



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 8th September 2019

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Vivienne Evans; 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*

This afternoon 3.30–5.15pm: Healthy Church

An afternoon of fun & educational activities for all ages followed by a time of worship and prayer for healing and wholeness, then refreshments in the Hall

Monday 6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church (for one hour)

Tuesday 7.00pm: 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

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, followed by tea and coffee

10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

James 5:16 “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.”

I confess to you I worry and although the Bible never explicitly says worry is a sin, we can conclude that because Jesus tells us not to worry or be anxious about anything we are in fact failing to trust God and His goodness, but to me it's not as black at white as that although I am sorry I do it and yes, I lack trust sometimes. No Christian goes through life without feeling weak in their faith at times. Our personalities come into it plus the many traumas we have experienced in life; a friend once said to me, “It sounds like the path of your life has been strewn with cow pats from the devil's own satanic herd.” I thought that quite apt but then fragrant roses blossom in manure and I have many blessings along that same path.

This summer I seemed to have been particularly anxious and rather like a coiled spring and it's made me physically unwell too. The enemy, who's been relishing my condition, has pointed out to me that I am a miserable witness and no longer qualified to write the *Thought for the Week*. “Who's going to take any notice of you? You don't practise what you preach! You're feeble!” he says. But I counteract that by saying the very reason I can preach or write from experience does qualify me (and you too); I never write as someone who has finished the race or has a perfect life, I am a broken human being still in the process of being fixed. Yes, I am a new creation and I have changed in a multitude of ways but there is and always will be work to do before I “go home.”

I get comfort from the fact that the 12 disciples that Jesus chose were all flawed and failed at various times, in the storm (Mark 4 :35) they panicked big time, admittedly they didn't have as much information as us but they had seen many miracles. Also Elijah, a great man of God, runs away from Jezebel (1 Kings 19) when she threatens to kill him even though he has just witnessed the mighty power of God defeating the prophets of Baal. Elijah was terrified and God understands when we are scared too, but it makes Him sad we can't trust Him more.

My Study Bible says this: The disciples (re Mark 4:41) lived with Jesus, but they underestimated Him. They did not see that His power applied to their very own situation. Jesus has been with His people for 20 centuries, and yet we, like the disciples, underestimate His power to handle crises in our lives. The disciples did not yet know enough about Jesus. We cannot make the same excuse.

So there you have it, I have at least obeyed James 5:16 and confessed my sin so maybe now you can now pray for me, and each other.

Diary Dates

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th March 2020: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place – save the dates!

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)