

God is invested in intimate love and acceptance while equally and concurrently acting as judge. We deny the reality of God when we seek to limit or explain His characteristics, often to suit our preferences. So we must admit defeat in seeking to comprehend Him. The finite mind, created by God, cannot totally comprehend its creator. All our approaches to God are, by definition, in faith. It is best to adopt an attitude of humility, the fruit of self awareness. As I make my way to God, it's in obedient response to His invitation. I approach with anticipation. Here I place a prayer before Him. There remains a mystery beyond my comprehension and this is intercession.

QUESTION: What things would you rather remained hidden from the gaze of God?

PRAYER: "Almighty God, thank you for your mercy towards your people in Christ Jesus."

**The NHS Retirement Federation has an exhibition at Crawley Museum throughout September to celebrate the 70th birthday of the NHS and the 40th birthday of the NHSRF. Special event this Wednesday and Thursday, 10.30am–4pm.**

### Diary Dates

**Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019:** Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place – save the dates!

**Saturday 3rd – 10th August 2019:** Revive 2019 at Ashburnham Place

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