

Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!



Sunday 24th July / August 2011

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

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

- Monday** 2.00pm: House Group at Margaret's home
- Tuesday** 7.45pm: House Group at Pauline & Ben's home
Tuesday House Group will not meet during August – a new series of House Groups will start in September
- 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
- Saturday** 9.00am: Street Pastors Introduction Breakfast at Elim, Langley Green
Depart for Revive! Camp at Ashburnham Place
- Sunday 31st** **No service in the Social Hall**
11.00am: You are welcome to join the Anglicans in the Church
- Saturday 6th Aug** *Return from Revive!*
11.00am–3.00pm: Community Centre Summer Fête
- Sunday 7th** 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: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church
- Monday 8th** 2.00pm: House Group at Margaret's home
- Wednesday 10th** 9.30–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
- Friday 12th** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
- Sunday 14th** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Speaker: Katie Johnson
- Tuesday 16th** 2.00pm: SAT7 prayer meeting at Margaret's home (see overleaf)
- Wednesday 17th** 9.30–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
- Friday 19th** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
- Sunday 21st** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Speaker: Ian Johnson
1.00pm: Bring and share anniversary lunch at Martin & Katie's home
- Monday 22nd** 2.00pm: House Group at Margaret's home
- Wednesday 24th** 9.30–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
- Friday 26th** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
- Sunday 28th** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Speaker: David Evans
- Wednesday 31st** 9.30–11.30am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
- Friday 2nd Sep** 5.00–6.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
- Sunday 4th Sep** 9.30am: Prayer meeting in the Social Hall, followed by tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
7.00pm: Town-wide service at Crawley Baptist Church

See over for "Thought for the Week" and much more

Thought for the Week — from Caroline

An excerpt from Joyce Meyer's book, "Reduce me to Love"

CHRIST HAS BROKEN DOWN THE DIVIDING WALL

For He is (Himself) our peace (our bond of unity and harmony). He has made us both (Jew and Gentile) one (body), and has broken down (destroyed, abolished) the hostile dividing wall between us. (Ephesians 2:14)

Jesus dealt with dividing walls in His day. The Jews felt contempt for the Gentiles, whom they called dogs. Many men saw woman as inferior and, as a result of their wrong attitude, sometimes women were mistreated.

As a woman I could look back and decide to hate all men because my female ancestors were treated unfairly. In the same way, Jews could spend their lives hating Germans because of a crazy demon-possessed man named Adolf Hitler. Americans could hate the Japanese because they bombed Pearl Harbour and thrust the United States into World War II. African-Americans could spend their lives hating white people because of slavery.

Actually the list could be endless if we went back to the beginning of time. The problem we have in our society today are not new; they are just compounding because they have been around so long.

None of us can go back and undo the past. No matter how much we would like to, it is not possible. We cannot even pay people back for what they did to us or failed to do for us in the past. Only God can do that. Our only peaceful option is to forget what lies behind and press on to what lies ahead. (Philippians 3:13-14)

In my own life I finally had to stop taking an inventory of what I had lost and begin to count up what I had left. In the beginning it did not seem like very much, but I made a choice to give it to God. It is amazing what God can do with a few fragments. He has more than paid me back for the hurt and pain in my past and has given me a wonderful life that is bearing good fruit.

How sad it would have been if I had spent my life in bitterness, hating all men because some men abused me, or hating all my family members because some of them rejected me, or hating all church people because some had betrayed me. Life is too short to spend hating.

Examine yourself in this area. Be honest with yourself concerning whether or not you are prejudiced. Even if you find only a little bit of prejudice, repent of it and pray sincerely that it will be removed from your heart. Say to yourself, "I am no better than anyone else; we are all equal in God's eyes. Every person is God's creation, and He stated that everything He made was good."

Remember, our enemy is not people; it is not flesh and blood who may cause temporary pain or discomfort. Our enemy is Satan who is out to totally destroy us (Ephesians 6:12). We must not waste our time and energy hating each other and fighting against each other, but rather walking in love to wage spiritual warfare against our real enemy. Love is one of the highest forms of spiritual warfare we can do.

Saturday 3rd September, 7.30pm, SAT7 Fundraising Quiz at the Charis Centre, West Green Drive. £5 per person (pay on the night), come on your own or form a team of 6 people. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Contact Margaret by 16th August if you would like to go. **SAT7—Christian Satellite TV reaching 100 million people in North Africa and the Middle East**

SAT7 is a Christian charity that broadcasts satellite TV programmes to Muslim countries in the Middle East and North Africa. The programmes are in the countries' own languages. Many people use this channel to learn more about Jesus and many have given their lives to Jesus. We had our first prayer meeting for SAT7 on 5th July and the next one is on **Tuesday 16th August** at 2.00pm at Margaret's home. We were very encouraged that Claudia came and was able to tell us about her experience of seeing SAT7 in Iran and Turkey, and how people used SAT7 programmes like an underground church. David, a representative of SAT7, is coming on Sunday 18th September to tell us about the work they do.

Please pray for ...

This week, please pray for our worship leaders: **Katie, Viv and Kevin.**

Saturday 24th September, 9.30am–10.00pm: "Make Way for His Presence" – a prophetic conference at Kings Church, Blackhorse Way, Horsham, with Sarah Rowlinson, Julian Adams and Phatfish. Tickets £12 (not including food) from www.kch.org.uk.

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 Social Hall.

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

Last week's special offering for the DEC East Africa crisis appeal raised nearly £400 – thanks to everyone