



# Crowthorne Baptist Church

## What's on – July & August 2024



As followers of Jesus, we are called to continue the work he began: spreading the Good News and building God's kingdom. Our vision and mission as a church family are crucial in fulfilling this divine purpose.

As we seek God's guidance and discernment, let's remember the words of Proverbs 3:5-6: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."* Prayer is our lifeline to God's wisdom and direction. As we stand united in seeking His will, we can take comfort in Jesus's promise in Matthew 18:20: *"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."* Let us all pray for clarity and courage to follow God's vision for our church here in Crowthorne.

The word "all" reminds us of what the apostle Paul said in Ephesians 4:16, that we are all vital parts of Christ's body. *"From him, the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."* Together we can accomplish far more than we could individually. So as we move forward, let us be encouraged by God's faithfulness and the empowering of His Spirit. May we embrace the words of Isaiah 40:31: *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

With God's guidance and our united efforts, we can make a lasting impact for His kingdom. Everything is possible when we put God in the centre as our driving force. Amen

God bless – Rev. Kevin Mills (Pastor)

## July at CBC

This month we conclude our Sunday sermon series “**At home in Babylon**”, investigating the first half of the book of Daniel. Sermons are broadly based on the book “*Daniel for You*” by David Helm. (Publ. The Good Book Company).

<b>Mon 1/7</b>	19:30	Church Family Prayer meeting in the Heart
<b>Thurs 4/7</b>		Thursday Fellowship Afternoon Tea at Holme Grange. See Avril for details. Next meeting will be 12 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Sat 6/7</b>	am	Carnival Parade. Church open for refreshments / watch the parade
<b>Sun 7/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Daniel’s Witness & the King’s Praise” (Daniel 4 : 19-37)
<b>Fri 12/7</b>	15:00	Carnival Cream Tea in the Heart
<b>Sat 13/7</b>	08:15	Men’s breakfast. Speaker John Hills
<b>Sun 14/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “The Writing on the Wall” (Daniel 5)
<b>Sun 14/7</b>	15:00	Shine Out! – at the Morgan Rec
<b>Mon 15/7</b>	19:30	Church Leaders’ Meeting in the Heart
<b>Weds 17/7</b>	10:30	Service at St. Brendan’s care home (Next one will be September 18 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Fri 19/7</b>		CBC Golf Day at Tylney Park Golf Club
<b>Sun 21/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship with Family Communion – “Delivered from Death” (Daniel 6) (Communion offering for Compassion UK)
<b>Fri 26/7</b>	pm	Summer Activities #1 on the Morgan Rec
<b>Sun 28/7</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – Guest preacher Andy Partington from Novō (and formerly of Yeldall Manor)
<b>Sun 28/7</b>	12 noon	Eco Church bring and share lunch after the service. All welcome. Optional walk to enjoy God’s creation together after lunch.

## Crowthorne Carnival Events

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July Carnival Day : 10:30am to 1pm**

Our church is open for refreshments. A prime spot to watch the parade!



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm : Carnival Cream Tea**

In the Heart. Donation £4. All profits go to Sebastian's Action Trust. To book see Wendy or email:

[bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com)



**Flower Festival at St. John's Parish Church**  
**The theme is *Surfing the Seven Seas***

In aid of RNLI 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 6pm
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon to 5:30pm
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 4pm



Sally will be preparing the CBC arrangement on the story of "*The Little Mermaid*"

**SHINE OUT! Informal service for all the family on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month.**

**This month Shine is going outdoors to the Morgan Recreation Ground on July 14<sup>th</sup>**

3 to 4:30pm. Meet at the Morgan Rec. All welcome  
(Please note: there will be NO Shine in August)



**Men's Breakfast Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 8:15am**

Speaker: John Hills talking about his faith journey  
Cost £5. To book see Wendy or email:

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## August at CBC

<b>Fri 2/8</b>	pm	Summer Activities #2 on the Morgan Rec
<b>Sun 4/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship
<b>Mon 5/8</b>	19:30	Church Family Prayer in the Heart
<b>Fri 9/8</b>	pm	Summer Activities #3 on the Morgan Rec
<b>Sun 11/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship
<b>Mon 12/8</b>		Bill Adams golf trophy at Wellington College
<b>Fri 16/8</b>	pm	Summer Activities #4 on the Morgan Rec
<b>Sun 18/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship with Communion (Communion offering for Novō)
<b>Sun 25/8</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship

### 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 ([novocommunities.org](http://novocommunities.org) )

## CBC Golf & Bill Adams Trophy

This year we are holding two events:

- *The Championship* – 18 holes at Tylney Park Golf Club on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. Open to everyone
- *The Bill Adams Trophy* – 9 holes at Wellington College on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August**



We hope the BA day in particular will attract others – beginners, improvers or experts! Both events will include a meal. If you would like to join in, 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 are July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

Churches Together in Crowthorne (CTC) are helping to organise these events again this year. Lots of volunteers will be needed.

**CBC will be running the Craft and Prayer activities on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August. **Volunteers needed! Please see Wendy if you can help.****



## Christmas Shoeboxes 2024

In July we collect coloured pencils, felt tip pens, pencil cases, rubbers and sharpeners. In August we collect small colouring books and notebooks (around A5 size). Please feel free to 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)



## Coming up in September and Beyond

- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am** – Sparkle and Shine Special
- **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am** – Harvest Celebration (All-age)
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 7:45pm** – Church Meeting
- **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – CBC Barn Dance (more details to come in September)

## Focus on Novō



### **Our August Communion offering goes to the work of Novō.**

Novō was founded by Andy Partington, who is well known to many of us at CBC from his days as Director at Yeldall Manor. Established in 2015, Novō builds on the work of Yeldall, providing residential addiction treatment that fits the cultural, economic, and social realities of its residents. Novō's vision is to bring new life to individuals, peace to families, and hope to communities gripped by addiction.

Novō's community in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, opened its doors in November 2016, to help men find healing, wholeness and hope. Today, the work runs effectively under local leadership and has a measurable impact.

Bolivia is one of the poorest countries in Latin America and one of the most unequal countries in the world. As one of the world's largest growers of the coca leaf – the raw ingredient of cocaine and crack – Bolivia is a centre for drug production.

Quinta Totaices, Novō's home in Santa Cruz, is a sizeable, colonial-style property on the edge of the city with space for up to 20 men in recovery. It is the ideal location for delivering their treatment programmes.

Andy and his family are now based in Nicaragua, where he hopes to set up another Novō Community. Andy and some of his family will be with us here at CBC on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, when we can hear first-hand about the work and how we can help in prayer and practically.

## 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 – 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

## 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 ([www.crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.crowthorne.foodbank.org.uk))



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.

### Can you help the Ark Preschool?

The Ark children enjoy exploring the grounds of Wellington College on Monday and Thursday mornings. Help is needed to walk them back to church. Please see Avril if you could join the team of helpers from September – more people are needed.



## 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

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

**Remember especially Gray's Farm – from our own CBC Family!**



### Eco Tip for August from A Rocha

Assist local wildlife during very hot weather. Provide hedgehogs with hedgehog biscuits (available at many pet stores and online) or dog biscuits (small/ crumbed) as their prey of slugs, snails and worms diminishes, and ensure a safe exit for them and other small mammals if you have a garden pond. Help garden birds by maintaining a filled bird bath and supplying supplementary food including black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins, currants, mealworms, waxworms, and a nutritious seed mixture, when natural supplies become scarce.



### 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 ones July 28<sup>th</sup> and Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>**



## The Leadership Team

Pastor	Rev. Kevin Mills
Elders	Trevor Allwright and Elaine Hood
Treasurer	Justine Wells
Deacons	Ian Burrow, Matt Patterson, Emma Frost and Sarah Webb

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

**There is still a vacancy for the position of Church Secretary.** For the time being, the duties of the Secretary will be shared out amongst the rest of the Team. Please continue to pray that the right person to take on this role will be identified.

The team usually meets for a business meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month. There is no meeting in August. 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 taking some holidays between 16<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### Church Meeting Dates 2024

- **Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>** – 7:45pm in the Heart
- **Sunday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>** – Forum meeting after the service



### CBC Maintenance Team

We now have a newly named Maintenance Team. Its members 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.



## 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)
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
CAB	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month 10am to 12 noon

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

Ask Wendy or email  
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**Find out more on our website:**

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