



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 25th February 2024

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

*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

Friday **World Day of Prayer prepared by the Christian women of Palestine**

11.00am: St. John's Church, Crawley followed by refreshments at the Friary Hall

7.00pm: United Reformed Church, Worth Park Avenue, Pound Hill

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 4: Presence

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Explanation of Exodus 32:24

I asked GotQuestions, "Why wasn't Aaron punished for making the golden calf and his ridiculous excuse of 'Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!'"

This was the answer:

When Aaron built a golden calf for the Israelites to worship in Exodus 32, severe judgment came upon the people. Yet Aaron went on to serve as high priest. It hardly seems fair that he should escape punishment—he was the one who made the idol, after all—while others were judged.

There are two possible responses. First, one could make a strong case that Aaron was punished for making the golden calf. Though he was not punished at that exact time, Aaron would later die in the wilderness and never enter the Promised Land. Aaron also endured the loss of two of his adult sons in a judgment from God. After Aaron made the golden calf, his life included many difficulties that could be seen as a punishment.

A second response is that God did not punish Aaron for making the golden calf because Aaron had already been chosen as high priest of Israel. Despite Aaron's sin, his role in leading worship in the tabernacle remained vital. Exodus 28 reveals the important role

Aaron and his sons would play in the worship rituals of Israel. The position of high priest was promised in Exodus 28 before Aaron's moulding of the golden calf in Exodus 32.

It is safe to say that God used an unlikely person to serve in an important role. Aaron, the man who led the Israelites astray to worship a golden calf, was the very man God chose to lead Israel in worship of the Lord. This pattern is often observed in Scripture. Many times, God uses the least likely to accomplish tasks for His glory. Other examples include David, a shepherd boy turned king; Paul, a church persecutor who became a martyr and missionary leader; Peter, a fisherman-turned-evangelist; Mary Magdalene, a demon-possessed woman who became the first to see the resurrected Jesus; and many others. "God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong" (1 Corinthians 1:27).

As a son of Levi, Aaron was one of those who repented, and God forgave. Second, verse 30 notes that Moses interceded for the people: "You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

The example of Aaron and the golden calf is relevant still today. When we sin, the Lord calls us to repent and receive His forgiveness, based on the intercession of our Mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5). When we are restored, God can use our lives in His service.

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

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)