



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 12th/19th March 2023

<b>This morning</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Viv Evans; "Talking Jesus" week 4, "Our Story"</i>
<hr/> <i>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</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	9.15am: Little Lambs Toddler Group in the Social Hall 7.00pm: Prayer meeting on Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall <i>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</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	7.30pm: Lent Course in the Church <i>"Who then is this?" week 3, "Joseph: Betrayed, Sold, Hidden in Plain Sight"</i>
<b>Saturday/Sunday</b>	<b>Church Weekend</b> At the De Vere Horsley Estate, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6DU, with Joshua Walker, "The Power of the Gospel" <i>Please arrive between 9.00–9.15am. We hope to start at 9.30am in Conference Room 1. There will be light pastries in the conference room for breakfast. Access to bedrooms is at 3.00pm so please leave your belongings in your car until then</i>
<b>Monday 20th</b>	9.15am: Little Lambs Toddler Group in the Social Hall 7.00pm: Prayer meeting on Zoom
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's
<b>Wednesday 22nd</b>	9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
<b>Thursday 23rd</b>	7.30pm: Lent Course in the Church <i>"Who then is this?" week 4, "Moses and Jesus: Shepherd and Lawgiver"</i>
<b>Sunday 26th</b>	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 <i>"Talking Jesus" week 5, "Sharing God's Story"</i>

If you have any payment still to make for the Church Weekend, this can be done by bank transfer to Broadfield Christian Fellowship, Sort Code 40-01-21, Account Number 71366807, reference "Weekend"

Please see overleaf for *Thought for the Week*

### Diary Dates

**Saturday 29th–Saturday 5th August 2023:** Revive 2023 "Pursuing The Unshakeable" at Ashburnham Place; bookings now open at [revivelive.co.uk](http://revivelive.co.uk), 10% discount for bookings made and paid for by 31st May 2023

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing. (Isaiah 43:18-19a)

## Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Matthew 23:13

**“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.”**

This was the fourth woe out of seven woes and Jesus refers to hypocrisy in this one. The Pharisees paid a great deal of attention to outward ordinances and actions that would make them appear righteous, but they were not concerned about being righteous in their hearts, just appearing so. Jesus called them hypocrites.

Hypocrisy appears a lot in the world, not just in a religious context. People can appear to say wonderful, noble and righteous things (the devil is a master of it) and people will “hang on” their every word, especially if they are well-known. People will want to be seen as agreeing and join the “bandwagon.” We have seen it on a number of issues in the church, sadly.

There is a famous Hans Christian Andersen story of the Emperor’s new clothes. The Emperor was renowned for his grand wardrobe. Two swindlers came to town boasting of their fine linen and that anybody who couldn’t see it would not be fit for office. They started to weave, but actually there was nothing there, they were pretending. When the Emperor walked out displaying their finished work, he was actually naked. Everybody admired his outfit and went along with the crowds, not admitting what was in their hearts. You need to read the whole story for yourselves. This story is often used to describe a situation in which people are afraid to criticize something because everyone else seems to think it’s good.

There is so much self-deception as people just don’t know themselves, that why it says in the bible to examine yourself. Psalm 139:23-24: “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

Just because somebody says something that appears, noble, compassionate, and righteous, doesn’t mean that it’s right.

Isaiah 55:8-9

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways My ways,”  
declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are My ways higher than your ways  
and My thoughts than your thoughts.”