

# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 18th January 2009

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: David Evans*

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

**Monday** 10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home

**Tuesday** 7.30pm: House Group in the Church Quiet Room  
*Session 3 – "Find Your Calling and Get Your Feet Wet"*

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

**Thursday** 7.30pm: House Group at Sue's home  
*Session 3 – "Find Your Calling and Get Your Feet Wet"*  
7.30pm: Music Group in the Church

**Friday** 5.00–6.00pm: Drop-in hot meal 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  
*"Decision Sunday" coordinated by Katie*  
12.00pm: Join with the Anglicans in the Church, followed by refreshments  
12.45pm: Prayer session 1 in 15 minute segments  
2.15pm: Break for tea and coffee  
2.30pm: Prayer session 2 in 15-minute segments (end by 4.00pm)

#### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

##### GOSPEL LESSONS THROUGH MY CAT

The other day I was sitting with my cat and admiring how exquisite his markings were and how clever God was in making him (I love my cat!) and what a blessing he is. He is very affectionate, he senses when we are unwell and will snuggle up with you, he responds to our voices (vocally sometimes), he makes us laugh with his funny ways and playfulness, and his personality is unique to him. Our cat that disappeared even knew the sound of our car engines and would run to meet us. Then I thought, if I were a mouse my perception of him would be very different, he would then be a terrifying monster with talons and fangs. People will view others from their own particular perspective, like me and the mouse, but God sees the whole picture from every conceivable angle and loves them just the same. He may not love their lifestyle choices or behaviour but that can all change. Now I can't stop my cat killing mice and I wouldn't try (only God could do that) – it is his instinct and he was born like that – but his personality and his temperament are definitely affected by the way I treat him, he would be a different cat if I had ill-treated him or ignored him or punished him for killing.

Now I know that difficult people can be a "nightmare" but we can't actually stop them doing what they do (but God can if they are willing to submit), only God knows exactly why they behave like they do. People are not born to do evil or wicked things – they are born in the image of God, but have chosen either to deny his existence, or disobey him and do their own thing. Evil has a seed just as goodness does – they both can grow.

Our job is to love people in the right way (which includes tough love), give them guidance, correction, understanding, mercy, compassion, patience, kindness, honesty, gentleness (a tough one sometimes), firmness, stability, trustworthiness and discipline.

### 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 guide cost is £75 for adults and £45 for children aged 4-15. If this is too for you much please consider paying what you would have spent on meals for the weekend.

We have now paid the full fees required by Oak Hall so are encouraging as many as possible to come. You do not have to pay the full amount in advance but we are asking for a deposit of £5 per adult. Please fill in the form below and hand it to Pat or Irma with your payment or a deposit in cash or cheque payable to Broadfield Christian Fellowship. You can pay the balance when you are able, preferably by the end of March.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children aged 4-15: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children under 4: \_\_\_\_\_