



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 28th February 2010

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: Katie Johnson

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

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

Tuesday 6.45pm: Music Group at Dave & Viv's home
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
2.30pm: Funeral and thanksgiving service for David Butcher in the Church
7.30pm: DTS graduation at Holmsted Manor, followed by refreshments

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: Anderson da Silva
7.00pm: Joint churches' celebration and teaching at Crawley Baptist Church

Advance Notices

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

Saturday 13th March, 3.00–6.00pm: "Open House" with John and Gwen Hall at Martin & Katie's home.

Sunday 14th March, 10.30am: The founding minister of Broadfield Christian Fellowship, Rev **John Hall** will be preaching at our morning worship.

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

Friday 2nd April: Good Friday march to combined service in Queen's Square.

Sunday 4th April: Easter Sunday.

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

*Please see overleaf for
"Thought for the Week"*

Church Weekend 2010

This will be at a new venue, Annan Court, near Uckfield, East Sussex (TN22 5RE), 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 need to confirm numbers, 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

Wherever I turn these days I hear the words “comfort zone” and I know I spend a large amount of time on my own, but I have been thinking about it a lot lately. A comfort zone isn’t always actually comfortable because it can be in a place of loneliness or sickness but it is a hideaway (a “bolt hole”) where you feel reasonably safe. I heard “comfort zone” mentioned again last night when I went to listen to a speaker called Mark Dupont who was stressing the importance of being in the Spirit’s flow for the church and not in our own ideas (good as they might be). He said the church was in a Kairos time (which means critical moment or an appointed time). He also said, “I have felt for years that the most under-utilised resource in the contemporary church is the Person of the Holy Spirit.” He said we must also remember that Jesus wasn’t only meek and mild but “the Lion of Judah,” mighty powerful warrior who leads His army. “Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.” (*Rev 19:15*)

He spoke about the people that Moses led to the promised land as being a spectator nation watching the mighty works of God through Moses, but once Joshua became their new leader they became a participating nation, stepping into the waters with Joshua, performing great and mighty deeds, and that we too must prepare ourselves to do the same stepping into the waters and bring signs and wonders to the church, but doing only the things that the Spirit leads us to do just as Jesus only did what the Father told Him to do. He said we would do the same and greater. Not just doing “things.”

So you say what has this got to do with comfort zones? Well what I have been saying to God about my own life is this, “Lord, I know there is so much, so much more to knowing you than I have ever experienced, I know I am in my comfort zone and I am so sorry because I long for you, I long to know you more and to give you more but I do not want to just do ‘things’.” Terry Virgo in his book “The Tide is Turning” says this (and immediately I read it I thought, “yes, that’s it!”), “He (God) is not merely looking for those who know all the jargon, because commitment and obedience in themselves can be cold and routine. The people God delights in are those who cry out in their spirits, ‘I am hungry for God and I long to see Him’.”

Yes, a comfort zone can be the things you have always done. Albert Einstein said, “insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” I know you can’t apply this to God and it’s not a Christian gem to cling to but I hope you get the gist of my thoughts.

Recordings of Sermons

Previous sermons are available on the web at sermons.broadfield.org.uk and on CD. If you would like a copy of a particular sermon on CD, please ask Kevin.
