



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!



### Sunday 22nd October 2023

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship and Communion*  
*Led by Steph & Shell's Home Group*

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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** 7.00pm: Prayer Meeting on Zoom

**Tuesday** 12.30pm: Ensemble Reza classical concert in the Church  
7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's

**Next Sunday** **End of British Summer Time – clocks go back one hour**

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 6: "How to Keep the Peace with Our Parents"*

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### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Acts 26:18 "... to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."

I have often wondered why Christians rarely teach on the wiles and schemes of the devil. I absolutely get that we mustn't give any kind of glory to Satan or become obsessed with demons, but firmly believe you have to know your enemy in order to fight him. Yes, the battle belongs to the Lord, but we definitely play a part in that. No war is won by not knowing your enemy's tactics. Satan is our arch-enemy. Batman has the Joker, Superman, Lex Luther and Harry Potter has Lord Voldemort. They are all fantasy figures, but Satan is very real. Satan, also known as Lucifer, the beast Apollyon, and The Prince of the World is present in the heavenly realms – Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."

The devil will whisper in your ear, he will deceive, lie, manipulate, imitate, fill you with fear, and worse, but he actually has no power over a Christian whose life is surrendered to Jesus. He only has power when you give it to him by sin and disobedience; Satan has no authority over a believer. We fight Satan with God's word and His promises, and we put on the full armour – Ephesians 6:14-17 "Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

My highly recommended read is "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. The novel consists of 31 letters written by a devil named Screwtape to his young nephew, a devil named Wormwood. In the early letters of the book, Screwtape responds to the news that Wormwood is busy trying to tempt a young man, "the patient" (he represents a human) to move away from God – the Enemy, as Screwtape calls Him – and embrace sin. Screwtape gives Wormwood advice on how to influence the patient in various small ways, thereby encouraging the patient to move away from God towards Satan. Satan does that to us all the time, so be ever alert.

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