



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 23rd September 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Michael Hawkins

*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
5.45pm: *Alpha* in the Church Quiet Room (*ends 7.00*)

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

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Hosanna in the Highest

Part of the lyrics go:

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

These verses I love, they give me goose bumps – it's a prayer to be like Jesus and to have His heart for people. David prayed for God to create in him a pure and clean heart too in Psalm 51. To see beyond the surface, to care deeply about the things that break God's heart. What does break His heart? I think the list would be too long to name everything but here's a few:

Abuse and cruelty, greed, immorality, violence, rape, murder, lying, cheating, oppression, stealing, pride, arrogance, rejection of Jesus and all He did, indifference to His word, tolerance of sin (especially Christians saying, "It's fine" to unholy lifestyles), bullying, addiction, manipulation, war, slavery, injustice, and seeing people walking in darkness and lost ... all these things mentioned are part and parcel of being lost, of not knowing how

to live, surviving on your own terms. People are violent because they are afraid and selfish, they rape because of lust and just take, they lie to cover their tracks or think it's smart to "get one over" on others, they manipulate to get their own way, they are indifferent to Jesus because they think they know better, and so on.

But that's why Jesus came to earth, to show the lost (which was us once, and the learning is ongoing) how to live, how to be free, how to overcome. He died for every single solitary person on this planet, the good, the bad, the ugly, but you can only activate His forgiveness by believing in Him, saying sorry and following Him, otherwise that's it, you are on the road to hell. People may say, "What do you mean? I am free," well no, you are not, if you haven't given your life to Jesus you are not free, you are in fact a slave to the devil. The devil Satan received dominion over this world when he stole it from Adam (I can't explain how the devil stole it from Adam in this *Thought for the Week* but will in another, or you can speak to someone about it).

It breaks God's heart that those people lost and on the road to hell are not all wicked people, they are ordinary folk, some even nicer than some Christians, but getting to Heaven isn't based on how nice you are but believing and following Jesus and living your life in obedience to Him.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 16th October, 6.30–7.30pm: Church Meeting in the Small Hall

Wednesday 17th October, 12.30pm: Friday Meal and Coffee Shop volunteers light lunch and training, please speak to Viv for details

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place

Saturday 3rd – 10th August 2019: Revive 2019 at Ashburnham Place – bookings open 30th October

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