



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 31st March 2019

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans*

*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**

12.20pm: The Great British Spring Clean comes to Broadfield

*Meet outside Broadfield Community Centre at 12.20pm to collect equipment ready for a community litter pick from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided afterwards in the Community Centre until 2.30pm*

6.45–7.45pm: Prayer time in the Church

**Tuesday**

7.00pm: 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

*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson*

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

#### NOT EVERYBODY IS A CHILD OF GOD

**Romans 8:9** "However, you are not [living] in the flesh [controlled by the sinful nature] but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God lives in you [directing and guiding you]. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him [and is not a child of God]." (*Amplified Bible*)

You sometimes hear people say, "Well, we are all children of God," but that is NOT true. It is true that we were all created by God (Colossians 1:16) and it is true that we are all loved by God (John 3:16) but in scripture the lost (unbelievers) are never referred to as God's children. Jesus called the Pharisees children of the devil (John 8:44) and in 1 John 3:10 says, "By this the children of God and the children of the devil are clearly identified: anyone who does not practise righteousness [who does not seek God's will in thought, action and purpose] is not of God, nor is the one who does not [unselfishly] love his [believing] brother." (*Amplified Bible*)

Now, if you were to tell your unbelieving friends or family that they were children of the devil they would be horrified,

so I suggest you don't do it and hope they will find out when they seek God for themselves and become Christians, but of course we tell them they need to be saved. Why are they not children of God? Because we are all born in sin, which separates us from God and aligns us with Satan as God's enemy; it is not until we give our lives, trust and allegiance to Jesus that we are no longer slaves to Satan, that's what it means to be saved, saved from Satan's power and domination.

That's why I love to hear the Christmas Carol "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" because the lyrics go:

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

I used to think in the good old days when they played Christian Carols in the Mall, "Are people actually hearing that they need to be saved from Satan's power?" I did, so I hope they were listening.

### Diary Dates

**Saturday 8th – Friday 21st June:** *Broadfield Arts Festival* including Performance Day on Saturday 15th June

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