



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 7th January 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon
Speaker: Dave Evans

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

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, including communion
Worship: Viv Evans
Speaker: Dave Evans

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

January the 6th, we call it Epiphany, is to remember the visit of the Magi, or Three Kings as they are often known as, or simply wise men. Also to remember the manifestation of Jesus to the world. It is sometimes referred to as the Feast of Epiphany, a holiday declared by some.

Jerry Vines from Sermonsearch writes:

The characters of Christmas teach us a great deal about the meaning of Christmas. Their response to the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ tells us what Christmas can mean personally and individually in our own lives. Shepherds came when Jesus was born. They represent working men. Wise men came when Jesus was born and they represent wise men indeed.

In Proverbs 13:20 the Bible says, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise." So, we would be wise today if we would follow the example of these wise men. We do not know a great deal about these wise men actually. They are really known as magi in the scriptures. We do not know how many of them there were. We say three wise men because of the three gifts they brought, but we really don't know. We don't know the names of these wise men. There are some traditional names given to them, but we really don't know their names.

We aren't sure just exactly what nation they came from. They came from the east, verse 1 says. That makes us think that probably it was in the area of the Persian Gulf. But we really don't know a whole lot about these men. They seem to have been the scientists and the doctors and the scholars of their day. They glide into the Christmas story, offer their gifts to the newborn Christ and they silently slip away.

I saw a sign a number of years ago around Christmas that said, "Wise men still seek Him." They show us, indeed, the wise course of their life and their wisdom in that they followed the star that led them to Christ. When they came to Jesus, they fell down and worshipped Him and their lives were never again the same. You and I would be wise to follow the example of these magi.

Diary Dates

Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th March 2024: Church Weekend at the De Vere Horsley Estate, East Horsley, KT24 6DT
Adult shared room £120, single occupancy £145, booking forms to follow next week

Saturday 3rd–10th August 2024: Revive 2024 "Fearless and Free" at Ashburnham Place – bookings now open at revivelive.co.uk – special Jubilee camping offer, see www.revivelive.co.uk/jubilee-2024/

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