



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 15th October 2023

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

*Worship: Kevin Gordon*

*Just10, session 5: "How to Manage Our Anger"*

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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

*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*

**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 and Communion*

*Led by Steph & Shell's Home Group*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Romans 13:1 "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."

James 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

The problem arises when these two clash, which they inevitably will as God says, "His ways are not our ways" (Isaiah 55:8).

People say Christianity and politics can't mix, but they are, in my view, inextricably linked. We are getting more and more politicised because we have so many views, news, lies, truths, debates, worldwide 24/7 information. I'm interested in politics and quite passionate at times, but I'm not nearly clever enough or knowledgeable enough to debate it. I have strong opinions and at times can be biased, but I/we must be teachable, open to correction and most of all focused on God. He absolutely doesn't do things how we think they ought to be done. For example, the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to Judah, Jerusalem was conquered in 587 BC by the Babylonians and many Israelites were sent into exile for seventy years, God was behind that. That's politics and not the way we would have guided the Israelites back to obeying God. As Christians, we also need to be careful how we spout our political opinions, especially if we are mixing with non-Christians as it can be a "turn-off" for them. What do I mean? Well, if they adamantly disagree with us, they are less likely to listen to our reaching them with the gospel. It doesn't mean we don't give our opinions, but we need to be cautious with our delivery. What we must be very aware of is the devil, our enemy, loves division, hatred, stirring, lies and instigating violence. He is very involved in politics, he will distract us every way he can, he will persuade us that evil is good and good evil.

Isaiah 5:20 "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,  
who put darkness for light and light for darkness,  
who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter."

This is a quote from "Is there a correct political persuasion for Christians?" (gotquestions.org):

"Politics is always going to be a difficult issue for Christians. We are in this world, but are not to be of this world (1 John 2:15). We can be involved in politics, but we should not be obsessed with politics. Ultimately, we are to be heavenly-minded, more concerned with the things of God than the things of this world (Colossians 3:1-2). As believers in Jesus Christ, we are all members of the same political party—monarchists who are waiting for their King to return (Revelation 19:11-16). That is the most important thing to remember. Politics is not the solution. Jesus is the solution. No politician, no government, is ever going to solve all of the problems in this world. Only Jesus Christ can accomplish that, and one day, He will (Revelation 21–22)."

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