



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 22nd June 2008

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Katie Johnson.*

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today*

**Monday** 10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home  
3.00pm: Cream teas at Martin & Katie's home  
8.15pm: Leadership prayer meeting at Kevin & Rachel's home

**Tuesday** 7.30pm: House Group with light meal at Caroline's home  
*Following up on session 6 of "God is closer than you think."*  
7.30pm: Community Centre public meeting and AGM

**Wednesday** 9.30–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

**Thursday** 7.30pm: House Group with light meal at Mechelle's home  
*Following up on session 6 of "God is closer than you think."*

**Friday** 5.00–6.30pm: Drop-in meal with tea or coffee in the Social Hall

**Next Sunday** 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship  
9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall  
10.00am: Tea and Coffee and an opportunity for prayer  
10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall  
*All-age service – no Sunday School*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

**James 1:14** “But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire.”

In the story *The Lord of the Rings*, Sauron, the Dark Lord has gathered to himself the Rings of Power – the means by which he will be able to rule the world. All he lacks in his plan for dominion is the Ruling Ring, which has fallen into the hands of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins.

Bilbo Baggins is visited by Gandalf the Grey, a good wizard who has come to get the Ring from Bilbo and entrust it to a young hobbit called Frodo (who has strength to resist the power of the ring, but only just). Frodo, with the help of his friends and Gandalf must go on a perilous journey deep into the territory of the Dark Lord to destroy the Ring and foil the Dark Lord's purpose to rule the world with his hordes from hell.

However, the immense power of the Ring is drawing Bilbo in and he is reluctant to part with it, and calls it his “precious.” Gandalf the Grey persists and Bilbo gets angry and refuses to give it up and accuses Gandalf of wanting it for himself. Gandalf takes his stand and says to Bilbo, “don't take me for a conjuror of cheap tricks, I am not trying to rob you, I am trying to help you.”

The Ring is like anything in our lives that is more important than God that we do not want to let go of, it is not necessarily sin, although sin can have a strange and powerful attraction for us, and like Bilbo will make excuses or accuse in order to hold on to it.

God, like Gandalf, is our friend and He is not trying to rob us of things we think we want and need, He is helping us, and showing us a way to freedom.

### Wanted

A suitcase for a one-way trip to Brazil – please see Joel.

Dining chairs and a chest of drawers – please see Mechelle.

### Advance Notices

**Saturday 28th June, 10.00–11.30am:** John Stott will be at the Light House Christian Resource Centre, 2 Railway Approach, East Grinstead to meet and talk to people. There will be a large selection of his books available including the new 50th anniversary edition of “Basic Christianity” and “The Living Church.” Tea and coffee will be served throughout the morning.

**Saturday 5th July, 11.00am–4.00pm:** Community Centre Summer Fête.

**Sunday 6th July, 1.00pm:** Barbecue at Martin & Katie's home.

**Saturday 2nd – 9th August:** Revive! 2008 at Ashburnham Place — “Seeking Immortality.” With guest speakers Jackie Pullinger and George Verwer.