



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 15th November 2009

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

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

Monday 10.30am–1.00pm: *Monday Munch* in the Church Foyer
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home

Tuesday 7.30pm: House Group at Phil & Val's home
See "Thought for the Week" below

Wednesday 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer and fasting in the Church Quiet Room
12.00–1.00pm: Leadership Group prayer in the Church

Friday 5.00–6.00pm: Friday 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
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Debby Hopkins; Preacher: Stacey Hopkins
6.30pm: Bible Society "Songs of Praise" in the Church
Followed by refreshments – there will be an offering to support Bible Society's Nepal project

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Luke chapter 10 verses 38-42: Mary and Martha

Bible study on Tuesday evening at Debby and Stacey's was a lovely evening; friendly, cosy with everyone opening up and sharing (and that's what I want most) but when I got home I felt flat and that somehow I had "blown it." I said, "Lord, I can't do this, it's too hard, other people are much more capable. I have worked hard and made all these notes but it's no use, I can't remember things and I get flustered." Straight away into my head came the story of Martha and Mary. If you remember, Martha works hard to get everything just right, but Jesus says, "Martha, Martha you are worried and troubled about many things ..." I knew what the Lord was saying to me and He wasn't so much telling me off but gently explaining to me. You see He understands me totally and knows why I am like I am but He wants me to be free from that. He doesn't want me (or any of us) to struggle in our own strength, some people can lead Bible studies in their own strength but I am most certainly not one of them. I came from a family of achievers, clever professional people, my mother was a teacher, my father (whom I never knew) was a Wing Commander in the RAF, my brother a scientist, there were head teachers and business people and then there was me, not so clever, a dreamer with problems, a failed

nursing career, years out of control and a failed marriage. I have been a very broken person in my life, which I know as a born-again Christian doesn't matter, but impressions and feelings deep in our psyche don't go overnight, it can be a long process to change our thinking. So what I am saying is that part of me is "performance" motivated, I don't want to fail, especially in front of people and, if I am truthful, I spent much longer looking up stuff on the Internet and fretting about it than I ever did sitting at the feet of Jesus, I was just like Martha. Sometimes when we do "church things" we may feel we have to do it how it is traditionally done or style ourselves on other people. I can never be an Adam, Ian, Martin or Katie, God wants me to be me and you to be you, then the way we serve Him is in our own unique way and that's how He designed it to be. Somehow, like all of us, I must learn to surrender to Jesus and trust Him, it's not about me and my performance, it's about allowing God to use the "junk" and failures in my life to help others and show them the right way. We don't know why Martha was like she was in this particular situation but there would have been a reason and Jesus would have known it.

One of the things I have also found hard is compiling a bible study around a Thought for the Week. I haven't the faintest idea at the moment how this is going to be a Bible study so we will just have to see what happens won't we. I will and must trust God.

Advance Notices

Sunday 29th November, 11.00am: Joint service in the Church (no service in the Social Hall).

Sunday 29th November, 7.30pm (doors 7.15): EdgsonGruet Christmas concert in the Church with special guests Sue Edgson & Jon Hope. Entry is free but donations are welcome towards the school in Mozambique where Sue was house-building.

Friday 26th–Sunday 28th March 2010: Church Weekend at Annan Court, near Uckfield, East Sussex, led by Graham and Sandra Geddis from Ichthus Woolwich. The cost is expected to be £80 for adults and £48 for children aged 4 to 12. If you would like to start saving weekly towards this, please see Pat.