



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 4th October 2026

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Kevin Gordon
Amy Orr-Ewing: "Forgiveness: A Radical Possibility for a Great Human Need"

We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today
If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders

This evening 7.00pm: The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate
Monday 9.30am: Little Lambs Play & Sing Toddler Group in the Social Hall
Tuesday 7.30pm: Home Group at Ben & Pauline's home
Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
Next Sunday 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer Meeting
10.00am: Tea & Coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Viv Evans
Amy Orr-Ewing: "Forgiveness: A Challenge to a Punitive World"

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

This is an excerpt from a sermon called "Forgiveness: Healing the hurt we never deserved" by Ray Pritchard, 4th May 2003 (Matthew 18:21-35)

Forgiveness is difficult in part because we do not understand it properly.

At this point it is necessary to clear up some of the misconceptions about forgiveness. In some ways, it is easier to say what forgiveness is not than what it is. These misconceptions matter because sometimes when we say we can't or won't forgive, we are actually talking about something other than biblical forgiveness. Let me list a few things forgiveness does not mean:

- It does not mean approving of what someone else did.
- It does not mean pretending that evil never took place.
- It does not mean making excuses for other people's bad behaviour.
- It does not mean justifying evil so that sin somehow becomes less sinful.
- It does not mean overlooking abuse.
- It does not mean denying that others tried to hurt you repeatedly.
- It does not mean letting others walk all over you.

- It does not mean refusing to press charges when a crime has been committed.
- It does not mean forgetting the wrong that was done.
- It does not mean pretending that you were never hurt.
- It does not mean that you must restore the relationship to what it was before.
- It does not mean that you must become best friends again.
- It does not mean there must be a total reconciliation as if nothing ever happened.
- It does not mean that you must tell the person that you have forgiven them.
- It does not mean that all negative consequences of sin are cancelled.

Let's say you are the coach of a major college football team. And let's suppose that you go to a topless nightclub and engage in activities that embarrass your university. When your activity is exposed, you confess what you have done and ask for forgiveness. Forgiveness may be granted to you, but you will still lose your job, which is exactly what happened to the head football coach at the University of Alabama yesterday. Forgiveness does not cancel all the negative consequences of our foolish choices.

A prayer by Broadfield Christian Fellowship to acknowledge the greatness and wonder of our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me,
Your name is Holy, Pure and Sinless,
You are Grand, Wonderful, Amazing,
Beautiful, The Boss of Everything, In Charge!
You are Good, Faithful and True.
You are loving, dependable, never changing.
You made everything, even me!
Thank you for this lovely day.
Faithful Father, Steadfast and True,
You Protect and Provide,
You are far above all, yet so close to us.
Holy Spirit, you are our Ever-present Helper,
Our Comforter, Teacher and Guide.
You have saved us, rescued us and renewed us.
You heal us and give us purpose.
You have forgiven us.
All Glory be to you alone, forever.
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.
Amen

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'
(Matthew 19:26)