



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 25th June 2023

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Viv Evans
Kintsugi Hope, week 2: Kindness to Ourselves

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 Toddler Group in the Social Hall
7.00pm: Prayer Meeting on Zoom

Tuesday 12.30pm: Ensemble Reza free classical concert in the Church
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: Kevin Gordon
Kintsugi Hope, week 3: Beauty from Brokenness

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

James 3:17 "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

Joyce Meyer thought she could never be gentle, her personality wasn't like that. She tried desperately hard, but being an extremist, she couldn't strike a happy medium. She writes in her book *Me And My Big Mouth*:

Once I saw I was overbalanced in one area, I thought I had to go totally in the other direction. I "adjusted" and "adapted" far too much. I became so "gentle, kind and patient" that I wouldn't exercise any discipline over my youngest son, who was born after my other children were grown. I also went overboard in my relationship with others. I let things get out of hand in my marriage, my home, and my ministry. The problem was that I was so accommodating and understanding, I was ineffective when dealing with people or situations that called for a firm hand. I kept telling myself after each encounter, "Oh, Joyce, you have come so far! You handled that situation so well! You were so sweet!"

It made me feel good to think I was so "sweet" especially when dealing with my son. The only problem was he wasn't changing, at least not for the better. In fact, he was getting worse. Finally, I got mad, and I told him so. I warned him, "Look, don't you ever do that again!" And he didn't. Always seek the balance in tough love and displaying a mild or lenient attitude.

She goes on to write a little later: "On one hand, we must not be harsh and hard. But on the other hand, we must not be weak and excessively soft."

If you have been watching the BBC drama *Best Interests*, in episode 3 there is a conversation between Katie, a teenager, and her mum, that I think is brilliant. Katie has stolen her desperately ill sister's drugs, amongst other things, and her mum finds out. Her mum tries to show compassion and understanding to Katie, as she knows in many ways she's neglected her because of her sick sister. But Katie, who seems to have wisdom beyond her years, is having none of it, and confronts her mother for not being angry and honest with her about her wilful behaviour. Katie was really crying out for discipline and love, and for her mother to be caring enough to confront her, she tells her mother there is too much pretence going on. Katie's sister, Marnie, is on life support, and the doctors want the parents' agreement to switch life support off. It's a desperate situation for the family. Watch the drama, it's very good, but very sad too.

Diary Dates

Saturday 29th–Saturday 5th August 2023: Revive 2023 "Pursuing The Unshakeable" at Ashburnham Place with Pete Greig, Noel Robinson and Rachel Jordan-Wolf; 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)