



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 31st May 2026

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon
Speaker: Ian Johnson, James 4:1-17 Warnings Against Worldliness

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

Tuesday 7.30pm: Home Group at Ben & Pauline's home

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

Speaker: Yale, James 5:1-12 Warning to the Rich & Call for Patience

7.00pm: The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Meeting at St. Mary's Church, Southgate

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Genesis 1:31 *God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

I was on the beach at Shoreham on Wednesday when I saw a group of four Muslim woman dressed in full Hijab Abaya, the long dark cloak rather like nuns wear. They went into the sea waist-high and fully dressed but didn't swim so their outfits were soaked. I told my Muslim neighbour all about them and then said to her, "You know I am a Christian and I believe I am fearfully and wonderfully made by God. It says in Genesis 1:31, *God saw all He made and it was very good*; my question is this, God made those four Muslim woman and He loves them so if they believe God created them why would they cover themselves up? He gave these woman beauty, so why hide it. I felt sorry for them, for underneath that black sombre outfit there must be a soul longing to be free and not burdened. I then added "I hope I haven't offended you, I just find it very strange."

She answered me very quickly with a lot of information which I suspect was written somewhere. She's a lovely neighbour and attends the mosque but doesn't wear a hijab. She told me in Islam the primary reason women are commanded to cover themselves is in obedience to God. The modest dress code is to protect a woman from harassment. She said Allah knows what is best for individuals and society and obeying His rules is the core aspect of faith (we are definitely on the same page there although we don't regard His commands as rigid rules). She went onto say the hijab is seen as a way to protect a woman's dignity and prevent them from being judged solely on their physical appearance or being subjected to unwanted attention. By veiling physical beauty Islam aims to shift the focus toward a woman's character, intellect and actions, ensuring she is valued for who she is rather than what she looks like.

I then said to her protecting women is good and then told her God says in 1 Samuel 16:7, *The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart.* So once again we are in agreement over quite a lot but our two faiths merge and then part and merge back again, how subtle the devil is as he weaves lies and truths. I asked her what and how is God teaching and disciplining the men not to harass women in the first place and to teach them to treat women in the way He wants them to treat women. But there was no answer for that. There was so much more I would have liked to have said but we left it there and may talk another day. I did point out to her that we in the west have unfortunately gone to the other extreme, there were young women on the beach in thong bikinis that left absolutely nothing to the imagination. God wants to teach us to overcome temptation through prayer, His Word and standing firm in our faith. Cover up a temptation and it can appear more exciting, after all flirting with your eyes is very powerful. God doesn't hide temptations, He teaches us to overcome.

Advance Notices

Saturday 27th June: Broadfield Arts Festival

Saturday 1st–8th August: Revive 2026, **Church on Fire**, bookings open at revivelive.co.uk

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'

(Matthew 19:26)