



# Crowthorne Baptist Church

## What's on – June 2022



June has arrived and at the start of this month we celebrate Pentecost, remembering how the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus's disciples and the Christian Church was born. We thank God for his many blessings poured out on us as individuals and as a church. As we journey through this year we continue to pray that God works through us all to further His kingdom.

At the same time we celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – 70 years of her reign. The world God created needs much forgiveness and I pray these words from our Queen in 2011 resonate with you.

*“God sent into the world a unique person - neither a philosopher nor a general, important though they are, but a Saviour, with the power to forgive. Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love.”*

Let's be shining lights of God's love in all that we do this month. As we celebrate this Jubilee and mingle with friends, family and neighbours I encourage you to be bold and courageous and share your testimony. God has the power to change lives. We are his instruments to be used and, with the power of the Holy Spirit, our words and actions will plant seeds. We pray that as seeds are scattered, the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ, who can save and loves everyone, will be heard.

Rev. Kevin Mills (Pastor)

## 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.

<b>Weds 1/6</b>	12:30	CTC Prayer walk round the Village (approx. 2 miles) starting and ending at CBC.
<b>Sun 5/6</b>	10:30	Pentecost Sunday Worship – “Jesus can handle any interruption” (Mark 5 : 21-43)
<b>Mon 6/6</b>	19:30	Leaders' meeting in the Heart
<b>Thurs 9/6</b>	14:00	Thursday Fellowship in the Heart Speaker Richard Page
<b>Sun 12/6</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – (Mark 6 : 1-13) Preacher Mike Stephenson
<b>Mon 13/6</b>	19:30	Church Family Prayer meeting in the Heart
<b>Weds 15/6</b>	10:30	Service at St. Brendan's Care Home
<b>Weds 15/6</b>	19:30	Outreach meeting
<b>Thurs 16/6</b>	13:30	Craft Group meets in the Heart
<b>Sun 19/6</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship with Communion – “Off with your head. How far are you willing to go?” (Mark 6 : 14-29) Communion offering for Samaritan's Purse. Also Fathers' Day.
<b>Thurs 23/6</b>	14:00	Thursday Fellowship in the Heart Speaker Sally Clarke
<b>Sun 26/6</b>	10:30	Sunday Worship – “Compassion never clocks out” (Mark 6 : 30-44) Preacher Philip Hood
<b>Sun 26/6</b>	??	BBC Songs of Praise recorded at the Baptist Assembly in Bournemouth (May 2022)

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

Ask Wendy or email [bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com)

## Summer Activities on the Morgan Rec

The Summer Activities are happening again this year on four Fridays: 29<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 12<sup>th</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> August

Louise Truscott is looking for people to cover things like refreshments, registration and generally helping. Please contact Louise if you can help: [louisetruscott12@gmail.com](mailto:louisetruscott12@gmail.com)

## Cakes for Edgbarrow School

Good News! After our enforced break for Covid, we have been invited to restart our visits to Edgbarrow School, where in the past we provided coffee/tea and cakes for the staff during their morning break on Fridays. It is hoped we can run this from September, but we need help, as many of the previous volunteers are not now available.



**Helpers:** Can you spare about 1¼ hours from 10.30 to 11.45 on a Friday morning, probably once a month on a rota basis, to help with serving?

**Cake Makers:** Can you bake cakes or cookies? This will also be operated on a rota basis. If you prefer to bake batches and have some cakes frozen, we will make sure we find a freezer somewhere. If you can help in any way, please speak to Marion l'Anson or email her on [marionianson@yahoo.com](mailto:marionianson@yahoo.com)

## Open the Book

This scheme from the Bible Society offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a team of Christians from local churches. CBC has such a team! In May our *Open The Book* team was able to go into Wildmoor Heath School to do the first Assembly since Covid started.

They acted out the story of Noah with help from some of the children. The message of the story was that we can make a new start whenever we need to. The team is grateful for the creative skills of Mike, who had made a large wooden ark, and Sally, who had painted amazing animals.

Maggie asks us to pray that God's word will drop into the children's hearts and minds as the team is obedient to him in the work he has called them to do.



# Coming up in July

## YELDALL MANOR OPEN DAY – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Back in person! Starts 12:30pm with lunch. Stalls and games. Worship on the lawn around 3pm, followed by strawberry tea.



## CROWTHORNE CARNIVAL (2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July)

CBC is getting involved with some of the activities for the Carnival. The theme this year is “The Platinum Years”.

- **Flower Festival** at St. John’s parish church. Sally will be making the CBC contribution.
- **Festival of the Teapot** – afternoon cream teas here at CBC on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 3 to 4:30pm. Tickets £2.50. Speak to Wendy Mills or email [bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.crowthornebaptist@gmail.com)

## PICNIC & STROLL Sunday 3rd July

Join CBC’s Ecoteam to explore the local heathland. Meet after the service at 12.30pm at Wildmoor Heath car park on Sandhurst Road. (what3words \\\tips.rigid.slot)

### What is it?

A picnic followed by a gentle stroll around Wildmoor and Wellington Heath, learning about the conservation management of the area and enjoying God’s creation. The walk will be around 3 miles on uneven terrain, so wear sensible shoes and bring clothes appropriate for the weather.



### Who is it for?

Bring your family and friends. The event will be led by our own local expert, Abigail Patterson.

## CHURCH FORUM MEETING Sunday 10th July

The Forum meeting scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> June has been postponed to 10<sup>th</sup> July. It will follow the morning service.

## **BIBLE COURSE starting in July**

Starting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, an 8 week course exploring the Bible using material from the Bible Society. 7:30 to 9pm each week. See Kevin if you are interested in joining.



## **SHINE OUT! Sunday 10th July 3-4.30pm**

During July and August Shine will be going outside to enjoy fun and games on the Morgan Rec.



## **MUSIC EVENING – Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Simeon Wood, music man and multi-instrumentalist, will be here to entertain us with a show filled with music and laughter. Come along and bring your friends. See Wendy or Sarah for more information and tickets.



## **Christmas Shoeboxes**

During June we collect toys for boys. Maggie suggests small balls, football whistles, cars and plastic animals, etc. etc. There are lots of things that would fall into this category, but definitely no guns or water pistols, please. Other items are welcome at any time. Check the website for what can be included. [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)



## **Stride45 for Yeldall Manor**

Yeldall Manor is an amazing Christian drug and alcohol rehabilitation Centre near Twyford. On June 11th Ian and Sue Burrow are doing a 4.5 mile sponsored walk to raise funds for them. If you would like to sponsor them, Sue will have a sponsor form at Church on Sundays.



## 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.



## 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 up liquid
- J-cloths
- Washing tablets
- Soap bars
- Hair conditioner
- Ladies' deodorants
- Men's deodorants
- Men's shower gel
- Toothbrushes for adults
- Toothpaste for adults
- Toothpaste for children

The list 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.

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 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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in the month\*. The leaders meet for prayer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

\* Please note that this month the Leaders' business meeting and the church family prayer meeting have been swapped around.

## Pastor's Diary

Kevin is out and about quite a bit during June.

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June – preaching at Caversham Baptist Church
- w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – part of the week at a conference in Birmingham.
- 25<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July inclusive – on holiday

## 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. Collection points are in the Hub foyer. **Please note that we cannot accept empty tablet blister packs at the moment.**

**We will let you know when we can resume this once we have found a more efficient recycling route.**



#### 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](mailto:sallwright@btinternet.com)

### Regular Events at CBC

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
Coffee Stop (*NEW*)	Every Tuesday 10am to 12 noon in the Heart For Ukrainian guests and their hosts
CTC Coffee Shop	Every Thursday 10:30-11:30am in the Heart
CAB	3rd Wednesday each month 10am to 12 noon

Find out more on our website:

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