

Crowthorne Baptist Church

What's on – April 2024



Colossians 3:23-24

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”

Have you ever longed for the world to pause, feeling perpetually in a race against time? In the whirlwind of today's rapid-paced society, we must continually nurture our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ whilst actively contributing to positive change. In this endeavour, we find solace and direction in the timeless wisdom encapsulated within the words of scripture. These verses serve as guiding lights, illuminating our path amidst life's complexities.

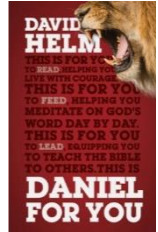
When we consider the verses from Colossians above, we see a beacon of inspiration urging us to invest our whole selves in our undertakings, recognising that what we do and work at is ultimately in service to God. Such teachings compel us to infuse our work with genuineness and dedication, understanding that our accomplishments are not in vain, but serve a profound purpose. By embracing these foundational principles, we go beyond the temporary attraction of passing trends and societal pressures, fostering a relevance that resonates on a deeper, more enduring level. Let us grab hold of this day, this week, and this month with renewed intentionality in our commitment to living for Christ, probing the depths of our souls and attempting to leave a meaningful imprint upon the world.

God bless – Rev. Kevin Mills (Pastor)

April at CBC

Our Sunday series on the book of Romans ends on April 7th.

After that we start a new series entitled “**At home in Babylon**”, investigating the first half of the book of Daniel. Sermons will be broadly based on the book “*Daniel for You*” by David Helm. (Published by The Good Book Company)



Tues 2/4 to Sat 6/4	various	Prayer Space in the Hub
Weds 3/4	19:30	Refresh – Informal worship session in the Heart. All welcome
Sun 7/4	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Mission” (Romans 15 & 16)
Mon 8/4	19:30	Church Leaders’ Meeting in the Heart
Thurs 11/4	14:00	Thursday Fellowship in the Heart. Speaker from Sebastian’s Action Trust
Sun 14/4	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Kings & Kingdoms” (Daniel 1 : 1-7)
Weds 17/4	10:30	Service at St. Brendan’s care home
Thurs 18/4	19:45	Church AGM in the Heart
Sun 21/4	10:30	Sunday Worship with Family Communion – “Conflict in the Court” (Daniel 1 : 8-21) (Communion offering for Tearfund)
Thurs 25/4	14:00	Thursday Fellowship in the Heart. Speaker: Maurice Benton
Sun 28/4	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Contrasting Characters” (Daniel 2 : 1-30) Preacher: Elaine Hood

April Communion Service



This month is 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. This month our offering goes to Tearfund (www.tearfund.org)

Prayer Week : April 2nd to 5th

**Tuesday to Friday 10am to 4pm (2pm finish Saturday)
Tuesday to Thursday 7 to 8:30pm**

Encountering the Risen Jesus

The Hub will be set up as a special prayer space to help us focus on Jesus as our living Saviour.

Spend time in quiet and prayer for as long or short a time as you wish. Refreshments are available.



Wednesday 3rd April at 7:30pm in the Heart

Refresh: an informal worship session led by Sarah with Phil J. All welcome to come along and see where the Spirit leads us!

Church AGM Thursday April 18th 7:45pm

This will include elections to the Leadership Team. Please start now prayerfully considering those nominated.



Christmas Shoeboxes 2024

In April we collect toothbrushes (but not toothpaste), combs and hairbrushes. 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



Big and Brassy Celebration Concert
Sunday 14th April 2:30pm in the GWA
Performing Arts Centre, Wellington College



A massed brass band event featuring the Royal Surrey Choir, raising funds for charity. Mike and Gillian will be playing in it!

Tickets £12 (£10 for children aged 12 and under). See website for more details and to book: www.bigandbrassy.co.uk

Coming up in May and beyond

Men's Breakfast Saturday 11th May 8:15am

Speaker: tba

Cost £5. To book see Wendy or email:

bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com



SHINE! Informal service for all the family on the 2nd
Sunday each month. Next one is on May 12th

Shine is a fun time of craft, games, music and reflection, held in the Hub from 3 to 4:30pm.



Christian Aid Week May 12th – 19th

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

www.christianaid.org.uk



CBC Quiz Night Saturday 8th June

The Outreach Team is organising a Quiz Night with a light supper. Questions devised by Eric. (£5 donation)

Think about forming a team and inviting your friends.



Crowthorne Carnival Week Events at CBC

- Saturday 6th July Carnival Day: Church open for refreshments. Volunteers needed!
- Friday 12th July: Carnival Cream Tea



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)



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.

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.



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 May 26th**

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 in the Heart or in Meeting Room 2 at the back of the Heart.



Church Family Prayer – 1st Monday in each month

(No meeting on 1st April. Prayer Week in the Hub 2nd to 6th April)

Please do 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

The Leadership Team

The team usually meets for a business meeting on the 2nd Monday in the month. 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, either printed or emailed to you. Your prayers for these meetings and for issues discussed are very much appreciated.

Please note that Kevin's day off is normally Tuesday.

Kevin will be away on holiday from 25th April to 2nd May

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 one of the Tuesday 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 rd Wednesday each month 10am to 12 noon

Would you like to book a room at CBC?

Ask Wendy or email

bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com

Find out more on our website:

www.crowthornebaptist.org.uk

Church office phone 07767 186336
(for outside contacts)

