



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 14th October 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

Tuesday 6.30pm: Church Meeting in the Small Hall (*for one hour*)

The agenda will cover the Fellowship's activities and finances and there will be an opportunity to ask questions – everyone who worships with us regularly is encouraged to come

7.45pm: House Group at Caroline's home

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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, including communion

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

John 20:23 "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

This scripture has really baffled me as I know I cannot forgive anybody's sins; I don't have that authority, only God can forgive your sins and pardon you, but this forgiveness and pardon from God (and God alone) can only be activated by believing that Jesus is who he says He is, that He died for your sins and that you have made Him your Lord and saviour and voiced to Him your repentance (saying sorry). I can forgive the wrongs (or sins) people have done to me in that I will not hold onto bitterness, anger, rage and any desire for revenge. I can release them to God and thereby free myself. I am not cancelling out their sin as I said only God can do that, and it doesn't mean there won't be consequences. If I get into bad debt with my credit card I will still have to pay it back even though I am really sorry.

Getting back to John 20:23, thank God for *The Passion* translation that gave me a "light bulb" moment in understanding this baffling scripture. You have to read the previous verse where Jesus is sending them out to preach the gospel. *The Passion* says:

"I send you to preach the forgiveness of sins – and people's sins will be forgiven. But if you don't proclaim the forgiveness of their sins, they will remain guilty."

That makes complete sense of that scripture. There is a lot more I could say about forgiveness but I will leave it there for now.

Diary Dates

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Faith Forster & Ben Trigg

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)