

# Cromer Church - Purpose, Beliefs and Values

## Our Purpose

We exist as Cromer Church to:

- Love God** to choose to live lifestyles where every part brings glory to God.
- Grow Disciples** to cultivate the character of Jesus Christ in our lives.
- Be Family** to live life together, through commitment, love and service.
- Live Mission** to share Jesus with our world.

In summary, '**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 therefore are 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 the person of 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, therefore, 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.

Our **Core Values** that guide us in how we live out our Purpose and our Beliefs are:

- **Commitment:** to God, through obedience to his Word and the leading of his Spirit.
- **Community:** developing authentic relationships and seeking to be relational in every aspect of our life together.
- **Diversity:** valuing everyone for who they are, not what they bring; where all are welcome.
- **\*Freedom:** enabling, equipping and releasing each individual to serve God's purposes in his church and world.
- **\*Relevance:** connecting God's truth to our everyday lives and the culture in which we live.
- **\*Excellence:** giving our best for God with the resources we have, pursuing intentionality, consistency and quality in all we do.
- **\*Transformation:** expecting God to change us as individuals ('come as you are, but don't stay that way'), and to change the way we are church.

\*These are more aspirational values; not yet core, but that we will work hard to become core.