



Group and Individual Study Guide

Write the vision down, make it plain.

(Habakkuk 2.2)

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Welcome to the Crofton Parish 2020 Vision Study Guide . The four studies that follow invite you to explore the 2020 Vision for yourself. The studies will help you think about how God is calling you to be involved.

The Study Guide is designed to be used by individuals, households or groups. You will need either to listen to the Vision Sunday talks from Holy Rood on Jan 21, 28 and Feb 4 2018, or watch the short, introductory videos on the Crofton Parish YouTube channel.

There is also a fifth video outlining some of the areas of Parish life that need developing in the next 3 years. There isn't a study for this video, but do watch it

The themes and ideas in the 2020 Vision will shape the next 3 years and beyond As we'll explore in the first session, vision is an essential quality of following Jesus—we want to know where He's leading us.

My hope is that, as you listen to the talks and use this guide, you will experience the Lord calling you again to follow him and discover the critical role you play in what God has for us in the next few years.

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*on behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, PCC
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1: What is Vision?

Read John 5.16-23 and either listen to the talk from Jan 7 at Holy Rood or watch the first 2020 Vision video on the Crofton Parish YouTube channel.

1. What struck you about what you heard?
2. When Jesus said of himself, 'I only do what I see the Father doing', what do you think he meant?
3. God works in our todays, not our yesterdays or our tomorrows. Is there anything in your circumstances today that you are struggling to accept?
4. What regular practices might help us see what the Father is doing in our lives and our world?

2: A Parish Church & A Resourcing Church

Read 1 Thessalonians 1 and either listen to the talk from Jan 21 at Holy Rood or watch the second 2020 Vision video on the Crofton Parish YouTube channel.

1. What struck you about what you heard?
2. What was it about the Thessalonian church that made it such an example to other believers? How might these qualities have expressed themselves in daily life?
3. Why do you think Crofton Parish draws people from such a wide area?
4. How might we continue to serve our parish community whilst also supporting those who live and work elsewhere?



3: To help individuals and households take steps into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, wherever they start from

Read Matthew 28.16-20 and either listen to the talk from Jan 28 at Holy Rood or watch the third 2020 Vision video .

1. What struck you about what you heard?
2. Jesus says, 'Make disciples', not churchgoers. What differences are there between the two?
3. What things have contributed to your discipleship over the years?
4. Today, few people have any church background. How could you, your household or your home group help someone with little church background belong to Crofton Parish?

4: To double the size of our worshipping community in the next 5-7 years

Read Acts 19.1-10 and either listen to the talk from Feb 4 at Holy Rood or watch the fourth 2020 Vision video .

1. What struck you about what you heard?
2. Acts 19 recounts the remarkable growth of the church in Ephesus. What do you think might have contributed to this?
3. Who helped you make the first step towards faith in Jesus?
4. Who in your life, through you, might draw closer to Jesus? Make a list of 5-10 people and pray for them. What could you do to build a deeper relationship with them?

