



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 6th July 2025

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Viv Evans; Speaker: Yale Perekeme, John chapter 10

*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*

This evening 7.00pm: The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Meeting in the Church
To pray for the 95% of children and young people who have no connection with a local church

Monday 9.30am: Little Lambs Play & Sing Toddler Group in the Social Hall

Tuesday 7.45pm: Home Group at Steph & Shell's home

Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Friday 7.00pm: Prayer Walk

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; Speaker: Mike Hawkins, John chapter 11

Thought For The Week – from Caroline

“Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.” (Proverbs 9:9)

“Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.” (Proverbs 15:32)

Quote from the book Mark Twain:

“When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.”

Admittedly I can be opinionated and will sometimes make a statement, with confidence, about a subject I actually have limited knowledge about, especially when it comes to world history or politics. But even at my ancient age I am open to learning and actually love to learn. I stated to my councillor friend with great confidence that mental health is actually just wrong thinking. She put me right by saying it stems from trauma. So in a way we are both right, it is far more complex than just one of those things, so we must learn to see people with God's eyes and understanding. That's why a word of knowledge and discernment is paramount in ministering to people. People can be stubborn, defensive, belligerent, manipulative, wicked even, greedy, or shy, lonely, scared, confused, deceived, proud, the masks are endless. And some people in their endeavour to (unconsciously or consciously) hide behind those masks will put on an Oscar-winning performance and unless we ask God to reveal what's behind those masks we could spend our time and energy helping people in entirely the wrong way, and the devil loves that. I grew up as an anxious, insecure child, I went to boarding school at five for two unforgettable terms which I hated, my mother, a single mum, had her

own problems but she she did her best in the only way she knew how. A long story. I still struggle with over-thinking, stress and even panic at times, but telling me to trust God and not be anxious, although true, doesn't always help. “Over-thinking can be a trauma response. It often occurs as the brain becomes hyperactive in an attempt to predict or solve future problems to prevent harm.”

It's taken me many years but I know God loves me and will take care of me but those anxious traits are very deep and will rise up. So when they do I keep saying to myself, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6) And when I get anxious about spending money, rather like the ex-prisoner of war men who held onto food when they got home even though they had supplies, I say to myself, “Be generous. Freely you have received; freely give.” (Matthew 10:8)

Of course I've only touched on a big subject but “the paradox of trauma is it has the power to destroy and the power to transform and resurrect” and remember those who have been forgiven much love much.

Be open to instruction and discipline and you will grow. And if you have a heart, as I'm sure we all do, to help broken people, ask God to show you how. It's not as simple as a just “a love cap fits all,” every person is unique with their own story. God knows exactly what they need and unless we seek the Holy Spirit as to how to minister we can be “hoodwinked” or worse still keep them where they are. Of course, not everyone responds positively or may even need much deeper ministry. I'm preaching to myself in all this, I know I need to hear God regarding people and to learn more love, more compassion, more understanding and to remain humble.

Advance Notices

Saturday 2nd–9th August: Revive 2025, “The Call of Christ” at Ashburnham Place with Anne Calver, Jake Isaac and Damilola Makinde. Bookings open at revivelive.co.uk, if you would like to go but cannot afford to pay, please see Viv

For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.
(2 Corinthians 2:15)