Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 29th November 2026

This morning	10.30am:	Morning Worship in the Social Hall *Worship: Kevin Gordon* *Speaker: Viv Evans, The Wonder of Christmas: Mary*

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 *Worship: Viv Evans* *Speaker: Dave Evans, The Wonder of Christmas: Prophecies in the Old Testament*
	7.00pm:	The Lighthouse Project 95% Prayer Meeting in the Church *To pray for the 95% of children and young people who have no connection to a local church*

See overleaf for the Thought for the Week from Lawrence

Advance Notices

Sunday 20th December: Christmas Meal in the Social Hall

Saturday 13th/Sunday 14th March 2027: Church Weekend at the De Vere Horsley Estate, Ockham Road South, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6DU, more details to follow

Saturday 15th May 2027: Jesus March 2027

Saturday 31st July–7th August 2027: Revive 2027, "I AM with you" at Ashburnham Place

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

Thought for the Week – from Lawrence

The Renewal of My Mind

Romans 12:2 – **"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."**

Over the past week, I have found myself doing some uncomfortable but necessary self-reflection, examining not just what I believe as a Christian, but how I think, how I see others and how I respond to situations.

As some of you may recall from our **My Story** series, my journey with God has not always been a straight path. I have had seasons of living according to the ways of the world before finding my way back home through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am continually discovering that returning to Christ does not mean every aspect of my thinking has automatically been renewed.

Growing up in Nigeria, I was raised with a strong understanding of right and wrong and the principles of Christian living, although my own life did not always reflect those values. At the same time, my experiences taught me to be guarded, to question people's intentions and to avoid being taken advantage of.

I have often prided myself on being a good judge of character. If someone had been dishonest with me once, I would often view everything else they did through that experience. I sometimes struggled to accept perspectives different from mine, particularly when convinced that my way was the right way.

In examining my heart, I have come to recognise how easily discernment can become suspicion, being principled can become being judgmental, and the desire to do what is right can quietly become the desire to always be right.

James 3:17 describes heavenly wisdom as **"pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."**

What particularly struck me was that heavenly wisdom is open to reason. I could be right about something and still be wrong in my attitude. I could speak the truth and yet fail to speak it in love.

How humbling it is to remember that God did not define me solely by my past failures. He extended His mercy and patiently drew me back to Himself. Should that same grace not influence how I see others?

Perhaps we all carry attitudes shaped by our upbringing, disappointments or past experiences. Some may once have served to protect us, but are they still serving the person Christ is calling us to become?

My prayer is that God will teach me to be discerning without being suspicious, principled without being judgmental, truthful without being harsh, and confident without losing my humility.

I am learning that spiritual maturity is not measured by how accurately I can identify what is wrong in others, but by how willingly I allow God to correct what is wrong in me.

Still learning, still growing, and still becoming more like Jesus, by His grace and unto His glory.