



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 4th February 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon
Being Human session 1: Image Bearers
Being Human is here to help everyday Christians live out and share the biblical vision of what it means to be human

*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: Viv Evans
Being Human session 2: Significance

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Hebrews 5:13-14 “Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

When it comes to the gift of discerning spirits, every born-again believer has a certain amount of discernment, which increases as the believer matures in the Spirit. Yes, I know that some people have a particular gift of discerning spirits, but on the whole a mature Christian can be fine-tuned to something that's not quite right. After all, Jesus said we would do what He did, and He lives in us. So when I heard on the radio, that the man named Abdul Shakoor Ezedi who had thrown corrosive alkaline over a woman and her children, was a convicted sex offender and been refused asylum twice but had been awarded it after “converting” to Christianity, I make no bones about it, I felt very angry. I don't know for sure, obviously, but I would say I'm 99% sure he didn't and that he has “hoodwinked” not only the Home Office but some very naive Christians as well. “You can't judge, and we must love,” I hear people say, well I am judging, and loving doesn't just mean being kind and helpful all the time. Obviously we can't go around commanding spirits to go, unless Jesus actually tells us to, but if we sense that a person is walking with the enemy or deeply influenced by him, we need to challenge them, either gently or with authority. That is the loving thing to do, you cannot love the devil into change, he will never change. Remember how Jesus said this in Mark 8:33, “But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. ‘Get behind me, Satan!’ he said. ‘You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.’” Jesus wasn't talking to Peter, He was actually addressing Satan. It must have shocked Peter, but it did teach him. If Abdul Shakoor Ezedi had actually become a Christian, there would have been some fruit/proof in his life, some commitment. As Christians, we cannot afford, in this day and age, to be naive, not only is it a very bad witness, sometimes the world is more discerning than Christians and is flabbergasted we can't see it, but it is dangerous for the church and each other.

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)