



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 1st October 2023

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon
Just10, session 3: "How to Prosper with a Clear Conscience"

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 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
Just10, session 4: "How to Affair-Proof Our Relationships"

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Ephesians 4:15 **"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ."**

We can quite glibly talk about speaking the truth in love, but when did you last try it? It's not for the faint-hearted, in fact it reminds me of the track on "Pocketful of Faith" called "Only the Brave" that goes: "Only the brave will go where You go, into the fire but never alone, We know You'll always carry us home, Only the Brave go where You go..." In Matthew 23, Jesus blasts the Pharisees "with both barrels," He has called them Hypocrites, Blind Guides, Fools, Brood of Vipers, White-washed Tombs, and somewhere I recall He said the devil was their father. Pretty harsh, but they obviously needed it as they were steeped in darkness and leading people away from God. Jesus would have loved them, but He knew they needed the shock treatment. It cost Him His life, as they then conspired to murder Him. I've yet to meet anybody who actually enjoys being challenged, and it's always a risk when you do it. I need to study my motives; am I doing it in self-defence or a genuine desire to shine a light on a situation or behaviour, or is it a mixture of both? Sometimes we are braver when we are uptight or angry, but then we have blown it as they just think we have a problem, and they don't look at themselves, so that defeats the purpose. Sometimes you see your friend in the same rut for many years going round the same mountain. You take the plunge and speak out, only to get anger and rejection in return. However, I am a great advocate of self-examination and believe if you don't retaliate but leave them to God they will start to examine themselves, read Psalm 139:23-24. And maybe, eventually thank you for showing them the love they needed. Self-examination is not all about me in a selfish way but allowing God to shine His light on what needs to be addressed in order for us to grow and mature and also find freedom.

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