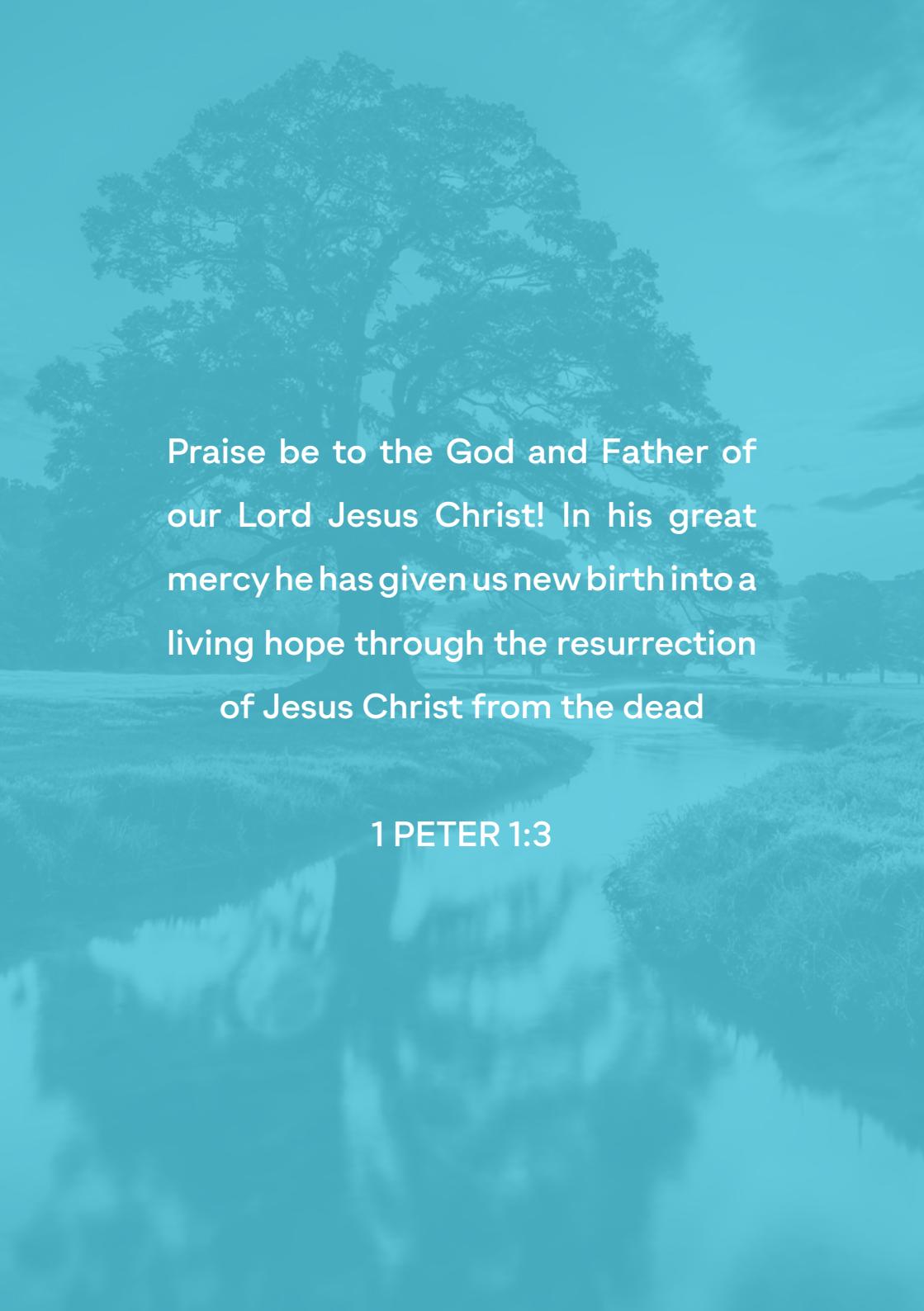




GROWING DISCIPLES

COMPASSION CONFIDENCE COURAGE

VISION 2030



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

1 PETER 1:3

WELCOME

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We are delighted to share with you our refreshed diocesan vision for 2030. Over the past few years we have undertaken a journey with parishes across the diocese to understand some of the opportunities and challenges they face as they seek to develop and grow their local ministry.

We are so grateful for the valuable feedback, as well as stories of God at work in our communities that you have shared. Through prayer, consultation and careful discernment we've worked to refresh our vision and strategy from now until 2030.

‘Refresh’ is the key word in this process, as the centre to our life as a diocese has been Growing Disciples, and that will continue to be our mission and calling. To support this mission, we believe God has stirred up a compelling vision for us all to share, with key areas of focus to guide our ministry.

We want to thank you for your continued partnership in the gospel. Together we are expectant and full of hope for what God has in store for the journey ahead.



Bishop
Paul Williams



Bishop
Andy Emerton

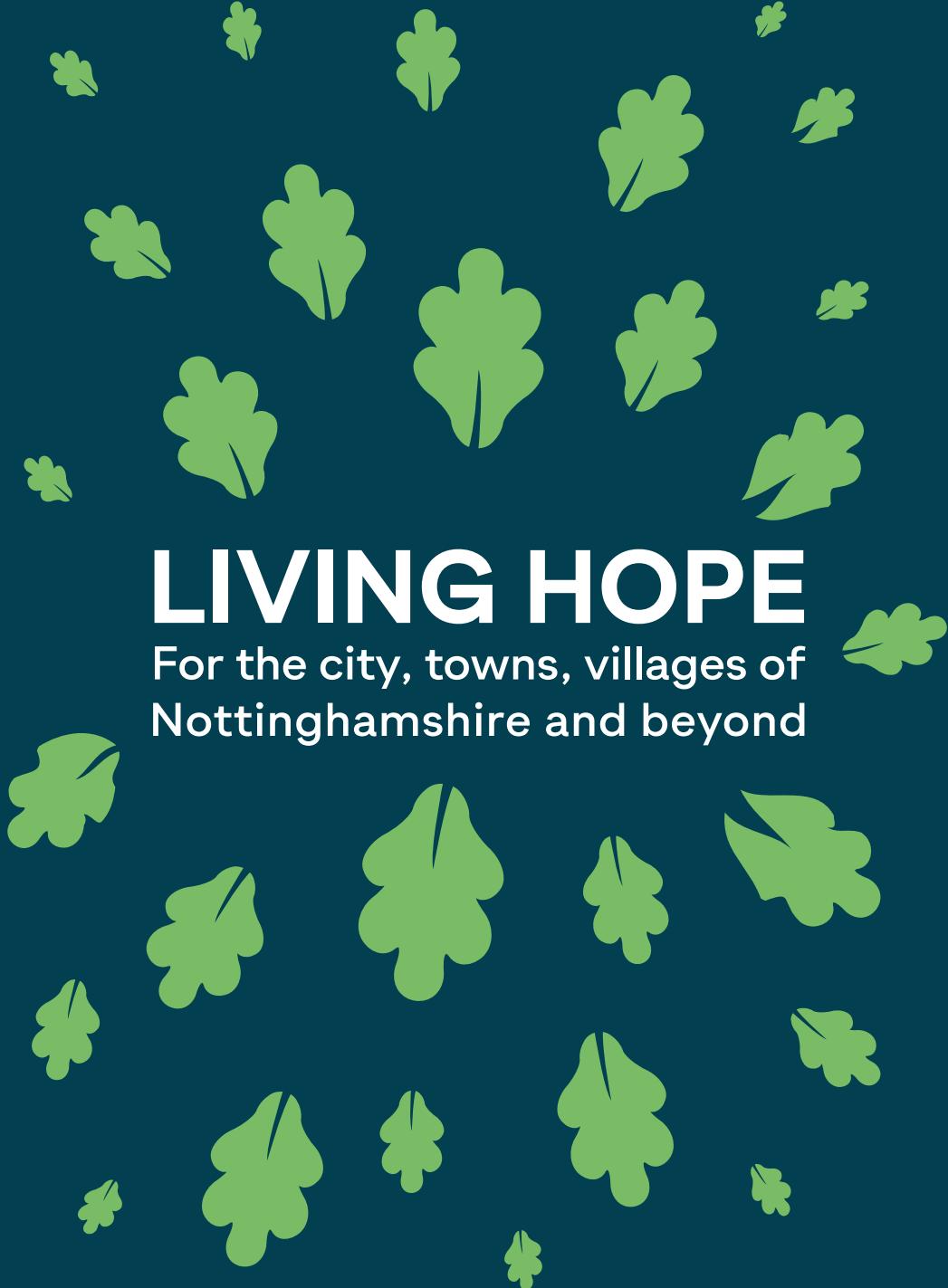


OUR COMPELLING VISION

We recognise that our world is in desperate need of hope. In a post-Covid age and cost of living crisis, with our country's structures and systems under pressure and the increasing mental health challenges facing young people, the cry for hope is clear. A hope that brings transformation and new life, healing and wholeness. We believe that hope is found in Jesus Christ, which the church is uniquely placed to share in every community.

LIVING HOPE

For the city, towns, villages of
Nottinghamshire and beyond



OUR MISSION AND CALLING

To see this vision realised, our mission and calling as a diocese across our churches, schools, chaplaincies and local communities is:



**Growing Disciples of Christ with
Compassion, Confidence and Courage**

COMPASSION (Our motivation)

To meet the world's deepest needs with Jesus' love

Jesus' first response to people, no matter what their situation or background, was one of compassion. As disciples we will be orientated towards those who are struggling, to the poor, to those in need, to those who are suffering. Our desire is that people encounter Christ and experience healing, hope and salvation.

CONFIDENCE (Our foundation)

To root our life and faith in Jesus

As disciples we can be confident in our relationship with Christ through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. We are to have deep roots, to be well watered, confident in the gospel, despite the challenges we face in the world. Confidence is the willingness to live out our primary identity in Christ.

COURAGE (Our action)

To share Jesus with all our hearts

As disciples we will have the courage to tell our story with all our heart. Followers of Jesus are to share their faith, inviting others to discover and step into this relationship with Christ themselves.



7 AREAS OF FOCUS

We have identified 7 areas of focus for mission and ministry in parishes and across the diocese. We hope these will act as reference and review points and drive investment and prioritisation of time, energy and resources.



INSPIRING WORSHIP

Because coming together to meet with God should be the most captivating hour of anyone's week



REACHING YOUNGER

Because Jesus is the surest foundation for life



ENHANCING DIVERSITY

Because each person matters to Jesus and is precious in his sight



GROWING LEADERS

Because the harvest is plentiful



ENABLING COMMITMENT

Because there is nothing better anyone can do with their life than become a follower of Jesus



ENCOURAGING GENEROSITY

Because we serve a God of abundance and every good gift comes from him



NURTURING PRAYER

Because prayer changes everything

WHAT NEXT?

We believe this is a vision we can all embrace individually and together. A life full of compassion, confidence and courage in Christ is a calling that applies not only to our churches and schools, but also to each of us personally.

Recognising this, we would like to invite you to take time in prayer to discern how God might be speaking to you. It might be there are particular areas of focus he has placed on your heart, or perhaps a particular context or community where you want to see living hope. We would encourage you to share and explore this in your church, school, workplace, home or community setting and find ways to journey together in this mission. There are further resources and tools available on our website southwell.anglican.org/vision to support you in this.

We hope this refreshed vision inspires and encourages you on your journey of faith, and we pray it may be a catalyst for many more in our communities to discover the living hope of Jesus Christ.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ROMANS 15:13



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