Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 8th November 2026

This morning	10.30am:	Morning Worship in the Social Hall *Worship: Viv Evans* *Amy Orr-Ewing: "Forgiveness part 6: Forgiveness and National Identity"*

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

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, including Communion *Worship: Kevin Gordon; Prayer & Praise* After the service you are invited to Lawrence & Yale's new home for lunch, please let them know if you are coming

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Genesis 16:13 *"You are the God who sees me, …"*

I've reached that stage in life when I sometimes find myself thinking, "I'm on the last lap now." I may have another ten years, if I'm fortunate enough to remain healthy, or perhaps just one. Only God knows.

So I've started thinking about getting my house in order. Perhaps I should declutter for my children's sake, think about my funeral and generally get things organised. Then, tucked away in a cupboard, I discovered a little bag my mother had made. It was rather like what used to be called a carpet bag. I thought it would be perfect for keeping my knitting in.

Now, once the busy day is over, I settle down cosily on the settee for my evening viewing, and I often look at this little bag. It's beautifully handmade. My mother was so skilled at so many things. I found myself thinking, "That bag is exquisite. So beautifully made, and yet it has been shut away in a cupboard for 23 years, doing absolutely nothing!" Now it's out on display, being appreciated and, at last, fulfilling a purpose.

And that's when I felt a sermon coming on!

From the moment you were conceived, God has seen you. He saw the breathtaking craftsmanship of His creation in the way He made you. He sees your worth, your potential and the purpose He has for your life. How sad it must be when people tuck themselves away, almost as though they were hidden in a cupboard, because they feel unworthy, inadequate or no longer useful.

What a lie that is! God has not finished with us simply because we are getting older, because life has become more difficult, or because we feel we have little left to offer. Everyone has worth and everyone has a purpose. Even those who are severely disabled, and perhaps unable to do what others take for granted, can be used mightily by God. Our value has never depended on how much we can do, but on whose we are.

There is a beautiful song called **"The God Who Sees"**, sung by Nicole C. Mullen. It tells the story of Hagar, who felt abandoned, alone and forgotten. Yet God saw her. He knew exactly where she was and what she was going through. The chorus reminds us of God's promise to be with her, to lift her up and to surround her with His presence. The words that particularly stay with me are:

"For I'm the God who sees, I'm the God who sees."

What a wonderful reassurance!

Perhaps we all need reminding that we are never hidden from God's sight. We are never forgotten, never without value and never beyond His reach. So let's not put ourselves away in a cupboard, believing that our useful days are over.

God still sees us. God still loves us. And God can still use us.

Advance Notices

Saturday 21st November, 5.30pm: Christian Family Hang-out in the Main Hall

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 26th November

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