



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 27th September 2026

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including Communion
Worship: Viv Evans; Prayer and Praise

*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*

After the service 1.00pm: "Extension-Warming" at the Gordons' place in Pease Pottage
You are invited round for lunch, transport available

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: Kevin Gordon; Week 1 of a video series by Amy Orr-Ewing:
"Forgiveness: Reclaiming its Power in a Culture of Outrage and Fear"*

7.00pm: The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Psalm 142:2 "I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble."

I've been thinking about how important it is to listen to people, even when we don't particularly like what they're saying.

I've sometimes cringed when I've heard Christians, who I'm sure are genuinely trying to be helpful, "shut someone down" halfway through a conversation because they feel it has become too negative. They then offer spiritual clichés such as, "Just pray about it," "God has a plan," or "Count your blessings."

Of course, these are all good words. But sometimes good words can be spoken at the wrong time.

I have read that: "It can feel incredibly dismissive and lonely when you are trying to have an honest, deep conversation and it gets shut down with spiritual clichés."

Sometimes people don't need an answer or a solution. They simply need someone to listen. They need to feel that someone understands how difficult things are for them.

I think that sometimes we struggle to sit with another person's grief, anger, doubt or chaos. Perhaps we don't know what to say, or we feel uncomfortable with emotions that we can't immediately fix. So, in our desire to help, we rush to offer a solution.

But the Bible is full of honest, sometimes very uncomfortable conversations. David certainly didn't hold back in the Psalms. He poured out his anger, frustration and even hatred towards his enemies. Yet he knew that God was listening. God understood David's feelings, even though He didn't necessarily agree with everything David was saying.

People need to be listened to. They want to know that we understand how hard it is.

The Bible tells us to "weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). Sometimes the most loving thing we can do is simply sit with someone in their pain.

I've made plenty of mistakes myself, saying the right thing at the wrong time. But we're never too old to learn.

When I recently shared my story, I sensed that it didn't go down particularly well, and at one stage even the children were removed. As I mentioned in a previous "Thought for the Week", I didn't minimise or gloss over the facts. However negative, dark or unpleasant those parts of my story were, and however uncomfortable they may have made people feel, they also highlighted something wonderful: the amazing love of God, who can redeem those who are desperately lost in their sin.

Because sometimes, when the darkness is exposed, the light shines even brighter.

Advance Notices

Saturday 15th May 2027: Jesus March 2027

Saturday 31st July–7th August 2027: Revive 2027 at Ashburnham Place – bookings open 5th November

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

(Matthew 19:26)