



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 18th June 2023

This morning	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Kevin Gordon</i> <i>Bouncing Forwards from Kintsugi Hope, week 1: Kindness to Others</i>
<hr/> <i>We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today</i> <i>If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders</i> <hr/>	
This afternoon:	12.00–4.00pm: Shared Summer Sunday, with Christ the Lord congregation at the Broadfield Arts Festival, food can be purchased
Monday	9.30am: Little Lambs Toddler Group in the Social Hall 7.00pm: Prayer Walk, meet at the Church
Tuesday	7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's
Wednesday	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>
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 <i>Worship: Viv Evans</i> <i>Bouncing Forwards from Kintsugi Hope, week 2: Kindness to Ourselves</i>

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Isaiah 30:21 “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’”

God said this to me many years ago when I knew I would journey on alone without my husband.

The words that strike me most are “your ears,” which obviously means I must listen to God. I try very hard to do that and there is no way I would ever attempt a *Thought for the Week* without praying and asking God what He wants me to say.

But texting is where I slip up. I love people and I love to talk to anybody and everybody and I will use texting and emailing as an extension of this. I live alone, which I don't mind at all, but as there is no one to “bounce things off,” I can be impulsive at times when communicating digitally. The term “look before you leap” comes to mind and originates from an Aesop fable about a Fox and a Goat. The majority of the time my texting is fine and friendships grow through it, but sometimes, not often, I need to definitely consult God first as I can have second thoughts, too late, and think it would have been far wiser not to have shared that. So I say, “Is this text or information wise to share? Is it better to speak in person? Is it helpful? Will it be misunderstood or understood at all?” When speaking to someone the words you speak can somehow change in mid-air and what they hear is different from what you actually said or meant, and oh boy! – How the devil loves that and latches on and stirs things up. In person you are able to rectify as best you can any wrong interpretation but not so easy texting or emailing. They may not even respond. We, and definitely I, must ask God, with some texts, “Is this ok or shall I wait until I see them?” And never send a text or email when you are angry unless it's a justified anger. Justified anger is a tricky one as many will use that and say “absolutely, I'm justified,” they haven't seen it from a different perspective and defend their corner to the hilt. That's why, as I mentioned several times, it's important to consult God and “have ears that will hear a voice behind you.” Hearing God's voice, NOT the enemy's. Also, try to learn to hear and decipher what people are saying behind their surface words and be sensitive to their heart condition, be it good or bad. Hurting and damaged people definitely have a lot more going on behind a message or statement, rather like an iceberg that has more beneath the water than on top.

Diary Dates

Saturday 29th–Saturday 5th August 2023: Revive 2023 “Pursuing The Unshakeable” at Ashburnham Place with Pete Greig and Noel Robinson; bookings open at revivelive.co.uk

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