



# Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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## NewsFlash!

### Sunday 25th July / August 2010

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

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

**Monday** 2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home

**Tuesday** 9.30am: Bus trip to Littlehampton  
*There are a few spaces available on the bus. Adult £10, child £4. Please call Donna on 07xxx xxxxxx for tickets. Leave Littlehampton 5.30pm.*

7.45pm: House Group at Mechelle's home (11 Hyndman Close)  
*During the summer we will be using the DVD "A Purpose-Driven Life"*

**Wednesday** 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall  
12.00–1.00pm: Prayer meeting in the Church Quiet Room

**Saturday** Depart for Revive! Camp at Ashburnham Place

**Sunday 1st Aug** 10.30am: Morning worship in the Social Hall  
*Anderson and Claudia will lead while many are away at Revive!*

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

**Sunday 8th** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee  
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall – "Bring and Share"  
7.00pm: House Group for younger adults (*also 15th, 22nd and 29th*)

**Monday 9th** 2.00pm: House Group at Connie's home (*also 16th, 23rd and 30th*)  
8.00pm: Leadership Group

**Tuesday 10th** 7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

**Friday 13th** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall (*also 20th and 27th*)

**Saturday 14th** Dan & Kelly's wedding

**Sunday 15th** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee  
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion and blessing of Joseph Gordon  
*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: David Evans*

**Monday 16th** 10.30am: Pastoral Team at Martin & Katie's home  
3.00pm: Cream Teas in Martin & Katie's garden

**Tuesday 17th** 7.45pm: House Group at Mechelle's home

**Wednesday 18th** 9.30–11.30am: *The Triangle* Coffee Shop in the Social Hall  
(*also 25th and 1st*) 12.00–1.00pm: Prayer meeting in the Church Quiet Room

**Sunday 22nd** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee  
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Kevin Gordon; Preacher: Katie Johnson*

**Monday 23rd** 6.30pm: Community Centre General Council meeting

**Tuesday 24th** 7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

**Sunday 29th** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee  
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Worship: Vivienne Evans; Preacher: Ian Johnson*

**Tuesday 31st** 7.45pm: House Group (*venu TBA*)

**Saturday 4th Sep** 11.00am–3.00pm Broadfield Youth and Community Centre Fête

**Sunday 5th Sep** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee  
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall  
*Preacher: David Evans*

See over for  
"Thought for the Week"

7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

## Thought for the Week — from Caroline

*Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” (Mark 10:49)*

We are told that Jesus stood still – that is what the word ‘stopped’ means. The cries of a poor worthless man were enough to cause the Maker of the universe to stop in his tracks. Jesus had time for him. There are many people who have said no to God this morning, that they wouldn’t come to hear his word. They had too much to do to worship God and make peace with him through Jesus Christ. Too busy! Always too busy for God! Here in Jericho Jesus had the coming extraordinary final week on his heart; it was going to be seven days full of tribulations and responsibilities. Jesus would have to purge the Temple again. He had to meet in the Upper Room with the disciples. There he had to preach the greatest sermon ever preached and then pray as no man ever prayed. He had to agonise in the Garden, and be arrested and beaten and tried and crucified. He had all that on his heart; it was heavy within him bearing the weight of many thoughts, but he stood still when he heard a sinner call out to him! Jesus’s disciples had no time for this man. The crowd just shouted at him to shut his mouth, but Jesus stopped what he was doing. Jesus stood for Bartimaeus.

“Call him!” said Jesus. There were hundreds there but Jesus singled him out. In all his loving particularity his grace fell that day on the man who was crying out to him, “Have mercy upon me!” “Call him!” said Christ. And all over the world today there are preachers and God has said to them, “Call that guilty despairing sinner to me. You make sure you do. Call such sinners. Don’t you spend your time flattering the wealthy and praising the righteous. Enough people do that to them every day. When convicted needy sinners come into my presence call them!” So, we are told, “they called to the blind man, ‘Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you’” (v49). Was it the same people who had told him to shut up two minutes earlier who now told him to cheer up? Shut up! Cheer up! So similar. Just two little words’ difference between the phrases, but all the difference between despair and hope lie in those two exhortations, but they urged him to go to Jesus. “On your feet! He is calling you!” I can say the same to you. The Son of God the mighty Jesus Christ is calling you today. He has called you here and now he is calling you to himself. On your feet! Come to him. Cheer up! Why despair about your future? God sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world, and he is ready now to receive you.

*This is one of a series of sermons by Rev Geoff Thomas*

### Diary Dates

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