

## Thrusts 2024

**“By 2025 Crawley Baptist Church will love without limits!”**

### “Looking Up”

<b>We will be people who are continually seeing and knowing God’s transforming love as we follow him wholeheartedly.</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>When?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Testimony: “Reality Check”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Encourage the sharing of testimony in a variety of ways:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In Life Groups</li> <li>○ Written story during services</li> <li>○ Shared story in book at the cross</li> <li>○ Spoken testimony in services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Now and ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Everyone and anyone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ian</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seeking God: specifically for the future ministry team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prayer and fasting events:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mid-week daytime</li> <li>○ Mid-week evening</li> <li>○ 24 hours: Fri-Sat</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Planned throughout the year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Everyone and anyone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Teaching and Learning Together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preaching series: another Gospel to follow Mark?</li> <li>▪ Link with Life Groups – study together</li> <li>▪ Mid-week studies for all groups together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ September to December 2024</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ian and other preachers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ian</li> </ul>

## Looking In

<b>We will be a community who are fully using our gifts and fully equipped to serve one another in love.</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>When?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anyone, but focus on those who are new or have not done the course previously.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ September onwards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sharon, Colin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sharon, Colin</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Life Groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Whole congregation</li> <li>▪ Raise the profile of exiting groups</li> <li>▪ Encourage the forming of new groups</li> <li>▪ Use testimony, Life Group Leaders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Now and ongoing</li> <li>▪ Sundays, Body Talk,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ian, Life Group Leaders, Deacons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living Loss</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Anyone who wants to take part</li> <li>▪ Releasing people struggling with their own pain or loss</li> <li>▪ Empowering people to be who they are</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Belinda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focal Points</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Showcasing what the church does – various groups and ways to serve</li> <li>▪ Aimed at inclusion – everyone has something to offer</li> <li>▪ Sunday morning – in Rainbow Lounge and as part of the service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sunday mornings throughout the year</li> <li>▪ Body Talk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Group leaders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons</li> </ul>

## Looking Out

<b>We will be people who fearlessly proclaim God's magnificent love, always and everywhere.</b>				
<b>Project</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>When?</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>Monitoring</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Communication of what we do via screens in the church, use of social media etc in relevant way to outsiders</li> <li>▪ Removing barriers from newcomers to understand faith and e.g. use of language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Michelle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Talk and Take Out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Talk/interview on various topical issues with either drinks or a meal (could be a Takeaway to avoid need for catering), e.g. of topics:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What does the Bible say about?</li> <li>○ Sustainability</li> <li>○ Mental Health</li> <li>○ Faith in the Workplace</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ "Soft Hook" to engage people with faith based topics. Doesn't have to be in church premises, e.g. pub or restaurant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rather than regular commitment of Alpha do say once a quarter or once every few months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Speakers, others in the church, Ian</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Looking Up to Looking In to Looking Out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ We need to change ourselves and increase our passion for Looking Out</li> <li>▪ Perhaps get inspired with what others are passionate about or would like to do:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Heartisan</li> <li>○ Community Garden</li> <li>○ Christian Care service</li> <li>○ Music Events</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons and others in church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Deacons</li> </ul>

**Other Ideas:**

- Hospital Link: visiting those who have no-one to visit
- Picnic in the Park: picnic and social event in West Green
- Community Volunteering: Litter picking and other ideas – young adults
- School Holiday Provision: space for families during holidays