



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 8th January 2023

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Viv Evans; Speaker: Dave 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 9.30am: Little Lambs Play & Sing Toddler Group in the Social Hall

Tuesday 10.00am: Prayer at Ian & Gunilla's

8.00pm: Prayer at Steph & Shell's

Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Next Sunday 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship

9.30am: Prayer Meeting

10.00am: Tea & Coffee

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

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Deirdre Schnaar

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.” (John 5:17, NIV)

Jesus said this after He healed the paralysed man at the Sheep Gate pool, and the leaders questioned the audacity of His working on God's day of rest. So many people are deeply troubled and feel their lives are in a hopeless state. Some either believe there is no God or have backslidden and feel they are beyond redemption, or God is just not that interested in them. Sometimes it's pride, “I can do this myself,” but at the same time look to drugs, alcohol, sex or food for comfort. It's so sad, they struggle in a mire of despair. In John Bunyan's allegory, *The Pilgrims Progress*, Christian sinks under the weight of his sins and his sense of guilt for them, into what Bunyan calls the *Slough of Despond*. Christian struggles to get out and helplessly flounders until a good Samaritan called “Help” pulls him out, sets him on solid ground again and directs his path. *Pilgrims Progress* is a brilliant book that describes our journey through life, I recommend everybody to read it and to ask the Holy Spirit for understanding and insight. Why did I choose the scripture above, “My Father is always at work?” Because that's exactly what He is doing in our lives, He's working behind the scenes all the time. Even in the most horrendous situations, He's engineering and manoeuvring like a massive chess game, but just like it took the Israelites 40 years to complete an 11-day journey because of their unbelief and disobedience it can take years with us too for the same reasons. If only I had known this when I was young.

“As has just been said: ‘Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion.’” (Hebrews 3:15, NIV)

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th January: UKHarvest Community Food Hub during Coffee Shop

Sunday 22nd January: Jacket potato lunch after the service

Saturday 18th–Sunday 19th March 2023: Church Weekend at the De Vere Horsley Estate, East Horsley, Surrey

Saturday 29th–Saturday 5th August 2023: Revive 2023 “Pursuing The Unshakeable” at Ashburnham Place; bookings now open at revivelive.co.uk, 10% discount for bookings made and paid for by 31st May 2023.

Arise, shine; for your light has come (Isaiah 60:1a, NASB)