



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 30th April 2023

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon
Speaker: Margaret Florey

*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*

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: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

The structure of an iceberg is that most of an iceberg's mass is below the surface, while only about 10% sticks out of the water. People are like this, not literally, but meaning there is a lot more to them than what you see. I'm no psychologist, but in my 76 years I have experienced a vast amount. Becoming a Christian brings you into a different culture from the world, and you have to surrender old thoughts, patterns and behaviours. It's a lifetime's journey and just when you think, “I'm pretty stable now, not the screwed up mess I used to be,” God will draw your attention to insecurities that still need to be dealt with. This week, a remark was made to me by a close friend, someone who would never malign me or deliberately hurt me, but it hit a nerve. It didn't hurt as such, but made me feel misunderstood. I have thought a lot about it and come to the conclusion it stemmed from what was in my own heart and head, from my own feeling of insecurity. I didn't want them thinking a certain way about me, and I thought perhaps that is how they viewed me. It is so difficult to explain without telling you the situation, but I can't do that. But what I'm trying to say is that we can worry about what others think of us and presume and assume their thoughts when we cannot possibly know what they are thinking. I've been a passenger in somebody's car when they suddenly said, “Look! What's he doing, he's a right *bleep bleep* and shouldn't be on the road!” I have said, “He may not know where the turning is, or he's not doing it on purpose,” and their response is, “He knows exactly what he's doing.” You can guess at what someone's thinking, but unless you have a word of knowledge, you can't possibly know.

If someone says something that triggers a reaction in you this is what to do; first, talk to God about it, ask Him these questions: “Why have I reacted like that? Is this person having a dig at me? And why would they do that when they haven't done it before? Am I reading too much in it? Am I jumping to wrong conclusions? Is this highlighting something that God wants me to deal with? Why do I worry what other people think of me? Am I being oversensitive, I didn't think I was easily offended? If, Lord, it stems from things of the past, please bring healing as I want to be more like you Jesus and grow closer to you every day.” When it's somebody you know who has said or done something that caused a trigger in you go to them and talk about it, they may struggle to understand where you are coming from, but you have shared it, and you can then leave it with God. If they are a Christian, the Holy Spirit can talk to them. There is so much more to this subject than I have written because we all have different tapes playing in our heads, things that have been embedded in our psyche from the time we are born, but what is so wonderful is that God knows us inside out, He can unravel us, and He will guard our hearts and minds when we put our trust in Him.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd May, 7.00pm: Church Meeting in the Small Hall

Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th June, 12.00–4.00pm: Broadfield Arts Festival

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)