



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 11th January 2009

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: David Evans; Preacher: Ian Johnson
Including the blessing of Bethany and Charlotte
Followed by lunch and a celebration at Ifield Sports Club, Rusper Road, Ifield – everyone welcome

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

Monday 10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home
8.00pm: Leadership Group

Tuesday 7.30pm: House Group in the Church Quiet Room
Session 2 – "The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift"

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

Thursday 7.30pm: House Group in Phil & Val's home
Session 2 – "The Tragedy of the Unopened Gift"

Friday 5.00–6.00pm: Drop-in hot meal in the Social Hall

Friday/Saturday Ichthus Leaders' Conference at the Croydon Park Hotel

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
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: David Evans

Advance Notices

Sunday 25th January, 12.00–4.00pm: Prayer Event in the Church with the Church of England, praying for Broadfield and all aspects of our community.

Friday 13th–Sunday 15th March: Church weekend at Oak Hall, with Chris Orange and team (**see below**).

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Isaiah 49:1-4 "...in the shadow of his hand he hid me..."

Sometimes we hit a spot in our lives when we are tempted to feel that God has forgotten about us. If we listen to our own thinking it seems to us that we are of no use and that He cannot possibly be bothered with us. We long to be out working for Him yet duties and trials, from which we are unable to break free, keep us shackled. We tend not to look on home-style duties as "His work" and we despair of ever being really useful to Him.

God has to draw near and change our thinking here, for caring for needs in our own home can often become one of the greatest fields

of service we will ever have. It is at times like these that He will whisper in your ear, "In the shadow of My hand I am keeping you because I am making you a polished arrow for Me. I am using you, even now. You may not feel it, but I am."

With some of us it is a case of time. If God sent you out too soon you would not be ready. Rust would eat into your soul and tarnish and destroy your witness. Time must be taken to make sure that the arrow is polished before putting it into use. Only then will it fly with certainty to its intended goal.

Even Jesus, perfect as He was, had to wait 30 years before it was time for Him to begin His ministry.

Taken from Inspiring Women (Lyn Gitchel)

Church Weekend 2009

Once again this will be at Oak Hall Manor in Otford, Kent, from **13th–15th March 2009**. It will be led by Chris and Jennie Orange and team who oversee worship for Ichthus Christian Fellowship. The cost will be £75 for adults and £45 for children aged 4-15.

We need to pay the full fees **this week**, so it is important we know how many are coming and that those who are able to pay the full amount now do so. Please fill in the form below and hand it to Pat or Irma with your payment or a deposit of at least **£5 per adult** in cash or cheque payable to Broadfield Christian Fellowship. If you have any difficulty paying the balance, have a word with Dave or Kevin and we'll sort something out.

Name: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children aged 4-15: _____ Number of children under 4: _____