



Crowthorne Baptist Church

What's on – June 2025



A reflection from Kevin as he and Wendy leave CBC

"...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 (NIVUK)

Endings hold a special significance in our faith journey. They invite us to pause, not just to conclude a chapter, but to reflect on God's faithfulness, honour His work, and prepare our hearts for what comes next. In God's kingdom, endings are rarely final; they serve as sacred transitions, thresholds between what has been and what will be.

As leaders, servants and the church, we have experienced both joy and challenge. We have gathered in planning sessions, prayed together, faced difficult decisions, supported one another through fatigue and celebrated victories both big and small. Through it all, one truth remains constant: God is faithful. No effort has been wasted. Every act of service, every prayer and every quiet sacrifice contributes to a purpose greater than we can see.

As we close this chapter, let us take three intentional steps. First, **we remember** by looking back with gratitude. Reflect on the journey and consider the people and moments that have shaped this season. Gratitude grounds us, reminding us of God's presence and provision. Ask yourself which moments affirmed God's presence, what growth you have seen in yourself or others, and who has blessed or encouraged you. Remembering is more than nostalgia; it is an act of worship.

Next, **we release** by letting go with trust. Not everything went as planned, and some things remain unfinished. We are stewards, not owners. Entrust the loose ends to God, knowing His hands are more capable than ours. Consider what burdens or regrets you may still carry and what God might be inviting you to surrender into His care. Letting go is an act of trust.

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.... Finally, **we recommit** by stepping forward with faith. Whether continuing in leadership, taking a break, or transitioning into something new, this is a time to realign your heart with God's calling. Ask how God is inviting you to serve in the next season.

Final encouragement: God never wastes a season. What feels like an ending, He shapes into a new beginning. Our role is to remain faithful to the next step and trust the One who guides us. reflect with gratitude, release with peace, and recommit with courage. Complete the good work You have begun in us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Rev. Kevin Mills (Pastor)

Farewell to Kevin and Wendy – Sunday 1st June

Kevin and Wendy are moving to Shoreham in early June. Kevin's last Sunday service here at CBC is Sunday 1st June. The service includes three baptisms – Maizy, Samuel and Ben.



Buffet Lunch: Following the service, we have an opportunity to say farewell and bless Kevin and Wendy as they move to pastures new.

June Communion Service

(Changed from the 3rd Sunday to the 4th Sunday this month)



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 Tools With a Mission (TWAM). (www.twam.uk)

Christmas Shoeboxes 2025

In June we collect pencils, coloured pencils, A5 size notebooks and colouring books. You can give Maggie any other suitable items at any time. Check the website for what can be included. www.samaritans-purse.org.uk



June at CBC

This month we have a few special Sundays, as well continuing with the sermon series on Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Sun 1/6	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Knowing Christ” (Philippians 3 : 1-11) with Baptisms Kevin & Wendy's last service at CBC
Sun 1/6	12:00	Farewell buffet lunch for Kevin and Wendy follows the service
Mon 2/6	19:30	Church Family Prayer meeting in the Heart
Sun 8/6	10:30	Sunday Worship for Pentecost Sunday – “Power from on high” (Acts 2: 1-21)
Mon 9/6	19:30	Church Leaders' meeting
Thu 12/6	14:00	Thursday Fellowship: Speaker: Nina Preston
Fri 13/6	19:30	Worship workshop in the Heart
Sun 15/6	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Tools of Hope”. All-age service led by the Eco Team, focusing on the work of TWAM (Matthew 14 : 13-21)
Mon 16/6		SCBA Leaders' Day at Basingstoke Baptist Church (Elaine and Eric are going)
Weds 18/6	10:30	Service at St. Brendan's care home
Sun 22/6	10:30	Sunday Worship with Communion (Communion offering for TWAM)
Mon 23/6	19:00	Church Leaders' meeting with Regional Minister, Hayley Young
Thu 26/6	14:00	Thursday Fellowship lunch at The Prince. Speak to Avril if interested
Sun 29/6	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Pressing towards the goal” (Philippians 3 : 12-21)
Sun 29/6	12:00	Church Forum Meeting follows the service

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

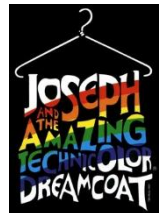
- Our Sunday service will be a special Tool Sunday, featuring TWAM

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

Sunday 8th June at 6:30pm at St. John's Church Songs from Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

A joint production by Churches Together in Crowthorne and Sandhurst with children from Crowthorne CofE and St. Sebastian's Primary schools. Admission Free.



Yeldall Manor Open Day

Saturday 28th June from 1pm



Everyone is welcome to join staff and residents at Yeldall for a summer afternoon celebrating God's work with men recovering from drug or alcohol addiction.

- Gates open 1pm
Drinks, hog roast and ice-creams (or bring a picnic)
Games and stalls for all the family (till 3pm)
- Open air celebration service on the lawn at 3pm
- Strawberry tea (with Gray's Farm strawberries) from 4pm
- Coach House Studios open, including taster experiences

Coming up in July and beyond

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.

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 25th, August 1st, 8th & 15th



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 25th July.

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

Gray's Farm is now OPEN! Staff Vacancies too

The farm and shop are fully open for the season with plenty of strawberries and other crops to pick yourself or to buy from the farm shop.



There are also some staff vacancies. If you or someone you know might be interested, please speak to Peter Gray for more info.

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 from September to bake and/or serve the cakes each week, especially as Kevin (server) and Wendy (baker) will have left 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!!

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. **This is particularly important during the pastoral vacancy.** 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 13th June)
- CBCKidz: children's groups for babies, toddlers and primary ages
- CBC Youth: for young people in year 7 and above.

Have you spotted anything broken / not working?

Call for the CBC Maintenance Team!

Members of the team are: **Alan Gravett : Philip Hood : Mike Stephenson : Richard Elsbury**



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

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 June from A Rocha

Join in with a nature and climate initiative.

One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it. Joining in with wider initiatives also reminds us of the power and encouragement of being part of communities and taking action together. The Great Big Green Week is taking place this month. Why not get involved with some of the activities happening in Crowthorne and / or help with CBC's Tools Challenge for TWAM?.

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. Next one September 28th/

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.



Audrey Ratcliffe has looked after this for many years (thank you, Audrey). She would now like to hand over to someone else. If you think that this is something you could do, please speak to Elaine.

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

Kevin leaves CBC at the beginning of this month to begin a new ministry at Shoreham-on-Sea. From then on we will be in a period of 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.

The Team is currently a bit depleted, as there is only one Elder and we still do not have a Secretary. Please pray for the Team as we look towards the future and the process of appointing a new Minister.

We will be meeting with our Regional Minister, Rev. Hayley Young, on Monday 23rd June to start discussing arrangements for the pastoral vacancy. More information will be given at the Forum Meeting on Sunday 29th June following the morning service.

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Rev. Kevin Mills (moving 2nd June)</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.

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 Emma if you would like your own copy. Your prayers for these meetings and for issues discussed are very much appreciated.

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



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
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

Find out more on our website:
www.crowthornebaptist.org.uk

Church office phone 07767 186336
(for outside contacts)

