



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!



### Sunday 9th July 2023

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Viv Evans*  
*Kintsugi Hope, week 4: Gritty Gratitude*

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*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*

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**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: Kevin Gordon*  
*Kintsugi Hope, week 5: Understanding Grief*

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## Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Psalm 9:1

“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

A truly grateful heart is rarely seen or heard. It goes against the grain of entitlement, whereby people expect their rights to be delivered. It runs counter to the tenor of most conversations, where complaint is the litany of the day. We're more affected by this prevailing mood of dissatisfaction than we realize. If ever there were a sign of a faith-inspired change of heart, it is the expression of gratitude. Thankfulness reveals a heart in which the donor rather than the recipient lies at the centre of the world. It is the polar opposite of entitlement. Yet paradoxically, in the act of giving, the donor makes the recipient his or her centre. Yet you can never tell anyone to say “Thank you,” for the moment you do the words are emptied. Thanksgiving is necessarily a voluntary gesture of the heart. That is why, maybe, there is no explicit “thanksgiving” in the Lord's prayer. If we could print out all the prayers we had ever thought or uttered, I wonder what proportion would be of petition to thanksgiving. In the Gospels, ten lepers asked Jesus to heal them. Only one returned to say “Thank you.” It's probably still about ten to one. I hereby resolve to balance the ratio.

*From James Jones's book, “With My Whole Heart”*

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Len Elphick's funeral is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 12.00 noon in St. Richard's Chapel at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium

## 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](http://revivelive.co.uk)

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