

Crowthorne Baptist Church

Four Weeks of Prayer

For Our Pastoral Search

Our church profile goes live on 30th March 2026. As we open this significant season, we invite every member of our church family to join us in focused prayer over these four weeks.

Week 1 | 30th March – 6th April

Praying for Our New Minister

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

This week’s focus

This week we are specifically praying for the person God has already chosen to be our next minister. We believe He is at work in their life right now – perhaps stirring a sense of calling, prompting them to prayer, or drawing their attention to Crowthorne. Pray that they would have the courage to step forward in faith, and that God would make His call unmistakably clear to them.

A prayer for this week

Lord, we trust that even now You are at work in the life of the person You have chosen for us. Prepare their heart, stir their spirit, and draw them to our community. May they sense Your call clearly, and may we be ready to receive them with open arms and joyful expectation. We believe You go before us. Amen.

Week 2 | 7th – 13th April

Praying for the Search Team & Interview Process

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”

James 1:5

This week’s focus

Our search team carries a weighty and wonderful responsibility on behalf of our whole church family. This week, pray for each member of the team by name as they review applications, prepare for interviews, and seek God’s guidance together. Pray for unity within the team, for Spirit-led discernment in every decision, and for the confidence to recognise God’s appointed person when they meet them.

A prayer for this week

Gracious God, grant our search team wisdom that surpasses human understanding. Guide every conversation, every reading of applications, and every interview. May discernment flow freely among them, and may they sense Your clear leading as they seek the one You have appointed for Crowthorne Baptist Church. Amen.

Week 3 | 14th – 20th April

Praying for Our Congregation

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:3

This week’s focus

A new minister brings change, and change can stir many different emotions within a congregation. This week, pray for our church family — that we would be united in heart and spirit, free from anxiety, and genuinely excited about the future. Pray especially for those who may find this season unsettling and ask God to fill every corner of our family with a spirit of welcome, grace, and hopeful expectation.

A prayer for this week

Father, unite our hearts as we prepare for this new chapter. May we approach this season with patience, grace, and a genuine openness to Your leading. Knit us together in love, remove any anxiety or division among us, and fill us with anticipation for all that You are about to do in our midst. Amen.

Week 4 | 21st – 30th April

Praying for Our Vision & Future

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...”

Ephesians 3:20

This week’s focus

As our application window closes, we lift our eyes beyond the process and fix them on the God who holds our future. This week, pray boldly for the kind of church Crowthorne Baptist is called to be — for growth in depth and in number, for a deepening impact on our local community, and for a shared vision that our new minister and congregation can pursue together with joy and purpose.

A prayer for this week

Lord of all, we lift our eyes to the future You have planned for Crowthorne Baptist Church. As we close this application window, we place our trust fully in You. May our new minister help us grow deeper in faith, wider in love, and bolder in mission — so that Your name is glorified in Crowthorne and beyond. Amen.