



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 10th February 2019

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

1.30pm: The Wednesday Group in the Church Quiet Room

Bringing the Gospels to Life, word-for-word drama from the Bible, all welcome

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, including communion

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Acts 8:30-31 “Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ Philip asked. ‘How can I,’ he said, ‘unless someone explains it to me?’ So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.”

I was thinking about how some people can make the gospels so complicated and sermons so boring. Although it’s hard for a preacher to please everyone, we do have Jesus whose life exemplified all the greatest qualities of all the gifts. I think sometimes, when we have been Christians for many many years, it’s easy to forget that not everybody knows what we are talking about (I have to check myself when I tend to be too preachy). I personally love sermons that come from experiential truth (things people have lived through). I like also to be challenged, even made to feel uncomfortable (which is part of being challenged). I like to hear truths that I can relate to in my everyday life, and I like it when the preacher shows that they too have human failings and don’t always get it right, but that’s just me and you will have your favourite styles as well. All preachers I presume like to believe they are imparting words given to them by God but one pastor (I don’t know his name) proclaimed, “I get my sermon from God” and got this rather blunt response from somebody:

“God is not boring, so I’ll consider that ‘magical thinking’ on your part until I hear you speak. If people are texting during your sermon, or thinking about lunch, you are likely out of touch with the people in the pew. They are not there to hear you preach; they have come for other reasons and are just enduring your sermon from a sense of obligation.”

Anyway let me end with this story:

Once, when I was invited to preach at an evangelistic rally in Dallas, the organizing pastor introduced me to a dear woman before the meeting. He had talked with her previously, but remained unsure whether she was saved or not. He left me alone with her, so I asked some “diagnostic” questions to find out for myself. I concluded that she did not really understand the Gospel, so I explained it to her as clearly as I could, then led her to place her faith in Christ.

When we returned to the pastor to tell him the good news, she instead pointed her finger in his face and in an accusing voice rebuked him, “Why didn’t you explain it clearly to me? You never made it clear!” (No evidential fruit of the Spirit at this point!) It is hard to say who was embarrassed more – I or the pastor who had just graduated from seminary as a “Master of Theology!”

(Author unknown)

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)