



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 1st November 2026

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall

Worship: Kevin Gordon

Amy Orr-Ewing: "Forgiveness part 5: Forgiveness and Community"

*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 Prayer Meeting at St. Barnabas Church, Pound Hill
to pray for the 95% of children and young people who have no connection to a local church

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 part 6: Forgiveness and National Identity"

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Jeremiah 17:9 *"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"*

I have been watching *Celebrity Traitors* and am really enjoying it, although I haven't enjoyed previous series.

For those who know nothing about the programme, it is basically a game that begins with 22 players. They are all blindfolded, and Claudia Winkleman taps three people on the shoulder to become Traitors. The rest are called Faithful, and their task is to discover who the Traitors are and expose them.

The reason I didn't enjoy previous series was that I felt very uncomfortable with the level of lying and deceit. The Traitors operate rather like Satan, winning people's confidence and pretending to be completely innocent and trustworthy when, in reality, they are anything but. I particularly disliked the series in which Harry Clark deceived his friend and won £95,000, while she received nothing. I know it is a game, but I didn't like it. The media even labelled him the "greatest Traitor ever."

So, what is different about this celebrity series? For a start, the prize money is for charity. I have also always liked James Acaster, who is a Traitor in this series. He has openly admitted, privately to the viewers, that he never wanted to be a Traitor. He dislikes lying and has done his best to avoid it.

At the end of each episode, there is a discussion about who should be banished from the castle. Everyone must vote, hoping that the majority will choose a Traitor, who will then have to leave. Last night, the pressure on James Acaster became so intense that, rather than lie his way out of the situation, he effectively gave himself up and admitted that he was a Traitor. It was obvious that, game or no game, he was uncomfortable with that level of deceit. Good on him!

You might say, "Well, lots of games involve strategy and deception. What about poker, for example?" But I think there is a difference. Betrayal, lying, manipulation and sowing seeds of doubt are reminiscent of the serpent in the Garden of Eden. These things are deeply unpleasant, and we should not underestimate their influence.

Yes, it is a game, and I may well watch it again. But I wonder whether taking part in such a game leaves a subtle and unpleasant mark on the players, even if they are not consciously aware of it.

Halloween raises similar concerns for me. What often begins as harmless fun can sometimes be taken to a very dark level. Witchcraft is real, demons are real, and Satan is very much at work in the world today – but he will not have the final victory.

Advance Notices

Sunday 20th December: Christmas Meal in the Social Hall

Saturday 15th May 2027: Jesus March 2027

Saturday 31st July–7th August 2027: Revive 2027 at Ashburnham Place – bookings open on 5th November

Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'

(Matthew 19:26)