

# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 5th April 2009

<b>This morning</b>	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Debby Hopkins – Preacher: Ian Johnson</i>
<hr/> <i>We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today</i> <hr/>	
<b>This evening</b>	7.00pm: Joint churches' celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church <i>Worship: Elim – Preacher: Paul Taylor (Kingdom Faith)</i>
<b>Monday</b>	10.45am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home 2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home (14 Balmoral Court) 8.00pm: Open community night at YWAM Holmsted Manor
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30–11.30am: <i>The Triangle</i> Coffee Shop in the Social Hall 12.00–1.00pm: Prayer in the Church Quiet Room
<b>Thursday</b>	7.30pm: Lent Group at Phil and Val's home <i>Note: the other Lent Groups are not meeting this week</i>
<b>Good Friday</b>	10.00am: Meet at the Church for walk of witness to ... 11.00am: United Good Friday service in Queen's Square 5.00–6.00pm: Drop-in hot meal in the Social Hall 9.00pm: Prayer for Street Pastors at Crawley Baptist Church
<b>Saturday</b>	2.00–4.00pm: Easter Activity Afternoon at the Church <i>Easter egg hunt, games, crafts, bouncy castle, for children aged 4 to 13</i>
<b>Easter Sunday:</b>	6.30am: Sunrise service and Communion at Tilgate Lakeside 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: All-age worship in the Social Hall <i>Led by Dave, Viv and the young people</i>

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

*Judges 17 1-6 "... In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."*

In my bible (the New King James version) the notes on this scripture say:

#### Lessons for Leaders

Good leadership is a key to the triumph of God's purposes. Judges underlines the need for godly leaders who speak with prophetic anointed voices. When there is a lack of leadership among God's people, the people lead unrestrained lives guided by their own opinions rather than God's Word and godly wisdom. Know that a lack of godly leadership will cause God's people to become worldly and incur God's judgment. Strive to become godly in your leadership. Pursue a prophetic dimension in your ministry.

After reading about the resignation of Michael Nazir-Ali, Bishop of Rochester, it made me think of this scripture. I believe Michael Nazir-Ali is a godly leader who possesses great courage, insight and conviction, an

enormous asset to the Church of England. How sad that he has had such fierce opposition from his own ranks. One comment against him was this: "I am not sure assertiveness is a Christian value." In my opinion that is nonsense and leaves God out of the equation. Assertiveness under the authority of God and in the right heart attitude is what we need and I know I want it. Assertiveness with selfish motives and not surrendered to God is a different matter. When Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan! You are an offence to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but of the things of men" (Matthew 16:23), He was not speaking to Peter but the enemy that was speaking through him. He didn't say to the enemy, "if you don't mind, if it's not too much bother and I don't want to offend you, but would you mind awfully going away?" It's that sort of mentality (like the opposition to Michael-Nazir Ali) that makes us "dive for cover" when there is a risk of our actions being considered in any way antagonistic. We need leaders like Michael Nazir-Ali, for Christianity and British values are under attack from all sides. God will still use him in his new post but we need more like him in Britain.

### Advance Notices

**Tuesday 14th April:** Easter lambing at Gaston Farm. Coach leaves the Community Centre at 9.30am. £4 per person.

**Sunday 19th April, 12.00–7.00pm:** Crawley Christian Festival at BA Wingspan Club, Whitworth Road, County Oak Way.

**Tuesday 21st April, 7.30pm:** Church Meeting in the Small Hall.

**Sunday 24th May, 2.30–10.00pm:** The Big Church Day Out at Wiston House, Steyning, West Sussex. With Delirious?, Michael W. Smith, Israel Houghton, Graham Kendrick, Cathy Burton, Yfriday, Lou Fellingham and many more. See leaflets on the tables. Tickets are £15 each if we can get a group of 10 or more together so sign the list if you are interested.

**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.