



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 16th May 2010

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall, including communion  
*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: Katie Johnson*

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

*A special welcome to our friends from the Church of England congregation*

**Monday** 10.30am–1.00pm: *Monday Munch* Café in the Church Foyer  
2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home  
3.00–5.00pm: Cream Teas in Martin & Katie's garden

**Tuesday** 7.45pm: House Group at Mechelle's home

**Wednesday** 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall  
10.00–11.00am: Health Walk starting from the recycling centre  
11.30–12.00: Leadership Group prayer in the Church  
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer meeting in the Church Quiet Room  
7.00pm: House Group for younger adults  
*Meet at the Hopkins' for a prayer walk around Broadfield*

**Friday** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall

**Saturday** 9.30am–1.00pm: Prayer Ministry workshop in the Church  
*Led by Richard Poole from St. Andrew's Church. For everyone wanting to go further with God in praying alongside others whether on a formal prayer ministry team or not. It will be interactive with opportunities to practise what you are learning.*  
12.00–6.00pm: *Joybox* in Victoria Embankment Gardens  
*Come and see the Church in full colour! Ichthus hosts Joybox, an afternoon extravaganza in one of London's most popular riverside parks. Drawing on talent and energy from across London's churches, the afternoon includes singer-songwriters, gospel, jazz and more, plus space to chill out and enjoy London's beautiful waterside scenery.*

**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*

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

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 25th May, 2.00–3.00pm:** Outreach on the Barton with YWAM (to be confirmed).

**Sunday 30th/Monday 31st May, 2.00–10.00pm** (gates 11.00am): The Big Church Day Out at Wiston House, Steyning. [www.bigchurchdayout.co.uk](http://www.bigchurchdayout.co.uk)

**Sunday 13th June, 2.00–6.00pm:** Global Day of Prayer event at West Ham Utd FC, Green Street, Upton Park, London E13 9AZ. With Graham Kendrick, Dave & Pat Bilbrough, Noel Robinson, Godfrey Birtill, The All Souls Orchestra and X-Factor finalist Beverly Trotman. [www.gdoplondon.com](http://www.gdoplondon.com)

**Saturday 31st July – 7th August:** Revive! 2010 – “On Eagles’ Wings” – at Ashburnham Place. Featuring Mark Bonnington, Wes and Mary Sutton, Patrick Regan, Georg T and Godfrey Birtill. Booking forms on the table. **Book and pay before the end of May for a 5% discount.**  
[www.ichthus.org.uk/revive](http://www.ichthus.org.uk/revive)

## Thought for the Week – from Caroline

### Colossians 3:12

God has chosen you and made you His holy people. He loves you. So always do these things: show mercy to others, be kind, humble, gentle and patient. (*Youth Bible*)

### The Grandfather's Table

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered. The family ate together at the table, but the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something about grandfather," said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor." Therefore, the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner. Since grandfather had broken a dish too, his food was served in a wooden bowl. When the family glanced in grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child sweetly, "What are you making?" Just as sweetly, the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up." The four-year-old smiled and went back to work. The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days, he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

Children are remarkably perceptive. Their eyes ever observe, their ears ever listen, and their minds ever process the messages they absorb. If they see us patiently provide a happy home atmosphere for family members, they will imitate that attitude for the rest of their lives. The wise parent realises that every day the building blocks are being laid for the child's future. Let us be wise builders and role models.