



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 31st January 2010

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Led by students from IBTI

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

Monday 10.30am: Pastoral Group meets at Martin & Katie's home
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home

Tuesday 7.45pm: Bible study in the Church Quiet Room

Wednesday 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
10.00–11.00am: Health Walk starting from the recycling centre
10.45–11.15am: Leadership Group prayer in the Church
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer meeting in the Church Quiet Room

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: Katie Johnson; Preacher: David Evans
7.00pm: Joint churches' celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church
Worship: Gateway; Preacher: Tim Wilson

Credit Union

Crawley Credit Union was started in 1998 at Christ the Lord in Broadfield and has been running very successfully ever since. It has helped many people over the years by encouraging them to save and offering very low interest loans. Why not join with 400 other members and get into the saving habit?

For details ring the office on (01293) 400820 between 9.00am and 12.00 noon, Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday or out of hours call Kate on (01293) 402125.

If anyone has a tumble dryer to spare or knows someone who has, please let Kelly know

Advance Notices

Thursday 4th February, 7.45pm: George Dillon in "The Gospel of Matthew" at The Hawth.

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th March: Ichthus Worship, Prayer and Fasting Conference at Ashburnham Place.

Friday 26th March – Sunday 28th March: Church Weekend at Annan Court – see below.

Sunday 4th April: Easter Sunday.

Sunday 30th/Monday 31st May: The Big Church Day Out at Wiston House, Steyning.

Saturday 31st July–7th August: Revive! 2010 at Ashburnham Place.

Please see overleaf for the "Thought for the Week"

Church Weekend 2010

This will be at a new venue, Annan Court, near Uckfield, East Sussex, from **26th–28th March 2010** (the weekend before Easter). It will be led by Graham and Angela Geddis from Ichthus Woolwich. The cost will be £80 for adults and £48 for children aged 4-12.

We have a limited number of spaces, so it is important that you get your booking in as soon as possible.

Please fill in the form below and hand it to Irma with your payment or a deposit of at least **£5 per adult** in cash or cheque payable to Broadfield Christian Fellowship. If you have any difficulty paying the balance, have a word with Dave or Kevin and we'll sort something out.

Name: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children aged 4-12: _____ Number of children under 4: _____

Deposit enclosed (£5 per adult): £_____

Thought for the Week — from Caroline

**Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die...”**

I find it very disturbing that there are more and more “mercy killings” of loved ones and relatives applauded in court.

I realise that condensing this into a thought is very difficult but here goes:

Euthanasia in the dictionary is defined as “gentle and easy death.” Ecclesiastes 8:8 declares, “No man has power over the wind to contain it; so no one has power over the day of his death.” God has the final say over death. Euthanasia is man’s way of trying to usurp that authority from God.

I understand how hard it is to see a loved one suffer, my own mother had a terrible death and suffered greatly, but I believe God gives purpose to life even to the end, however hard that is, and it is sometimes in that very suffering that He reaches the lost. Death is a natural occurrence and sometimes God allows a person to suffer for a long time before death. At the same time, the Bible does not command us to do everything we can to keep a person alive. If a person is being kept alive only by machines, it is not immoral to turn off the machines and allow the person to die, should God desire to keep that person alive He is perfectly able to continue their life without the aid of the machine. Making a decision like this is very difficult and painful, it is never easy to end the support of a loved one. We should never seek to prematurely end a life, but at the same time, neither do we have to go to extraordinary means to preserve life. The best advice to anyone facing this decision is to pray to God for wisdom.

There is something sinister however in how euthanasia is being encouraged today in the guise of “love.”

Euthanasia was also a euphemism used by Hitler’s Nazi regime for the murder of people they deemed “life unworthy of life.” Adolf Hitler and his associates talked about “mercy death.” Their aim was not to shorten the lives of people with painful terminal diseases but to kill those they considered inferior. Today they don’t say a “a life unworthy of life” but “a life not worth living” but the end result is the same, and God has not been brought into either. **Assisting a suicide is putting oneself in the place of God.**

What’s to stop the Government (and this is my personal belief but very possible) in years to come encouraging people to do “the kind thing” for their elderly relatives. I will be 83 in twenty years time, I was one of the “baby boomers” when all the men came back from the war so there will be a lot of us and an awful lot of elderly needing care. Better start praying!!

Recordings of Sermons

Previous week’s sermons are always available on the web at www.broadfield.org.uk/Sermons.htm and on CD. If you would like a copy of a particular sermon on CD, please ask Kevin.