



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 9th December 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** 6.45–7.45pm: Prayer time in the Church

**Tuesday** 7.15pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline’s home

**Wednesday** 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

**Friday** 5.00pm: Christmas Friday Meal in the Social Hall

**Saturday** 12.00–12.30pm: Carol singing in Queens Square  
1.00pm: Carol service at the Bandstand, Memorial Gardens

**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; Speakers: Dave & Viv*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Matthew 1:22** “All of this occurred to fulfil the Lord’s message through His prophet ...”

Learning to understand the place and role of scripture in our individual and our corporate life remains something of a mystery. Here the angel quotes the prophet Isaiah to Joseph to underline God’s message that Mary’s impregnation is a supernatural event, dispensing with any human agent in her fertilization, something of a mountain for Joseph to climb, both in comprehending what’s been said and then trusting the substance to the degree that he carries no suspicion towards his betrothed.

In my early days of ministry my engagement with scripture was very optimistic, reflecting my own very positive experiences of life. Little had penetrated my safe and secure world, and I was naive about the pain many experienced. I’d worked on issues of famine with Oxfam as a volunteer since age 13, and campaigned for many global justice issues.

Yet most of that campaigning was the product of an intellectual exercise and my political stance. I’m not sure if I really understood, let alone ever experienced, the realities of injustice personally.

So when my optimistic world view was burst with unanticipated pain, disappointment and acute distress, I found that my reading of scripture was of no great value to my experience. I also found I could no longer digest the weekly preached diet of triumphal Christian living. If this was the living bread Jesus spoke of, I was suffering from an allergic reaction. Scripture is impregnated with the life of God, yet not that we might cut and paste random stories or verses to bolster our current world view or preferred faith perspective. This is the living word of God and applicable to context. How long had this prophetic word lain dormant until coming to life in a conversation between an angel and Joseph? Suddenly its relevance was revealed. Joseph, for all the confusion within, listened and found faith in his time-space world.

*Dr Micha Jazz*

**Church weekend booking forms are now available on the tables – please complete one as soon as you can and hand to Irma with any payments**

### Diary Dates

**Saturday 22nd December**, 11.00am: Carol singing on Broadfield Barton

**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 now open at [revivelive.co.uk](http://revivelive.co.uk)

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