Final Song: One More Step Along the World I Go

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Final Blessing

Vision Launch – Thursday 17th September 2026

St Mary's Church, Chidham

At Chidham, everyone is known, loved and belongs. We nurture each child to flourish and achieve, giving them the best start in life. Following Jesus, we make a positive difference in our ever-changing world.

'Love Each Other As I Have Loved You',
John 15v12

Welcome – Mr Olway

Opening Prayer – Rev Jo

Part 1 of the vision: At Chidham, everyone is known, loved and belongs. (Rev Jo)
Bible reading: Psalm 139.

Song: Our God is a Great Big God

Our God is a great big God, Our God is a great big God,

Our God is a great big God, And He holds us in His hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper, And deeper than a submarine.

He's wider than the universe, And beyond my wildest dreams.

He's known me and He's loved me, Before the world began.

How wonderful to be a part, Of God's amazing plan.

Part 2 of the vision: We nurture each child to flourish and achieve, giving them the best start in life. (Mr Olway)
Bible reading: John 15, 4-5.

Song: My Lighthouse

[Verse 1]
In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea, yeah

[Verse 2]
In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea, yeah

[Chorus]
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You
My lighthouse, my lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore
Safe to shore

[Verse 3]
I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea, woah
You are the peace in my troubled sea, yeah

Part 3 of the vision: Following Jesus, we make a positive difference in our ever-changing world. (Archdeacon)
Bible reading: Matthew 4, 14-16.

Song 3 – This Little Light of Mine

[Chorus:] This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

[Verse:] Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine
Jesus is the Light, I'm gonna let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine!

[Bridge:] I will stomp my feet, and I will clap my hands and shout, shout!
I will run around, and I'll jump off the ground and shout, shout!

Prayers (Chidham pupils read 3 prayers)

Community prayer. All invited to say:

"God of new beginnings, bless Chidham School.

Bless every child. Bless every family. Bless every member of staff. Bless those who lead and govern this school.

May this vision become more than words.

May all who come here know they are loved, discover they belong, find opportunities to flourish, and learn what it means to follow Jesus. Amen."