

Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 6th December 2009

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Michael Hawkins

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

This evening 7.00pm: Joint churches' celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church

Monday 10.15am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home

10.30am–1.00pm: *Monday Munch* in the Church Foyer

2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home

7.00pm: "Carols at the Manor" at Holmsted Manor

An evening to gather together in celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Come and enjoy Mulled Wine and Minced pies and a programme prepared especially for the evening.

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

10.00–11.00am: Health Walk starting from the recycling centre

12.00–1.00pm: Prayer and fasting in the Church Quiet Room

Thursday 6.30pm: Community Centre General Council

Friday **No Friday Meal this week**

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: Katie Johnson; Preacher: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week — from Caroline

CHRISTMAS, THE CONSEQUENCE OF ...

I do pray about the Thought for the Week and I always want it to be what God wants me to say. I asked God to help me with a Christmassy theme, but all I kept thinking about was "the consequences of sin." "Oh, no!" I thought, I can't write about that, that's not at all Christmassy, but it wouldn't go away, so although I wouldn't have chosen it at all at Christmas time I believe God has.

I remember many years ago when I was a student nurse living in the attic of an old house in Reading with another nurse. We would often hold noisy parties where the alcohol would flow most of the night but in the morning there would be untold mess, horrendous hangovers, not to mention being really unwell. Well, sin can be like that, you think you are fine and having a great time (remember sin can seem very attractive at times) but then it will ALWAYS catch up with you and you will have to face up to the consequences in your own life and also what you have done to others. John Wimber pointed out in his book, "Power Healing," that sin is the worst kind of sickness a person can have. I am sorry, I know its not a tinsley, bauble, festive message but I really believe God is saying something to us all through all the hullabaloo of Christmas. If you think about it, Christmas is just as much a consequence of our sin as Easter is, and Jesus's destiny to be born into this world originated in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve chose to disobey God. God then put in his rescue mission to save us from Satan's dominion. Sin is a desperately important message because we are getting desensitised to it in many ways, and as the old Christmas Carol "God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman" goes, didn't Jesus come to "save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray, O tidings of comfort and joy." I am sad that they don't play that to the shoppers in the Mall any more because even though they may have appeared to ignore it, those words could have had an effect on them or at least made them think because there are so many people living in the consequences of their sin who have absolutely no idea that they need to be rescued by a Saviour who loves them dearly and, depressing as it may sound (but it is a reality) sometimes the consequences of our sin will remain with us. It is only Jesus and His living in us that will see us through and enable us to use it to love and help other people and show them the "way" which is Jesus, also our Christian brothers and sisters who have gone astray need to be reminded of this and lovingly restored.

He was born to die ... that all who believe in him might live.

Advance Notices

Friday 18th December, 5.00pm: Christmas meal in the Social Hall.

Saturday 19th December, 3.00pm: Carol singing on the Barton followed by mince pies at Martin & Katie's.

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.