

Welcome and introduction

Notes

How Great Thou Art

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O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul...

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul...

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul...

God's vision for Cromer Church in 2025

Our Purpose

We exist as Cromer Church to **Love God** (choosing to live lifestyles where every part brings glory to God); to **Grow Disciples** (cultivating the character of Jesus Christ in our lives); to **Be Family** (living life together, through commitment, love and service) and to **Live Mission** (sharing Jesus with our world). In summary, to be about 'Transforming lives with Jesus Christ'.

Our Core Beliefs are that we should be:

God-dependent - We believe God made everything, sustains everything and provides us with everything we have. We are therefore dependent on Him for all things. This should be seen through lifestyles of worship, where we put God first in our individual lives and our community life. Because we are reliant on God, prayer should be at the heart of our life together, as we trust God for all things and step out in faith for all that He asks us to do.

Jesus-centred - We believe Jesus is the Son of God, who reveals God to us. Through his perfect life, his death in our place and his resurrection from the dead, we can be saved from our sin and its consequences through believing and trusting in all Jesus has done. In him we find true life, both now and for eternity. Our lives, therefore, should be totally centred on Jesus Christ, as we follow him and live for him.

Spirit-led - We believe that God is active in his world today through His Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who is at work as we choose to follow Jesus, and as we seek to live fully for Jesus in response to his great love for us. The Spirit produces God's fruit in our lives, equips us with gifts to serve others, and empowers us to live and witness for Jesus in His world. We therefore seek to be led by the Spirit in all we do, in order to be obedient to God for our future.

Bible-based - We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, with ultimate authority over what we do.

Through it, God has revealed Himself and His plans and purposes for our lives and His world. God's Spirit takes the truth of God's Word, and applies it deep into our lives, equipping us for everything we need to do. The Bible provides the basis for our life together.

Mission-focused - We believe that God calls us to join in with his mission in the world. Our role is to share Jesus with everyone around us, through our whole lives. Mission is not an add-on extra for the church, but the prime reason we exist, so that others will know God's love and respond to him. Since we now live in a post-Christian culture, everything we do needs to be done through the lens of mission.)

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Workshop

Individual reflection and group discussion focusing on three questions. Depending on numbers and time, there might be an opportunity for headline feedback. In any case, all feedback from notes and the post-its will be collated for consideration by SLT and PCC.

Q1: What excites you about the vision?

Q2: What puzzles you or puts you off about the vision? What further explanation or answered questions would overcome your reservations?

Q3: What is God calling and challenging me to do - personally, specifically and practically - to equip and offer myself to help realise the 2025 vision?

Time of reflection and closing worship

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



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Vision Forum Events 2018

Saturday 3rd March

Monday 5th March

Tuesday 6th March

Wednesday 7th March

Thursday 8th March