



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 13th January 2019

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; 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: 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: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Abi Willetts*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Psalm 119:18** "Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." (NIV)

**Acts 26:18** "I'm sending you off to open the eyes of the outsiders so they can see the difference between dark and light, and choose light, see the difference between Satan and God, ..." (The Message)

Just recently I have had two eye operations in quick succession, the second being excruciatingly painful (that's rare). Although the op was painful I am extremely grateful for the immense skill of the surgeon and amazed at the difference in my vision. I hadn't realized how really bad my vision was before as it had gradually deteriorated and I had got used to it. When I first took the patch off, everything seemed so bright, colours returned in vivid brilliance and I can actually see distance without glasses. I have discovered that my house isn't as spotless as I thought it was and the face looking back from the mirror is much older (shame, but it would take a different kind of surgery to sort that and I am not going down that route). Then it got me thinking about my spiritual journey in life as a Christian: steadily, slowly, God has opened my eyes to the sin that had damaged my life, the wrong choices I had made, the selfishness, the wrong paths and directions I had taken and how, gradually, in my old life I had got used to sinful ways. As He led me and guided me my focus changed, my perceptions altered He truly was a lamp to my feet. I stumbled less, saw other people in a new way and was aware of my motives more and more. This didn't happen overnight, just as I had gradually become blind to sin and wrong choices, my spiritual focus took time to kick in, it's a lifetime progression. Just as my physical surgery was painful, God's "surgery" was painful too as I had to accept things about myself that needed to change and do things I didn't particularly want to do. I had to take responsibility for my life and not blame everyone else. How much better when we view life as God intended, when we receive His wisdom and see with His eyes. Like the Johnny Nash song:

*I can see clearly now the rain is gone  
I can see all obstacles in my way  
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind  
It's gonna be a bright (bright) bright (bright) sun-shiny day.*

### Youth Alpha

Starting Sunday 27th January for school years 6 and upwards, during the main service.

**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

**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 with Greg Boyd – book online at [revivelive.co.uk](http://revivelive.co.uk)

**Keep turning your back on every sin, and make "peace" your life motto. Practise being at peace with everyone.**

(Psalm 34:14, The Passion Translation)