



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 3rd March 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon; "Being Human" session 4: Presence

*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 5: Participation

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

As you know, I always pray before I write a *Thought For The Week*. I want to say what God wants me to say, but I was struggling today. Then I found this in my notes dated 2013, but not written by me. It struck me like a TFTW I had done not long ago, but sometimes things are worth saying twice.

The Principle: Casting Pearls Before Swine

“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.” (Matthew 7:6)

Of course, these words of Jesus are allegorical. I doubt that any were literally casting pearls before swine. The meaning is pretty simple to figure out; “Do not persist in offering what is sacred or of value to those who have no appreciation for it, because your gift will not only become contaminated and be despised, your generous efforts could also be rebuffed and perhaps even openly attacked.”

The “dogs” and “swine” here stand for the unappreciative and worldly; unappreciative and uncaring men and women who belittle the value of what is offered to them. “That which is holy” would be the meat offered in sacrifice to God. A dog couldn't care less whether it came from the altar or the rubbish. The swine have no appreciation for either the beauty nor the value of the pearls under their feet.

Your life, time, energy, opportunities and abilities are God's pearls. They're His! You and I are merely His stewards overseeing His possessions (1 Corinthians 6:19,20; 4:1,2; 1 Peter 4:8-11). We must show discernment as to what use we make of God's possessions. It is possible to waste them either by using them when we should not, as well as not using them when we should.

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Diary Dates

Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th March: Church Weekend at the De Vere Horsley Estate, East Horsley, KT24 6DT with Abi Willets.

Wednesday 3rd April, 7.30pm: Licensing of Rev. David King, the new vicar of Christ the Lord, 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)