



# Crowthorne Baptist Church

## What's on – July & August 2025



### A message from our Regional Minister

Hello friends,

My name is Rev Hayley, and as your Regional Minister, I'm here to walk with you through this time of discernment as you seek new ministry. This is a spiritually rich and significant season for your church, one of possibility, growth, and listening deeply to God.

In **Romans 12:4–6**, Paul reminds us that *"just as each of us has one body with many members, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."* This reminds us that each person has a part to play. As you enter the settlement process, it's a time not only to seek a new minister but to **seek God together** and offer yourselves anew in service.

This journey will be **exciting**, but also **testing**. Emotions may run high. There may be differing hopes or expectations. So it's important that you walk this path with grace, patience and love: trusting that God is leading you forward.

This is also a time when others can **step up** into leadership and support roles, perhaps for the first time. The Search Team will need encouragement. The leadership will need prayer. The whole church will need to remain open-hearted. Please pray for:

- A **Moderator** to support and guide the Search Team;
- A **Profile** that captures your heart and future calling;
- Your **Leadership Team**, as they lead with wisdom and humility;
- **New volunteers** to serve in fresh ways;
- And above all, for a spirit of unity, clarity, and trust in God's timing.

Know that I am here for you throughout. Let's be attentive to the Spirit and trust the One who holds your future.

With prayer and hope,  
*Rev. Hayley Young (Regional Minister & Co-Team Leader SCBA)*

## July at CBC

This month we conclude the sermon series on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Through the summer we will look at the story of Moses in Exodus.

<b>Sun 6/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Pressing toward the Goal” (Philippians 3:12-21) Preacher: Elaine Hood
<b>Sun 6/7</b>	evening	Youth Social in the Park (meet at church 7pm)
<b>Mon 7/7</b>	19:30	Church Family Prayer meeting in the Heart
<b>Thu 10/7</b>	14:00	Thursday Fellowship: Speaker: Nicky Bevan (Next meeting September)
<b>Fri 11/7</b>	19:30	Worship workshop in the Heart
<b>Sat 12/7</b>	10-12:15	Shine Saturday Special
<b>Sun 13/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Rejoice always” (Philippians 4:1-9) Preacher: Steve Benton
<b>Mon 14/7</b>	19:30	Church Leaders' meeting
<b>Weds 16/7</b>	10:30	Service at St. Brendan's care home
<b>Sun 20/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship with Family Communion – “Content in Christ”. (Philippians 4:10-23) (Communion offering for Compassion) Preacher: Philip Hood
<b>Fri 25/7</b>	pm	Summer Activities #1 on the Morgan Rec (CBC Craft activity)
<b>Sun 27/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Moses is born” (Exodus 1:6-14 & 2:1-10) Preacher: Michael Bentley

## August at CBC

<b>Fri 1/8</b>	pm	Summer Activities #2 on the Morgan Rec
<b>Sun 3/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Moses is called” (Exodus 3:1-15 & 4:10-13) (All-age) Speaker: Sarah Webb
<b>Mon 4/8</b>	19:30	Church Family Prayer in the Heart
<b>Fri 8/8</b>	pm	Summer Activities #3 on the Morgan Rec
<b>Sun 10/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Moses confronts Pharaoh” (parts from Exodus 5-12) Preacher: Raymond Shotter (FBC)
<b>Fri 15/8</b>	pm	Summer Activities #4 on the Morgan Rec
<b>Sun 17/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship with Communion – “Moses parts the sea” (from Exodus 14) (Communion offering for Novō)
<b>Sun 24/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Moses receives the Law” (Exodus 19:16-19 & 20:1-21) Preacher: Elaine Hood
<b>Sun 31/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Moses sees God’s glory” (Exodus 33:12-19 & 34:29-32) Preacher: Barry Bailey (Vineyard)

### July & August Communion Services



In July we have our quarterly Family Communion service where the children and young people join with us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Grown-ups are encouraged to talk to their children about the meaning of this special symbolic meal.

It is CBC’s tradition to take up an extra offering for a charity at our monthly Communion services. In July our offering goes to Compassion UK ([www.compassionuk.org](http://www.compassionuk.org))

In August our offering goes to Novō ([www.novocommunities.org](http://www.novocommunities.org))

## **Youth Social – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 7-8:30pm**

Social time in the Park with games and hot dogs. Met at the church at 7pm. Details from the Youth leaders: Emma Joyce, Phil Joyce, Emma Frost



## **SHINE! “Sparkle & Shine” Saturday Specials**

Shine is a fun time of craft, games and music for all the family to enjoy together. We are now focusing on the Saturday morning specials from 10am to 12:15pm



**Next one is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Suggested donation £2 per child. To book, please speak to Sarah or email [shine.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:shine.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com)

## **Christmas Shoeboxes 2025**

In July we will collect toothbrushes, combs and sunglasses. In August we will collect small musical instruments, e.g., harmonicas and plastic flutes. We can also put plastic animals and small balls in the boxes.



You can give Maggie any other suitable items at any time. Check the website for what can be included. [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

## **Crowthorne Summer Activities July / August**

Free events for the community on Friday afternoons during the summer holidays on the Morgan Rec.

**Dates for 2025 are July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**



Churches Together in Crowthorne (CTC) will be helping to organise these events again this year. Lots of volunteers will be needed for setting up / packing away and general stewarding. CBC will be responsible for the craft activity on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**If you can help in any way, please speak to Avril.**

# Coming up in September and beyond

**Please put these dates down in your diaries and calendars!**

## **Refresh : Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm**

Our next informal worship session will be in the Heart and led by Sarah and Phil. All welcome to come along and see where the Spirit leads!



- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 7:45pm**  
Church Meeting including elections to Leadership Team
- **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am**  
Visit from staff and residents from Yeldall Manor
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 3 – 5pm**  
Cream Tea in the Heart
- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am**  
Harvest Celebration, including the Ark Preschool. Gifts for Crowthorne Foodbank and COATS day centre.
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November evening**  
Tearfund Quiz evening (details to come later)
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December evening**  
Crowthorne Late Night Shopping!!

## **Church Meeting Dates 2025**

- **Wednesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:45pm**
- **Sunday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> – Forum meeting after the service**



Our church meetings are open to anyone who is connected to CBC, but only church members can take part in any voting processes. All church members are encouraged to make these meetings a priority, especially in this time of pastoral vacancy. There will be important decisions to make about the Search Team, Church Profile and other things as we seek to appoint a new minister.

## **Crowthorne Late Night Shopping Event**

This is coming up soon on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**.

The Heart will be filled with activities and stalls, so lots of volunteers are needed.



### **Craft and other things – do you have a talent? Can you help?**

In previous years Wendy made lots of different craft items to sell at this event and raise money for the church. Please think about whether you could hold a stall of crafts or other things that you make or bake so that we have plenty to offer visitors to our building. The summer is a good time to be thinking and get busy!

## **Prayer Matters**

### **Prayer Space**

Would you like someone to pray with you after the Sunday service?



Two members of our Prayer Team will be ready and happy to pray with you at the front of the Heart. Please go over and speak with them. (Available 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the month)

### **Church Family Prayer – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in each month**

Please join us in The Heart from 7:30pm until around 8.15pm.

We encourage everyone to join us as we pray. Don't worry if you don't want to pray out loud yourself. Let Emma know of any items for prayer and we can bring these things to our amazing God

## Help Please!

There are several areas in our Sunday church life where more volunteers would be appreciated. Please consider the following and pray about whether it might be you. Speak to Sarah if you can help.



- Sound desk and slide projection for Sunday services
- Singing / playing occasionally in the band  
(Come along to the monthly worship session on Friday 11th July)
- CBCKidz: children's groups for babies, toddlers and primary ages
- CBC Youth: for young people in year 7 and above.
- Prayer Team

## Spotlight on the Maintenance Team

Members of the CBC Maintenance team are:

**Alan Gravett : Philip Hood : Mike Stephenson :  
Richard Elsbury**

If you spot anything that needs needs attention, please let Philip or Mike know or you can email the group on [maintenance@crowthornebaptist.org.uk](mailto:maintenance@crowthornebaptist.org.uk)



### Help needed during the pastoral vacancy

Whilst the Manse (minister's house) is unoccupied, it is a good opportunity for the team to sort out any repairs / redecoration / upgrades that are needed. The garden is also in need of tidying up. Some of these tasks can be done by anyone in the church family.

**Are you a keen or budding gardener?** Please speak to Richard Elsbury if you would like to help with the Manse garden this summer.

## Used Postage Stamps for Bible Society

The used stamps we collect are sent to the Bible Society. There is a thank you card from them on the notice board near the CBC Library in the Heart foyer.



Maggie has taken on the task of sending the stamps off to the Bible Society. Please CUT stamps off envelopes (rather than tear them) and ideally leave around 1cm (½") border around the stamp.

## Eco Church

### Charity Collections at CBC

We collect standard plastic milk bottle tops and used postage stamps for charity. Collection point in the Hub foyer or give them to Elaine.



### Eco Tip for July from A Rocha – Plastic-free July

This is a great opportunity to review where you might be able to reduce single-use plastics in your life.

Paying attention to what we consume and its effect on God's earth, can lead us not into guilt, but into action and prayerful determination to see change where it's possible. Read more about the effects of plastic at [www.arocha.org.uk/plastic-summer](http://www.arocha.org.uk/plastic-summer).

### Eco Tip for August from A Rocha – Gardens

We can take action to care for plants, wildlife and soil in the places where we live and around our churches. Caring for the earth was the first instruction God gave to humans. This doesn't mean we all need to be professional gardeners, but perhaps try to learn one new thing this month that you can do for a garden space. **Why not offer to help out with the Manse Garden? (see Maintenance Team info)**

### Bring & Share Lunches – important change

The Eco Team is now reduced in numbers, following Matt and Abigail's relocation to St. Andrews in Scotland. The remaining team members will continue to keep Eco Church work going, but they will no longer be organising the bi-monthly lunches and walks.

If anyone would like to organise a fellowship lunch as a one-off or on a more regular basis, that would be great! Please chat to one of the Leadership Team if you would like to do this.



## Crowthorne Foodbank

Donations to the Foodbank are always welcome at any time. We have a box in the Hub foyer where you can leave items.

The list of things needed is subject to change from week to week, so check the website for up to date information (<https://crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk/>)



### Some suggestions are below.

- Long life milk
- Pasta
- Dried rice (500g packs)
- Jars of pasta sauce
- Tins of spaghetti
- Jam
- Tinned ham and corned beef
- Tinned fruit & vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Fruit juices
- Tinned puddings
- Breakfast cereals
- Porridge
- Biscuits
- Small jars of coffee
- Squash
- Black bags
- Toilet rolls
- Anti-bac spray
- Bleach
- Laundry detergent capsules
- Washing up liquid
- J cloths / sponges
- Liquid hand wash
- Bars of soap
- Shampoos / conditioners
- Shower gel
- Deodorants (men & women)
- Toothbrushes for adults
- Toothpaste for adults

The Foodbank is located at the Vineyard Centre in Wellington Business Park and is open Mondays and Thursdays from 12 to 2pm. There is an additional session on Mondays from 5:30 to 7pm.

If you know of anyone who needs to be referred to the Foodbank for help, vouchers are available. Please speak to Sue Burrow.

## **The Leadership Team**

Since Kevin left CBC at the beginning of June we are now in a pastoral vacancy. Services and other activities will continue as normally as possible. There will be more work to do for all of us, especially the Leadership Team. Please pray for the Team as we look towards the future and the process of appointing a new Minister.

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>vacancy</i>
Elders	Elaine Hood (Plus 1 vacancy)
Treasurer	Justine Wells
Deacons	Emma Frost, Sarah Webb, Richard Elsbury & Eric Panayiotou

Photos of all members of the Leadership Team are opposite the notice board in the Heart Foyer.

### **September Elections**

The Team is currently a bit depleted, as there is only one Elder and we still do not have a Secretary. After meeting with our Regional Minister, Rev. Hayley Young, in June we agreed that it would be appropriate to hold elections for an Elder and a Secretary at the September meeting. This will hopefully allow for some continuity when Elaine steps down as Elder at the AGM in 2026. Paperwork will be issued earlier than usual, by the beginning of August, to allow time over the summer holidays for people to pray and talk about who may be nominated for these roles.

### **Leadership Team Meetings**

The team usually meets for a business meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month and prayer on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. Your prayers for these meetings and for issues discussed are very much appreciated. Please note that there is no meeting in August.

A summary of the minutes from each meeting is available on the noticeboard near the Heart. From this month they will be emailed out to everyone on the email distribution list. If you would like a printed copy, please speak to Emma.

## Summary of the Baptist Settlement Process

This is the name given to the process of finding and appointing a new minister. The average time to reach settlement at the moment in the Baptist Union is 18 months. Here are the main steps:

1. Leadership Team talks to Regional Minister ☑
2. Appoint a Moderator (with help of the Regional Minister)
3. Appoint a Search Team (representative of diversity of church)
4. Write a Church Profile (have a vision day facilitated by RM)
5. Church Meeting agrees the Profile (collective ownership)
6. Profile goes “Live” (after approval from Regional Minister)
7. Church vacancy listed on the Pastoral Vacancy List. (This is visible to all Accredited ministers within the Baptist Union GB.)
8. Interested ministers contact us with their profile
9. Search Team assesses whether there is a good match
10. Possible invitation to meet with Search Team
11. Possible “preach with a peek”
12. Final stage “Preach with a View” weekend followed by Church Members’ meeting to decide whether to call minister

BLUE = congregation and church members involvement

RED = Confidential process by Search Team. Likely to be more than one minister we talk to up to stage 12.

### Search Team

The Search Team can include people outside the Leadership Team, but they must be church members and people who can be trusted with sensitive information.

### Church Profile

The church profile should address three main questions:

- What are we like as a church?
- Where does God want us to go in mission and ministry?
- What sort of ministry do we need to take us into that future?

We need everyone’s voice to be heard, a consensus of opinion and collective ownership. Please cover this in prayer, starting now!

# Regular Activities

## House Groups at CBC

Groups meet at different times during the week for Bible study and fellowship:

- Monday and Friday mornings
- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings

Please speak to one of the Leadership Team if you would like to join one, or even start a new one!



## Midweek Events at CBC

Good Neighbours	Weekdays 10am to 12 noon in the Hub Foyer (Telephone 01344 761001)
Cash Hub	Weekdays 9am to 5pm in the Hub
The Ark Preschool	Weekday mornings in term time in the Hub
Zone6 (for year 6)	Mondays in term time 3:15-5:00pm
Zone78 (for year 7/8)	Fridays in term time 7-8:30pm
AA	Every Monday 7:00-8:30pm in the Hub
Breakaway Brass	Every Tuesday 8:00-10:00pm in the Hub
CTC Coffee Shop	Every Thursday 10:30-11:30am in the Heart

**Would you like to book a room at CBC?**

Ask Julianty or email  
[booking@crowthornebaptist.org.uk](mailto:booking@crowthornebaptist.org.uk)

**Find out more on our website:**  
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