



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 27th January 2019

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans*  
*Youth Alpha for school year 6 and upwards starts*

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*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*

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**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** 2.30–3.30pm: “Dave Time” in the Church Quiet Room  
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  
*Led by students from IBTI*  
7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

#### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**Isaiah 41:13-20** “For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, ‘Do not fear; I will help you.’”

I was listening this morning to a Holocaust survivor who goes to schools to share his story and am always amazed at the strength, courage and resilience of these people. It got me wondering how it is that some people overcome extreme trauma in their lives and even go on to lead successful lives and use it to help others and yet other people can completely crumble and sometimes never recover. Of course you cannot judge, and as the Indian saying goes, “Never criticise a man until you’ve walked a mile in his moccasins.”

Apparently there have been many years of psychological study into the resilience of Holocaust survivors and those who have survived genocides in Africa, Europe and Asia. What helped a bit was that it was a shared experience by a large population and that population had empathy and community support for each other. I have also always believed that the foundation a person has in their early years also plays an important part in character building and confidence which include social factors such as positive parental warmth, child attachments, caring adults and

extended family, etc., only when its positive though, NOT dysfunctional and even then it’s not a hard and fast rule. Nevertheless foundation is essential. If you think of your life as a house some of us have had our house built with strong foundation, others OK but need repairs and others horrendous (it’s a wonder the house is still standing), but even the strong foundations have been built with the wrong material (all the rubbish philosophies of the world). So you give your life to Jesus and now you are safe with a top quality builder and architect but there is a lot of work to do. God takes your house (life) and sets about rebuilding the foundations, giving you wisdom and teaching you the right way to go and chucking out all the bricks and material that were there before. It’s different for each one of us but we are all set on the same course and God Himself will build; our resilience grows as we lean on HIM and trust more and more.

Some people have had such an awful foundation they don’t even know what love is. I have always thought it a rather pointless way to evangelise saying to a stranger, “Jesus love You,” it is true but it’s a bit like saying, “Red is a lovely colour” to a blind man. This is a huge subject and rather difficult to condense into a Thought for the Week. I noticed there is a book (I’ve forgotten the author) called *Resilience: The Science of Mastering Life’s Greatest Challenges*; I know a better book, it’s called The Bible.

#### Diary Dates

**Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019:** Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Faith Forster & Ben Trigg – booking forms are now available on the tables, **please complete one as soon as you can and hand to Irma with any payments**

**Saturday 3rd – 10th August 2019:** Revive 2019 “In the Name of Jesus” at Ashburnham Place with Greg Boyd and Gavin Calver

**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)