



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 11th February 2024

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Viv Evans*  
*Being Human session 2: Significance*

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*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*

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**Monday** 7.00pm: Prayer Meeting on Zoom  
**Tuesday** 7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's  
**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 3: Connection*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Matthew 25:34-40 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in, I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

I believe this is one of the most misunderstood Bible passages. Jesus is NOT talking here about all humanity, but specifically of his disciples/followers, and the help and love that was shown to those who followed Him and had Jesus living in them. Of course the Bible teaches about our obligation to care for the poor (Proverbs 19:17) and we must love our neighbour as ourselves, and we have the story of the Good Samaritan, that is very clear, and those refer to everyone. It's not about evangelism either, that too is for unbelievers and those searching and is a different subject. However, Jesus's teaching in Matthew 25 prior to Matt 25: 34-40 is about the Final Judgment and the separating of the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on the right and the goats on the left. So Jesus is speaking to those on His right, His righteous ones, His brothers and sisters, those who had Jesus living in them. Contrary to popular belief, not everyone is a child of God, only those who have surrendered their lives to Jesus and have Jesus living in them can be called children of God. When Jesus was on the earth, He only did what the Father asked Him to do. Last week I talked about discernment and Matthew 10:16 says, "Listen carefully: I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; so be wise as serpents, and innocent as doves [have no self-serving agenda]" (AMP). Think on this, if you rush off in your own strength to do all it says in Matthew 25:35-36 you could well be spending all your strength and energy on the wrong people and not the people God wants to lead you to. Am I saying you only help Christians? Of course not, I'm saying be discerning about who you give your time and energy to and that you are not following your own agenda, which could on some occasions stem from a saviour complex. The devil is cunning, and he will twist this scripture to his own advantage, to wear you out and distract you.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 1st March:** World Day of Prayer prepared by the Christian women of Palestine; 11.00am at St. John's Church, Crawley followed by refreshments at the Friary Hall and 7.00pm at the URC, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill

**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

**Wednesday 3rd April,** 7.30pm: Licensing of Rev. David King in the Church

**Saturday 4th May,** 2.00–4.00pm: Thanksgiving Service for the life of Roger Forster at the Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, London SW1P 3DW, book your place at [ichthus.churchsuite.com/events/3wzhwoxm](http://ichthus.churchsuite.com/events/3wzhwoxm)

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