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# Our Purpose Statement

‘Our purpose as a church is to love God and love our neighbour. We do this best by producing mature Christians, who, wherever they minister will help produce other mature Christians and churches.’

*(St John’s Vision and Value Statements)*



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‘The first and central motivation for us as Church is LOVE.’

- Love of God
- Love of neighbour

c.f. The Greatest commandment:

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart..soul  
..and mind..and love your neighbour as yourself

Matthew 22:37-39



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How do we best show Love?

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Our love is best expressed by

## Growing and Going

- Growing in Discipleship towards Maturity
- Going as Disciples to Share God's Love



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‘Go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptising them in the name of the Father, and  
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching  
them to obey everything I have commanded  
you.’

Matthew 28:19, 20



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# Maturity at St John's

- Everyone in a Small Group
- Everyone equipped to Study the Bible both personally and together
- Everyone worshipping God in Spirit & Truth
- Everyone involved in Ministry
- Everyone dedicating resources of Time, Talents and Finances to God
- Everyone Sharing God's Love with Others



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# Mission and Evangelism lies at the heart of what the Church is called to do

‘By producing we mean lives that generate other mature Christians and churches. Blessing is not for us alone, it is to be given away.

Bringing people to faith in Jesus is the start of that journey towards maturity. Sending out members in missional love is a vital expression of that maturity. *(St John’s Vision and Values Statements)*



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**Blessing is for Sharing!**



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'I will be build my Church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it. Matthew 16:18

'Go and make disciples... Matthew 28



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- *God has given us specific gifts and tasks in order to fulfil His purposes:*



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- Evangelists (Eph 4:11; Acts 21:8)
- Leaders called to do the work of evangelists (2 Tim 4:8)
- All called to testify to the Hope we have (1 Pet 3:15)
- The Spiritual Resources & Relational Settings to share the Good News: *prayer; aiming for maturity; being an example; displaying God's loving care; bridge-building opportunities; Alpha*



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## What is Needed?

A commitment that sees faith-sharing by mature Christians as unavoidable and essential in order to see God's Kingdom grow.



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# Cost and Rewards

‘If anyone will come after me they must deny themselves, tke up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will loseit; but whoever loses their life me me will save it.’ Luke 9:27

Cost: We Give everything

Reward: We Gain everything in Christ



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# How Should We Respond?

- Dedicate: our lives afresh to God
- Pray: for those we know
- Act: love, speak, care, invite
- Trust: God will open doors and hearts



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