



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 15th January 2023

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: Deirdre Schnaar

*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

7.00pm: Prayer meeting on Zoom

Tuesday 7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's

Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Including UKHarvest Community Food Hub from 10.00 – Bring a shopping bag and fill it from a selection of mixed groceries and rescued produce for a suggested donation of £3.50

Friday/Saturday Ichthus Link Leaders' Conference at the De Vere Horsley Estate

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

Led by students from IBTI

12.30pm: Jacket potato lunch in the Social Hall, all welcome

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Matthew 10:15 "Truly, I tell you, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town."

Jesus was talking about Capernaum when he said that, but why would they be judged more severely than Sodom & Gomorrah? I found this explanation:

But another city of Galilee was guiltier still. And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall descend to Hades. Jesus made His headquarters in this beautiful, prosperous fishing village on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. He performed more miracles and preached more sermons in and around Capernaum than at any other place during His entire ministry. It was there that He raised Jairus's daughter from the dead and healed the nobleman's son. It was here that He healed the demoniac, Peter's mother-in-law, the woman with the haemorrhage, the two blind men, the centurion's servant, the dumb demoniac, and the paralytic who was lowered through the roof by his friends.

Yet those marvels had little impact on most citizens of Capernaum; and because of their indifference they would not be exalted to heaven as they thought they deserved, but would rather descend to Hades.

Although Hades is sometimes used in Scripture to represent the place of all the departed dead, it is often used, as here, to represent hell, the place of eternal punishment for the unsaved.

Jesus said that the miracles He performed in Capernaum were so amazing that, had they occurred in Sodom, ... it would have remained to this day. Its people would have repented of their sin, turned to God, and been spared destruction.

Even in the secular world, Sodom is a synonym for moral depravity and has the infamous distinction of lending its name (in sodomy) to the most extreme forms of homosexuality and sexual bestiality. When a group of Sodom's worst perverts tried to rape the angels at Lot's house, they were struck blind. But their homosexual enslavement was so intense that even after being blinded, "they wearied themselves trying to find the doorway" in order to satisfy their perverted lust (Genesis 19:11). As far as is known, the people of Capernaum had no homosexual problem or any other apparent moral deficiency. Most of them were upright, law-abiding, and decent. Yet because they ignored and rejected the Son of God, their fate on the day of judgement will be worse than that of Sodom.

Excerpt from Grace to You, A Punishment Worse Than Sodom and Gomorrah

Diary Dates

Saturday 4th February, 10.00am–12.00noon (coffee from 9.30): Prayer Ministry workshop in the Church, with Rev Richard Poole of St. Andrew's, Furnace Green, open to anyone interested in praying for others. Contact Sarah on 01293 524804 or vicarstb@worthparish.org

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)