



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 14th January 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Viv Evans
Speaker: Ian Johnson

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
Led by students from IBTI

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

I sometimes wonder what my friends and family think when I write a Thought for the Week. You see they know me well, they know my hurts, my doubts, my weaknesses and my blatant flaws, so they could think, “How can she say that when she hasn't done that yet herself?” That's simple, I'm a product of the situations and experiences I have lived through, and I will never stop learning. I want to seek God first in all interactions with people, but unfortunately sometimes I seek God after I have reacted, rather like Peter did at times. Supposing person A has an issue with you and treats you in a certain way, they haven't discussed it with you, so it's never sorted. Then person A discusses you with person B so person B is now heavily influenced in their opinion of you. You are also aware that A and B don't appear to really know themselves as fully as they could. You are now on your guard with A and B, they are hurting, and hurting you, and the enemy is loving it. They may be Christian or not, you are not sure, but you are pretty sure you know their motives even if you don't know their thoughts. So when another issue comes up with B, you immediately react, but B has no idea that A's treatment of you has anything to do with it. Relationships can get very complicated, and hurt people will hurt people. You may need to read this several times to get the gist of it, I imagine. What it all boils down to is the fact that we have to try not to judge each other, although we obviously have to discern certain behaviours, but try to talk to God before reacting, share only with a trusted friend, treat others as you want to be treated, keep your heart soft, forgive, and when all else fails leave it with God. When you've come to an understanding of yourself and your part in any breakdowns, ask God to heal your hurts and to put the past behind you – not easy – and even if it's never resolved, you know you've done the right thing, and it's God's opinion of you that counts, and He loves you.

Diary Dates

Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th March: Church Weekend at the DeVere Horsley Estate, East Horsley, KT24 6DT with Abi Willets. Adult shared room £120, single occupancy £145, child (5-11) £90, booking forms on table

Saturday 3rd–10th August: 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/

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)