



Crowthorne Baptist Church

What's on – May 2022



www.twam.uk

Every month we take up a special collection for a charity at our Communion service and in May this will be going to Tools with a Mission.

We at CBC have supported TWAM for many years. In the past we have had close links with the charity through the Berkshire branch of the Baptist Men's Movement. A former member of CBC, Donald Gray, and Peter Siggery from Wokingham Baptist Church were very enthusiastic supporters in the early days in the 1980s and they encouraged churches to compete in the annual Tools Challenge and supper. CBC won the shield many times! Peter Gray continues his Dad's passion for the charity and Gray's Farm is our local collection point for TWAM.

TWAM is based in Ipswich, Suffolk, with centres across the country. Their mission is to empower people in Africa living in extreme poverty to create their own livelihoods. They do this by sending trade kits full of tools that are used in skills training centres, offering the trainees a way to put poverty in the past for good and begin their own sustainable careers. Around 18 containers full of tools that have been collected from across the UK and refurbished in TWAM centres are sent to rural African communities every year. TWAM also has a strong environmental focus, as their work helps to keep around 225 tonnes of tools out of landfills in the UK every year.

The "One Million Tools" challenge was launched at Christmas. The aim is to double the number of tools sent to Africa each year. To do this TWAM will need a second industrial unit to match the Ipswich centre and they are currently negotiating to rent premises in Rugby.

You can find more information in the TWAM newsletters, available from the rack in the Heart Foyer or online. There are incredibly inspiring stories in there from recipients of toolkits and help from TWAM.

This month at CBC

This month we continue working through Mark's Gospel in our Sunday services. Printed copies of the gospel with space for making notes are available to help us to get the most out of the sermons each week.

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| Sun 1/5 | 10:30 | Sunday Worship – “Guard your Discipleship” (Mark 3:20 & 31-35) |
| Mon 2/5 | 19:30 | Church Family prayer time on Zoom |
| Sun 8/5 | 10:30 | Sunday Worship – “Survey of the soil” (Mark 4 : 1-20) |
| Mon 9/5 | 19:30 | Leaders' meeting in the Heart |
| Thurs 12/5 | 14:00 | Thursday Fellowship in the Heart Speaker Richard Page |
| Sun 15/5 | 10:30 | Sunday Worship with Communion (offering for TWAM) – “God's kingdom, no borders” (Mark 4 : 21-34) |
| Sun 15/5 to 21/5 | | Christian Aid week |
| Weds 18/5 | 10:30 | Service at St. Brendan's Care Home |
| Thurs 19/5 | 13:30 | Craft Group meets in the Heart |
| Sun 22/5 | 10:30 | Sunday Worship – “Storm 0 Jesus 1” (Mark 4 : 35-41) |
| Thurs 26/5 | 14:00 | Thursday Fellowship in the Heart Speaker Eileen Frampton - postponed from 24 March |
| Sun 29/5 | 10:30 | Sunday Worship – “Fear can lead to the rejection of Jesus” (Mark 5 : 1 - 20) All-age worship for the 5 th Sunday in the month |

Would you like to book a room at CBC?

Ask Wendy or email bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com

Ascension Day – Thursday May 26th

In Acts 1 we read that Jesus appeared many times to his disciples for 40 days after his resurrection. Then he was taken up to heaven whilst they were watching. Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were given power from on high. Ten days later at Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out on them. Ascension Day is always on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter Sunday and 10 days before Pentecost. This year we will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday 5th June.

The Feast of Ascension is an important day in several Christian denominations, and in some countries it is a public holiday. If you have not done so before, why not give some thought to why it is important to know that Jesus ascended back to heaven? Talk to other Christians about it, maybe ask Pastor Kevin or do some research.

Christian Aid Week 2022 – 15th to 21st May

After the success of last year, we are continuing to distribute (but not collect) Christian Aid envelopes around Crowthorne. The recipients then deliver their filled envelope back to us or their distributor.



If you can be a distributor for your neighbourhood Jim and Janet Sargeant would be delighted to hear from you.

We need volunteers for Bucklers Park in particular.

There will be NO joint Christian Aid service in Crowthorne this year. If you would like more information, please look on the website

www.christianaid.org.uk

Baptist Assembly 14th & 15th May

Please pray for this event, as Baptists from all over the UK gather in person in Bournemouth to hear what God is saying to us as a movement. Following the huge success of the online Assembly in 2021, the main sessions will be broadcast live on YouTube. More information on the BU website **www.baptist.org.uk**

On Saturday 14th May, BBC Songs of Praise will be filming throughout the day for an episode that focuses on the Baptist movement. It will be broadcast on Sunday 26th June on BBC1

Coming up in June

BIG CHURCH DAY OUT 2022

Timed to coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend, this will be held at the Wiston Estate, West Sussex on 3rd & 4th June. It's a terrific Christian music and worship festival and many CBC folk have been attending for a decade! You can come for 1 day or 2. Tickets are cheaper if you join our group booking organised by Ali Ceaser (our former Pastor's wife) at Quench Christian Bookshop. Please speak to Emma Frost for more info and for booking details. Book soon if you want to go – the event is likely to sell out this year! Website: **www.bigchurchdayout.com**



Financial Giving

Most church members and regular attenders support the work of CBC through the banks via standing orders, etc. Many also add Gift Aid. We currently have a basket for anyone who wishes to make cash donations on Sundays. If you are interested in giving regularly and/or Gift Aid, please speak to Justine.



Church Flowers

The rota is on the notice board outside the Heart entrance. If you would like to put flowers in church on any Sunday, please see Alison Gray.



Thinking about Baptism?

In the Baptist tradition, baptism is for people who publicly affirm their faith in Jesus and it is by total immersion in water. Our brand new baptistery was used for the first time on Easter Sunday! Please speak to Kevin if you are interested in being baptised at some stage in the future.



Christmas Shoeboxes

During May we collect toys for girls. Maggie suggests bracelets, necklaces, small bags, dolls, etc. etc. There are lots of things that would fall into this category. Other items are welcome at any time. Check the website for what can be included. www.samaritans-purse.org.uk



QUENCH Christian Bookshop – Holme Grange Craft Village

The Quench shop is open 6 days a week. Opening hours are 10am to 5pm Monday to Saturday. Why not pop in to look at the wide range of books, cards and other resources? They are very happy to order things if they are not in stock.



Crowthorne Foodbank



Donations to the Foodbank are always welcome. We have a box in the Hub foyer where you can leave items. Below are the things which are needed particularly at the moment:

- Cartons of juice
- Long life milk
- Cup-a-soup
- Jam
- Bin bags
- Bleach
- Anti-bacterial spray
- Washing tablets
- Hand wash
- Hair conditioner
- Ladies' deodorants
- Men's deodorants
- Men's shower gel
- Toothbrushes for adults

The list 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.

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

The Leadership Team

Following the church AGM at the beginning of April, Mike was re-elected to serve as an Elder, Justine was elected as our Treasurer in place of Ian, Ian was elected as a Deacon and Matt was elected as a new Deacon. This is now our current Leadership Team.

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| Pastor | Rev. Kevin Mills |
| Elders | Mike Stephenson Elaine Hood |
| Administrator | Philip Hood |
| Treasurer | Justine Wells |
| Deacons | Alan Gravett Emma Frost Ian Burrow Matt Patterson |

The team meets for a business meeting every month, usually on the 2nd Monday in the month. The leaders meet for prayer on the 3rd and 4th Mondays. The 1st Monday each month is open for all our church family to join together for prayer. Please pray for the leadership team, as they seek to discern God's will and direction for our church and as they continue to look at the right kind of structure for the team going forwards.

News and Activities

House Groups at CBC

Groups meet at different times during the week. Please speak to Kevin if you would like to join one.

Eco Church

Recycling at CBC

We collect standard plastic milk bottle tops and used postage stamps for charity. We also collect empty tablet blister packs to recycle at Superdrug. Collection points in the Hub foyer.



Any Tips?

Do you have any tips about avoiding food waste, storing food, reusing plastic or other types of packaging or any other ideas that help to reduce waste? If so, please email Sue Allwright on sallwright@btinternet.com

Regular Events at CBC

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| Good Neighbours | Weekdays 10am to 12 noon in the Hub Foyer |
| The Ark Preschool | Weekday mornings in term time in the Hub |
| Zone6 (for year 6) | Mondays in term time 3:15-5:00pm |
| AA | Every Monday 7:00-8:30pm in the Hub |
| CTC Coffee Shop | Every Thursday 10:30-11:30am in the Heart |
| CAB | 3rd Friday each month 10am to 12 noon |

Find out more on our website:

www.crowthornebaptist.org.uk

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