



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 17th/24th March 2024

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon; "Being Human" session 6: Being 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

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

Saturday/Next Sunday **Church Weekend** at the De Vere Horsley Estate, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6DU, with Abi Willets

Please arrive by 9.15am and help yourselves to tea and coffee at the drinks station. We hope to start the first session at 9.30am. Access to bedrooms is later in the afternoon so please leave your belongings in your car until then

Monday 25th 9.30am: Little Lambs Play & Sing Toddler Group in the Social Hall
7.00pm: Prayer Meeting on Zoom

Tuesday 26th 12.30pm: Ensemble Reza classical concert in the Church
7.30pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's

Wednesday 27th 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Good Friday 9.50am: Meet outside Church for walk of witness to ...

11.00am: Town-wide service in Queens Square

Easter Sunday **Clocks go forward one hour – don't be late!**

6.30am: Tilgate Lakeside Service
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

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Luke 2:34-35 "Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'"

Every Easter, my thoughts will turn to Mary. After Jesus was born, He was first to be circumcised and after that taken to the temple to be presented to the Lord. The law of the Lord said, "If a woman's first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord." That day there was a man in the temple called Simeon; the Holy Spirit was upon him and led him there. God had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Simeon was overjoyed when he recognized that fulfilment in Jesus. The above scripture is his prophecy to the parents of Jesus, telling Mary a

sword would pierce her soul. That happened at the foot of the cross when she witnessed her beloved son dying in agony. She witnessed 7-9 inch nails driven into his wrists, His shoulders dislocating, the weight of His body causing His lungs to struggle to exhale, fluid collecting round his lungs and heart so He slowly suffocates, and yet seven times He was able to speak. He forgives all those responsible for putting Him there (Luke 23:34 "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.") and also asks John to care for His mother. But what was even worse than the torture and agony was the fact that Jesus took upon himself the sin of every person who has lived, is living, and will be living in the future. Just think of the worst evils perpetrated by man since the world began, and Jesus took the punishment for everybody. And yet, people will sometimes struggle to forgive comparatively minor offences. Thank you, Lord, for taking our place, help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves too.

Diary Dates

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)