



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 8th/15th March 2009

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon – Preacher: Ian Johnson

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

- Monday** 10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home
1.30pm: Leadership Group meets at Martin & Katie's home
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home
7.30pm: Meeting of Community Centre General Council with the Trustees
- Tuesday** 1.30pm: Lent Group for ladies in the Church Quiet Room
8.00pm: Lent Group at the Strouds' home
- Wednesday** 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
8.00pm: Lent Group at Simon Taylor's home
- Thursday** 7.30pm: Lent Group at Phil and Val's home
- Friday** 4.15 pm **Depart for Oak Hall** (see overleaf)
5.00–6.00pm: Drop-in hot meal in the Social Hall
9.00pm: Prayer for Street Pastors at Crawley Baptist Church
- Sunday 15th:** **No service in the Social Hall due to Church Weekend**
If you are not coming to Oak Hall you are welcome to join with the Anglicans in the Church at 11.00 am
- Monday 16th:** 10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home
- Tuesday 17th:** 1.30pm: Lent Group for ladies in the Church Quiet Room
8.00pm: Lent Group at the Strouds' home
- Wednesday 18th:** 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
8.00pm: Lent Group at Simon Taylor's home
- Thursday 19th:** 7.30pm: Lent Group at Phil and Val's home
- Friday 20th:** 5.00–6.00pm: Drop-in hot meal in the Social Hall
9.00pm: Prayer for Street Pastors at Crawley Baptist Church
- Saturday 21st:** 11.00am–4.00pm: A worship day for all ages at Crawley Baptist Church with Psalm Drummers. Adults £5, children £3, families £10 – booking forms on the tables
- Sunday 22nd:** 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
Bring and Share, coordinated by Kevin

Please see overleaf for information about Oak Hall. A full programme will be available on arrival.

See overleaf for the "Thought for the Week"

Prayer Chain

Many people have joined us recently and it is time to relaunch the Prayer Chain. This is a means of passing on urgent prayer requests and answers to prayer. If you would like to be on it, please put your name and telephone number on the sheet on the table.

Advance Notices

Tuesday 24th March, 7.30pm: Broadfield Forum in the Community Centre.

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Saturday 1st–8th Aug: Revive! 2009 at Ashburnham Place, "Seedtime and Harvest: Bear Much Fruit." Book and pay by **30th April** for a 10% discount – booking forms on the tables.

Oak Hall Information

Set in beautiful surroundings, Oak Hall has a magnificent historic manor house set high in the hills of Kent.

Address: Oak Hall, Otford Manor, Shorehill Lane, Otford, Kent TN15 6XF, telephone: 01732 763131.

Oak Hall is a Christian team whose aim is to provide times of encouragement to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. The cross on the hillside is a reminder of God's amazing love as He opened up the way for us to know Him.

Our meetings will be in the Terrace Lounge, which has wide views across the weald of Kent. The Oak Hall Bookshop has a good selection of Bibles, books and leaflets about the Christian faith; it will be open at various times throughout the weekend.

One hundred and fifty acres of grounds give plenty of space for everybody to relax. There are badminton, volley ball and tennis courts.

The manor kitchen is renowned for the excellence of the meals that are served in the medieval Tudor dining hall. We have been asked to provide a small group of helpers after each mealtime to assist with drying up and re-setting of the dining tables.

- Towels and bedding are provided.
- There are tea and coffee making facilities.
- There is no TV available (except for DVDs and Videos).
- There is wireless Internet access available in the building.
- Smoking is not permitted in the house and alcohol is not allowed on the premises.

Below are Viv's suggested transport arrangements:

Martin Katie Sarah Michael
Ashlee Debby Stacey Jodie
Kevin Allan Maureen Carole
Rachel Elliot Joseph Linda
Bobby Shiv Ashini Jack
Ian Gunilla Dan Ayden
Caroline Kelly Laila Pat
Dave Elizabeth Ed Reuben Paul Selena
Pauline Derek Aaron
Mechelle Alice Holly
Sue Bethany Charlotte
Brenda Sarah
Viv

Parents, please ensure you provide legal child car / booster seats.

Dinner on Friday will be at 6.00pm. If you want to travel in convoy Rachel will leave from the church car park at about 4.15pm.

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Proverbs 16:21 *"The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction."* (NIV)

In another version it says *"...the sweetness of the lips increases learning."*

I recently watched a film starring Will Smith called "Hitch" about a man who helps other men to get girlfriends. In it he says, "communication is 70% body language and tone of voice" and I think I agree with him. We were also talking in house group about thinking before you speak (giving yourself time to hear God speak to you). We need to check up on ourselves sometimes and ask God: How did I come across to that person? Did I cause hurt or misunderstanding? Did I come across as arrogant, dogmatic, irritated or in a hurry? Was I listening or just talking, or cramming them with Godly truths they are not ready to receive? Or even if they are

ready to receive them, am I maybe saying it with an attitude that causes them to resist it?

I don't mean you have to tread on eggshells or examine yourself under a microscope but we do have to be careful, a lot of unnecessary hurt is caused to Christians by Christians.

I will tell you what I did the other day. I was at the dentist, and as I needed an X-ray the dentist asked me to take my glasses off and then asked kindly whether I would be all right as there was a step to the X-ray machine. I answered, "yes, I will be fine, I am not blind!" On the way home I suddenly (probably God nudging me) thought about what I had said and it struck me that it sounded really rude and I wondered what tone I had said it in because I could have come across a real "grouch" but I said it in all innocence and never intended to be rude. Never mind! God's mercies are new every morning.