



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 12th November 2023

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon

Just10, session 8: "How to Take God Seriously"

*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 Play & Sing 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: Viv Evans

Worship and Communion

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Matthew 5:22 "Whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire."

Psalms 14:1 "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good."

It was not sinful for the Psalmist to say that people who say, "There is no God," are fools, because that is simply objective truth, and it was not sinful for Jesus to call the Pharisees "blind fools" because that was also simply objective truth. Matthew 5:22 is in the context of anger and hatred, which Jesus said is equivalent to murder; it's when we maliciously slander someone, most likely to their face, that it's wrong. Whereas I believe Psalm 14:1 is based more on foolish behaviour, ignorance and decisions. We are going through the *Just10* series with J. John. I just love his honesty, and particularly last week when he shared the story of his standing next to a man in front of the urinals in the Gents. J. John said to God, "The man's an idiot," because the man was on his phone when it was inappropriate. It's wonderful that J. John doesn't portray himself as super-holy, in fact he's just like us, I thought. I wouldn't call a person a fool to their face, I might say "your behaviour is foolish," but I have said "idiot" in the car or in my head, and I wonder how many people have called politicians fools (maybe that's objective truth too, if I could, I would put a laughing emoji by that comment). I'm not saying it's OK, but I don't think for one moment God is fazed by our humanness, He knows us far too well, after all, didn't the disciples want to call fire down on people who didn't welcome Jesus, because he was heading for Jerusalem? Luke 9:54-55 "When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?' But Jesus turned and rebuked them." Fools are mentioned quite a lot in the Bible. But we can and should, however, do all we can to turn the hearts of those exhibiting foolishness toward wisdom and possibly save their lives and their eternal souls (James 5:20).

Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st November, 7.30pm: Church meeting at Steph & Shell's home. We will be reviewing the church's activities and finances. All who worship with us regularly are encouraged to attend

Sunday 26th November, 5.00pm: A Shared Celebration of Christ the King led by members of the four churches which meet in the Broadfield Centre – *Speaker: Father Raymond Tumba*

Saturday 3rd–10th August 2024: Revive 2024 "Fearless and Free" at Ashburnham Place – House bookings now open at revivelive.co.uk, camping bookings to follow soon

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