



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 16th April 2023

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon
Speaker: Dave Evans – Passover 1

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 evening 7.00pm: Howard and Deirdre Schnaar farewell party in the Social Hall

Monday 9.30am: Little Lambs 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

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
Worship: Viv Evans
Speaker: Dave Evans – Passover 2

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

I and a few others were at a Ladies Day at Ashburnham Place. One of the Ladies brought something to share that was so encouraging, I'm passing it on to you.

She had been extremely ill over some considerable time and wrote this:

When the sun is shining, and we feel good about life, giving thanks to our Lord can seem natural. When storms come and persist, this verse is harder to put into practice through the difficulties of each day. However, I have been reminded that this is not an optional extra. This verse is written as a command, something that we are expected to do, as we walk with the Lord. Over the last 18 months, I have been blessed with receiving so many cards, acts of kindness and prayers of encouragement. At one of the darkest moments, in the post came one of the most beautiful and extraordinary letters I have ever read, from a former minister. This is the extract:

Unless we are raptured, sooner or later every one of us will have an appointment with death – but until that happens, we must stay in the race as long as we can, making the most of the journey, and drawing close to the ones we love.

Always remember that whatever your illness, it is limited: it cannot cripple love. It cannot shatter hope. It cannot erode faith. It cannot eat away peace. It cannot destroy confidence. It cannot kill friendship. It cannot cut short memories. It cannot silence courage. It cannot invade the soul. It cannot reduce eternal life. It cannot quench the Spirit, AND it cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.

Each time I re-read those words; I am blown away with these spiritual truths. It helps to lift each day to a different and more eternal perspective; one where it is more possible to practise giving thanks in ALL circumstances. In Daniel 7:9 we read that one of the titles for God is "THE ANCIENT OF DAYS." For many weeks now, a song with that title has brought me great encouragement, so I have been pondering the meaning of the chorus words, "My God is the Ancient of days." I was awestruck to read this explanation (from the Bible Gateway): "God is a first-hand witness to ALL EVENTS and does not need to rely on a second witness to tell Him the deeds of anyone or anything at any time, in all history." This reminds me that the God, who created and redeemed me, knows me by name and sustains me, knows every detail of what is happening and sees the bigger picture of what He is doing, and it is He who commands us to give thanks, whatever.

By Sheila.

Diary Dates

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

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