



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!



Sunday 17th July 2011

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

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

This evening: 6.30pm: Prayer meeting at Margaret's home

Monday 10.30am: Pastoral Group at Martin & Katie's home
2.00pm: House Group at Margaret's home
3.30pm: Cream Teas at Martin & Katie's home
7.30pm: Leaders meet at Martin & Katie's home

Tuesday 2.00pm: Prayer for persecuted Christians at Maretta's home
– please bring a chair if you can
7.45pm: House Group at Pauline & Ben's home

Wednesday 9.30–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
1.00pm: Open House at Linda's home

Friday 2.30–3.30pm: "Dave Time" in the Church Quiet Room
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
10.00am: Tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

DEC East Africa Appeal

There is an opportunity today to give to the Disasters' Emergency Committee's East Africa crisis appeal. The region has been hit by a severe drought, the worst in 60 years, wiping out cattle and crops. This has left at least 10 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, and the newly-formed Republic of South Sudan in desperate need of food, water and emergency healthcare.

Please make cheques payable to "Broadfield Christian Fellowship"

Please pray for ...

This week, please pray for our preachers: **Dave, Katie, Ian, Martin and Caroline.**

Diary Dates

Saturday 30th July, 9.00–10.00am: Crawley Street Pastors Introduction Breakfast at Elim Church, Langley Green.

Saturday 30th July – Saturday 6th August: Revive! 2011, "Friends of God" at Ashburnham Place with Roger and Faith Forster, Greg Boyd, Jonathan Conrathe, Christen Forster, Chris and Jennie Orange.

Saturday 6th August, 11.00am–3.00pm: Broadfield Youth & Community Centre Summer Fête.

Other Regular Events

Sundays, 2.00pm–5.00pm: *Escape* Youth drop-in for ages 11-17 in the Youth Hall.

Mondays, 10.30am–1.00pm during term time: *Monday Munch* café in the Church Foyer.

Wednesdays, 10.00am–11.00am: Health Walk starting from the Recycling Centre.

See over for "Thought for the Week"

Thought for the Week — from Caroline

I wanted to write out Mareta's word from God that she spoke last Sunday but unfortunately there is no record and I can't remember it all. I do remember though that she said "Do you come expecting a great God to do great things?"

I found this by an unnamed writer and thought it expressed a similar sort of message:

"What do you expect?" is the question that God poses to the church. God's heart is broken because He sincerely wants to perform on our behalf, but our level of expectancy is too low. When you pray to God, do you believe that He will answer your prayer?

Lessons From The Desert

The children of Israel had seen God perform for them even before they were freed from Egypt. They had seen all kinds of miracles and wonders — the 10 plagues with which God had cursed the Egyptians and the parting of the Red Sea, just to name a few. God revealed to them over and over again that they were His chosen people. Yet they continued to doubt Him. When the children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness, they wanted to know how long they would remain in the wilderness and what they would eat and drink the next day. They mockingly asked God, "Have you brought us out here to die?"

Despite what they knew God could do, they did not believe Him for future flourishing. Despite the miracles that He had performed for them over and over, they worried for their lives. God has led each of us through our own "wilderness". He has brought us out before and He will do it again. If you are facing problems in your life, don't lament that God has placed you in those situations for no reason. Trust in Him and know that He will bring you out.

God was trying to show the Israelites that He was not finished with them when they left Egypt. Their liberation from the Egyptians was just the tip of the iceberg. He wanted to continue to bless them in the wilderness. If God had observed a greater level of expectation, He would have opened heaven up and rained blessings down on His people. Yet the Israelites did not expect God to rescue them.