



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 18th February 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon

Being Human session 3: Connection

*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, including communion

Worship: Viv Evans

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Psalm 112:7 "They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD."

When I was on prayer Zoom the other day, I couldn't bring myself to pray, "Lord, please take the tumour away," regarding my friend's granddaughter's partner who has a brain tumour, I felt uncomfortable about it and I didn't know why. Then in Justyn Rees's book "Honest Doubt Real Faith" I read this account of prayer for his father-in-law who had been diagnosed with a brain tumour, and it became clear why I felt uneasy:

Many friends called by to pray for him. Most prayed for a sense of God's presence to be with him and peace for all the family. One person came and, with apostolic fervour, urged on all of us the duty of faith which could move mountains, raise the dead and most certainly heal the sick. All you have to do is believe. Don't you want to see him healed? Then trust God for a miracle. "The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well" After our well-meaning friend had left, it was apparent we were all shaken. Isabel made a cup of

tea. "Why was that so disturbing?" Somebody raised the question we were all turning over. Quietly, the person with the most to lose put us all wise. "There is a world of difference between trusting God for a miracle and trusting God. The first kind of faith is demanding, but the second is grateful and full of peace. God alone is qualified to make life-and-death decisions, and He is able to do whatever His perfect love tells Him is for the best. We can rest easy in the assurance that Pop's life is in the hands of one who loves him far more than any of us.

That showed me why I felt uneasy, and backed up the scripture about not leaning on your own understanding. However, if God specifically tells you to command a sickness or a tumour to go then you must do that, but be very sure you have heard God correctly. Words must be chosen carefully because praying for an outright miracle, because that's what we want even though we know God can do it, can set people up for disappointment and added heartache. "Well, you are just playing with words," you may say, and I can see that, but why not pray, "Lord, with all my heart I want you to take this tumour/sickness away and bring complete healing, but I am trusting you to do whatever is right, and in your plan, even if I don't understand it. A difficult prayer, but I believe the right one.

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

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)