

# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 11th July 2010

**This morning** 10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall  
*Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Ian Johnson*

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

**Later today** 1.00pm: Barbecue at Dave & Viv's home – all welcome, bring a chair  
2.00–5.00pm: *Escape* Youth drop-in in the Youth Hall  
7.00pm: House Group for younger adults

**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

**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, including communion  
*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: Jose Cesar dos Santos*

### Thought for the Week – from Caroline

#### Joshua 6:10

“Do not shout; do not even talk,” Joshua commanded. “Not a single word from any of you until I tell you to shout. Then shout!” (New Living Translation)

The destruction of Jericho is an amazing story and shows again that it's not our works, our plans, our strategies but God's ways, His purposes, and His power. God told Joshua very clearly what he wanted the people to do, which was to march around the city every day for six days and on the seventh to march around seven times, but in silence. Can you imagine how weird and difficult that must have been for these people. Israelites were used to battles and warfare and this was not how you besiege a city, the ordinary methods and weapons of warfare like battering rams or scaling ladders or towers were not to be used at all. Also not being allowed to talk – what's that all about? Well if you remember, the Israelites were always murmuring and complaining in the wilderness and therefore walking in unbelief most of the time. It would have only taken a couple of soldiers to start complaining saying, “this is ridiculous! Walking around this city every day, what's that going to do? This isn't how I was trained, ...” It would have set them all off and before you knew it they would have been in disobedience and unbelief once again. All these thousands of years later, are we that much different?

*Now with these lessons of history in mind, when facing problems and challenges, do not permit your lips to speak unbelieving words. Words can bind up or set free, hence the order to silence! Later, they would see the salvation of the Lord following their shout of triumph (6:20) (from New King James Bible Commentary).*

### Diary Dates

See over for news from Andy Slater

**Saturday 31st July – 7th August:** Revive! 2010 – “On Eagles' Wings” – at Ashburnham Place.

**Saturday 4th September:** Broadfield Youth and Community Centre Fête.

**Sunday 5th September,** 1.00pm: Farewell buffet lunch for Simon Taylor.

**Tuesday 28th September,** 7.30pm: Simon Taylor's Institution service at Busbridge Church, near Godalming. *Please let Kevin know today if you would like to come to this.*

**Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd April 2011:** Church Weekend at Annan Court. Save the date!

## News from Andy Slater

Dear Broadfield friends,

Thank you for your continued faithful support over SO many years!

The outreach went well back in Romania with our Texas church group in March, serving the impoverished gypsy communities where the local missionaries are planting new churches. Besides helping with dispensing medicines every day, I had opportunity to speak at two services – one in an open-air gypsy church where the worship was led by a band of accordions and fiddles, and the other a Romanian Baptist which had a 10-piece brass band!

This week the young Romanian couple who work with these gypsies are here in Texas on deputation; Rosie and I had a day out with them on Monday (Independence Day holiday) and last night they were speaking at a nearby church where we have friends.

On July 19th I will be heading back out to western Ukraine again, with a Romanian guy (Cristi) that I got to know whilst there in March. He serves with a ministry teaching churches how to engage in practical ministries in their local communities, with a strong Biblical foundation and evangelistic purpose. This has been particularly effective with the gypsies, and in Ukraine we will be running a seminar for the church that I visited before, and the local New Hope leadership. The NH director would like to offer training in wholistic ministry to the churches they work with all across Ukraine.

Please pray for us and all the details of this trip; we will be in Ukraine from July 21st to August 2nd.

On the return I will spend another 2 weeks with my parents. They did go into a home after my last visit, but it did not work out and now they are back in their own home again with a live-in care-giver.

Thank you and God bless you all!

Andy