



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 28th January 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Viv Evans

Lighthouse Sunday

*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

Worship: Kevin Gordon

"Being Human" session 1

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Mark 9:21-24 "... help me overcome my unbelief."

This was the cry from a father whose son had an evil spirit that caused the boy to convulse and throw himself into fire. The father had previously said to Jesus, "Have mercy on us and help us if you can." Jesus says to the father, "What do you mean, if I can?" Anything is possible if a person believes. This causes the father to respond with the above scripture (Luke 9:22). Lack of faith is mentioned many times in the New Testament, and it's not just lack of faith for healing. It can be about doubting Jesus was who He said He was, and especially doubting He rose from the dead. Remember, Thomas would not believe until he saw the nail marks in Jesus's hands and the wound in His side. I admire Thomas for his honesty and being real about his doubts. Do you ever doubt? Do you ever think, "What if all this Christianity is just a crutch, like the non Christians say?" Do you think God loves everyone else but not you? Do you doubt God can do the same things He did in Bible times? Do you think you have "blown it" because of your many sins? Well, to tell you the truth I've never doubted Jesus, but I have thought the sins I've committed as a Christian (some of which not even non-Christians do) have made me lose my saltiness (read Matthew 5:13, "You are the salt of the earth but if..."), and even thought, "Will I actually get to heaven, and why would I be surprised if I witnessed an amazing miracle?" But even if you think, "I just don't believe any more," be encouraged you are not alone. Even leading Christians in powerful ministries have had their doubts, read Justyn Rees's book, "Honest Doubt, Real Faith." Also, John the Baptist said this in Matthew 11:2-3, "When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" Jesus replies in Matthew 11:4-6, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

Even though John the Baptist felt twinges of doubt, Jesus said this of him in Matthew 11:11, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The Easter Team needs more help with taking calls and distributing parcels at the hub in the Town Centre, Monday to Friday 10.00-12.00 or 12.00-14.00, also at the warehouse in Manor Royal on Tuesday or Friday and delivering parcels on a Friday and collecting food donations, if you can help please contact Dave Orpin at volunteers@theeasterteam.org

Diary Dates

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

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/, book by 31st May

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