



Crowthorne Baptist Church

What's on – May 2025



After the Resurrection: Living as a New Creation

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

The resurrection of Jesus is more than a moment; it's the foundation of our faith and our lives. After the cross and empty tomb, everything changed. Death was defeated, sin was conquered, and hope was reborn. Life after the resurrection is not just believing in a risen Saviour; it's living in its power every day. When Jesus appeared to His disciples after rising from the grave, He didn't scold them for their fear or doubt, but offered peace. In John 20:21, He said, *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."* This moment was not just a reunion, but a recommissioning. The resurrection was not the end; it marked the beginning of a mission.

For us today, life after the resurrection means walking in newness. We are not who we once were. The power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in us (Romans 8:11). We are called to live marked by forgiveness, courage and love. The resurrection empowers us to let go of regrets, heal wounds, and step forward with purpose. Living this way is not always easy. Doubts may come. The world remains broken. Yet the empty tomb reminds us Jesus brings life where there was death, and hope where there was despair. He is sending us to our families, communities, and workplaces to be bearers of that hope.

As we move through this Easter season and beyond, let's ask ourselves: How is the resurrection changing me? How am I being renewed? May we reflect the risen Christ, not just in words, but in our lives.

He is risen—and because He lives, we live differently.

Rev. Kevin Mills (Pastor)

May at CBC

This month we start a new Sunday sermon series on Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Sun 4/5	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Joyful partnership in the Gospel” (Philippians 1 : 1-11)
Mon 5/5	19:30	Church Family Prayer meeting in the Heart
Thu 8/5	14:00	Thursday Fellowship: Speaker: Rev. Sharon Gardner
Fri 9/5	19:30	Worship workshop in the Heart
Sun 11/5	10:30	Sunday Worship – “To live is Christ. A life worth living” (Philippians 1 : 12-30)
Sun 11/5	evening	Youth Social – at CBC
Mon 12/5	19:30	Church Leaders' meeting in the Heart
Fri 16/5	14:00	Crowthorne Good Neighbours AGM and open meeting in the Heart. All welcome.
Sat 17/5	08:15	Men's breakfast in the Hub. Speaker: Colin Bird
Sun 18/5	10:30	Sunday Worship with Communion – “Unity through humility. The mindset of Christ” (Philippians 2 : 1-11) (Communion offering for Samaritan's Purse)
Weds 21/5	10:30	Service at St. Brendan's care home
Weds 21/5	19:30	Refresh Worship in the Heart
Thu 22/5	14:00	Thursday Fellowship in the Heart Speaker: Carol Frost
Sun 25/5	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Shining as lights. Living out our faith” (Philippians 2 : 12-18)

May Communion Service



In our monthly Communion services, where we celebrate the Lord's Supper, it is CBC's tradition to take up an extra offering for a charity.

This month our offering goes to Samaritan's Purse.
(www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/)

Gray's Farm Opening Times in May

Rhubarb is available to pick or buy on Saturday mornings from May 3rd between 9:30 and 12:30.

Speak to Peter Gray for more info.



Youth Social – Sunday 11th May

Social time here at church. Details from the Youth leaders: Emma Joyce, Phil Joyce, Emma Frost



Big and Brassy “Best of British” Concert Sunday 11th May 2:30pm in the GWA Performing Arts Centre, Wellington College



A massed brass band event featuring more than 12 community bands, raising funds for charity. Mike and Gillian will be playing in it!

Free admission. See website for more details and to book:

www.bigandbrassy.co.uk

Christian Aid Week May 11th – 18th

No-one in Crowthorne is organising envelopes this year. You can donate via the website if you wish:

www.christianaid.org.uk



Joint Christian Aid Service – Sunday 11th May 6:30pm

Churches Together in Sandhurst have invited us to join in their service for Christian Aid week at **Sandhurst Methodist Church**

Crowthorne Good Neighbours – Open Meeting Friday 16th May at 2pm in the Heart



All are welcome to attend the brief AGM followed by an open meeting. Come and find out more about it!

CBC has hosted the Good Neighbours desk in our Foyer for many years. **We would like someone to represent us on the committee**, since Joan Adams stepped down at the Church AGM in March. Duties are not onerous – about 4 meetings per year. Please speak to Kevin or one of the Leadership Team if you would like to do this.

Men's Breakfast Saturday 17th May 8:15am

Speaker: Colin Bird on Bracknell Conservation volunteering. (For more info see the website: www.bracknellcv.org.uk)



Cost £5. To book see Wendy or email: booking@crowthornebaptist.org.uk

Refresh : Wednesday 21st May 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!



Cakes for Edgbarrow – more help needed!

Every Friday during term time, a team of people from Crowthorne Churches serves tea, coffee and cakes to the teachers at Edgbarrow School at morning break.



We need more volunteers to be on the rota to bake and/or serve the cakes each week, especially as Kevin (server) and Wendy (baker) will be leaving us at the beginning of June.

Please speak to Marion if you could do some baking or help to serve. Men – please don't assume that it's just for the ladies!!

Christmas Shoeboxes 2025

In May we collect toys for boys, e.g., cars, tennis balls, whistles, sweatbands etc. You can give Maggie any other suitable items at any time. Check the website for what can be included. www.samaritans-purse.org.uk



New Temporary Cash Hub

As agreed at the AGM in March, CBC is hosting the CAUK cash hub for Crowthorne. It is operating from the front office in the Hub.

Please note that there is no access to the office for us at CBC whilst the cash hub is in place.

Opening Times: Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm

Services include withdrawing and depositing cash, depositing cheques and checking your balance.



Abstinent Success!

Well done to Beccy, who got through Lent without eating meat, poultry or fish for 6 days each week!

In doing this she has raised an **amazing £707.50** (including Gift Aid) for Yeldall Manor's Good Samaritan fund to help men recover from addiction. Beccy says a very big thank you to all who sponsored her.



Have you spotted anything broken / not working?

Call for the CBC Maintenance Team!

Members of the team are: **Alan Gravett : Philip Hood : Wendy Mills and Mike Stephenson.**

If you spot anything that needs fixing or needs attention, please let Philip or Mike know. Alternatively you can email the group on

maintenance@crowthornebaptist.org.uk



Coming up in June and beyond

Farewell to Kevin and Wendy – Sunday 1st June

Kevin will be moving to a new ministry in Shoreham in June. His last Sunday service here at CBC will be Sunday 1st June.



Buffet Lunch: Sue Burrow is co-ordinating a buffet lunch to share following the morning service. We need to know numbers for catering purposes, so please sign up if you would like to come. This will be an opportunity to say farewell and bless Kevin and Wendy as they move to pastures new.

Big Green Week June 7th to 15th

The Parish Council is leading Green Week celebrations in June. This is a national initiative celebrating community action in tackling climate change and celebrating nature.



Saturday 7th June

- Repair Café in the Hub (week changed from 31st May)
- A variety of stalls in Jim Finnie Square, including...
- Eco Team stall promoting the work of Tools With a Mission as part of their "*Tools of Hope*" campaign

We will be collecting old or unwanted tools that will be refurbished and then shipped to 7 countries in Africa. There is a list of tools that can be donated on the TWAM website here:

<https://www.twam.uk/donatetools>

Sunday 15th June 10:30am

- Our Sunday service will be a special Tool Sunday, featuring TWAM

Other Activities

There are lots of other things on offer during the week, some of which need to be booked. For details, please see the Parish Council website: www.crowthorne-pc.gov.uk/green-week.php

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 12th July

Suggested donation £2 per child. To book, please speak to Sarah or email shine.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com

CBC Golf – Bill Adams Golf Day

For quite a number of years, CBC has held a golf day locally in the summer. The trophy was named in honour of Bill Adams.



It is open to anyone connected to CBC who plays golf and friends can be invited too. The date and venue can be flexible to accommodate the majority!

If you would be interested in playing this year, then please see Philip Hood as soon as possible.

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.



Church Family Prayer – 1st 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

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 May from A Rocha – Support Pollinators

Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But bees are declining because of habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification.

Tuesday 20th May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators – even small efforts make a difference.

Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them such as wildflowers, in the link below and pray for the rejuvenation of these crucial pollinators.

www.arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25/

Bring & Share Lunches

Our bi-monthly bring and share lunches follow the Sunday service. Optional local walk after lunch for those who would like to go and enjoy God's creation outdoors.

Please note: The lunch originally planned for Sunday 1st June will now be a farewell lunch for Kevin and Wendy.

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 Kevin or 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 9th May)
- CBCKidz: children's groups for babies, toddlers and primary ages
- CBC Youth: for young people in year 7 and above.

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 Pastor Kevin Mills or to Sue Burrow.

The Leadership Team

Kevin announced to the church on Sunday 23rd March that he will be leaving CBC to begin a new ministry at Shoreham-on-Sea. His last Sunday here will be 1st June. There will be an opportunity for a formal farewell on that day.

Elections to the Leadership Team took place at the AGM in March. We still do not have a Secretary. Please pray for the Team as we prepare for Kevin's departure and look towards the future.

Pastor	Rev. Kevin Mills
Elders	Elaine Hood
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.

The team usually meets for a business meeting on the 2nd Monday in the month and prayer on the 4th Monday. A summary of the minutes from each meeting is available on the noticeboard near the Heart. Please ask Kevin if you would like your own copy. Your prayers for these meetings and for issues discussed are very much appreciated.

- Please note that Kevin's day off is normally Tuesday.
- Kevin is on holiday from Friday 23rd to Tuesday 27th May

Church Meeting Dates 2025

- **Sunday June 29th** – Forum meeting after the service
- **Wednesday Sept 24th** – 7:45pm
- **Sunday Nov 23rd** – Forum meeting after the service



Church Membership



This is a short explanation about membership in Baptist churches. It was shared in the Sunday service on April 27th when we welcomed Kim and Keith into membership.

Many of us here at CBC come from different church traditions and some of us are from different cultures. Some churches don't have a formal membership at all. Some churches, like the Church of England, the Roman Catholic Church and the Methodist Church have a central organisation structure that makes decisions and appoints ministers to local congregations. That is not the case with the Baptist Church in the UK. A lot of Baptist Churches in the UK, like this one, belong to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This is an umbrella organisation which helps and supports member churches, but it doesn't make decisions for the local congregation. We are all independent. The responsibility for deciding how the church runs, how it is maintained, who the leaders and minister are, etc. rests with the church members at their regular meetings.

Now of course, anyone who comes along to our church and decides that this is where they feel spiritually at home is part of the CBC Family. We are very blessed by each one in our church family and it's great to see people taking on roles and using their gifts. We would really encourage anyone who has been coming along for a while, but has not yet formally become a member, to think and pray about this, even if it has not been part of your tradition in the past. It means that you can play a fuller part in the life of the church and, most importantly, help to make decisions or be elected to the Leadership Team – things that only members can do. If you are not yet a member and would like to know more, then please speak to Kevin or to one of the other leaders. We really do love to receive new members.

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 Kevin if you would like to join one.
(There is currently room in some of the groups)



Midweek Events at CBC

Good Neighbours	Weekdays 10am to 12 noon in the Hub Foyer (Telephone 01344 761001)
NEW Cash Hub	Weekdays 9am to 5pm in the Hub Office
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 Wendy or email
booking@crowthornebaptist.org.uk

Find out more on our website:

www.crowthornebaptist.org.uk

Church office phone 07767 186336
(for outside contacts)

